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Council discusses traffic enforcement, buys vehicle during May 3 meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a 33-minute regular meeting, held both in person and over the Zoom app, at 7 pm on Monday, May 3.

Lowell police chief Christopher Hurst discussed downtown traffic control with the council. Apparently, speeders have been zooming through Lowell with impunity, but their golden age is about to end.

"We are going to be doing directed patrols for traffic violations in the downtown area," Hurst said. "What that means is we are going to designate a time when our

officer will sit there and all he does, or they do, will be stopping cars for violations, any violation."

According to information compiled by Hurst and included in the meeting packet (available at lowellmi.gov), the department has written nine speeding tickets in the last six months, from a total of 74 tickets issued to drivers during that period.

"A lot of them were plate violations, stop signs, stop lights or lane violations," Hurst said.

LPD also responded to eight accidents involving



Zoom screenshot of Lowell city council in discussion during their regular meeting on Monday, May 3.



Stock image of a 2015 GMC Acadia.

cars during the six month period from Nov. 2020 to April 2021. Two of the accidents involved injuries, neither were the result of speeding.

"We're seeing that after they slow down for that [speed] sign that starts blinking at them, once they get by they speed back up again," Hurst said. "So we're going to attempt to do that [enforcement] with a handheld light arm, which

is a laser radar type of thing, and we'll try to do it with a plain vehicle so people won't slow down in sight of the police car."

The council voted to allow the LPD to trade a 2011 Chevrolet Impala, a 2001 GMC Sonoma and \$10,000 from the city's "salvage fund" to One Way Auto, a Grand Rapids salvage company, in exchange for a 2015 GMC Acadia. The vehicle will be used by LPD

detective Gordy Lauren.

"The current vehicle in use for the police detective is a retired patrol vehicle," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "This unit is in very poor condition, to the point it appears we are 'chasing good money after bad,' as the costs for repairs are becoming more than the value of the vehicle. Our

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Women's Global Event disc golf tournament at Fallasburg May 9

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There will be an all female disc golf tournament at Fallasburg Park on Sunday, May 9.

The tournament is part of the Professional Disc Golf Association's "Women's Global Event," held biennially since 2012.

"These events usually take place every two years,

and this one was supposed to happen in 2020. Well, obviously last year we couldn't hold one, so we're having it this year instead," said tournament director Jennifer Kuehle. "There are team events, but this one is for individuals. So far, we have over 3,000 women registered worldwide, which

is really exciting."

Besides the chance to try disc golf, participants in the event will receive "player's packs" filled with gifts and prizes, a catered lunch, coffee from Mayan Buzz Cafe and the chance to win a prize at every hole.

"There are 18 holes, and there are two tee pads on every hole," Kuehle said. "My goal was to be able to provide a wonderful catered lunch for the players by selling hole sponsorships. There are a lot of local hole sponsors, and thanks to Jim Westerhuis, we have four main event sponsors, Modrn GR Homes, Main St. BBQ, Wade Printing and the Flat River Disc Golf Association."

The list of hole sponsors includes Bettie's Pages, the Lowell Ledger, Lume, Paintkwest: Adventures in Painting, Fallasburg Winter Disc Golf League, Main

St. BBQ, JenX Creations, Israel's Home Services, Wade Printing, JK Artisans Building & Remodeling, Michigan Disc Golf Empire, Sunshine Henna Body Art, Amy Markle, Blue Gill Disc Golf, Wyatt Cake Creations, Porkfat Slims's BBQ, IEM Artwork, Great Lakes Disc, Northern Waters Disc Golf Series, Tilley's Party Store and Disc Golf of Traverse City.

A primitive form of disc golf was originally played in Canada in the 1920s, but it quickly fell into obscurity. The game was rediscovered and reimagined by college students in the 60s and went mainstream in the 70s, primarily through the efforts of the Wham-O toy company. The PDGA was founded in 1976, and today, disc golfers like Paul McBeth and Paige Pierce attract million dollar endorsements. But Kuehle said the sport

has been dominated by men for no reason, and they are constantly trying to get more women involved.

"Back in the 70s when disc golf was taking off, men were able to get out a lot more, they weren't as tied down with kids," Kuehle said. "The sport has really grown and refined since the 70s. Women in the disc golf community have worked really hard to encourage more women to play and make it easier for them to play. So this Women's Global Event is really about growing the sport. At a typical tournament, you'll have maybe 100 players, and only eight or nine at the most will be women. It is growing more and more, but that's what I've seen over the 20 years that I've been playing."

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Kuehle said she was first exposed to the sport when somebody took her on a disc golf outing for their first date.

"It was a first date with a guy I met online named Jeff," Kuehle said. "After we were talking online for about a month or so, we went on a date, and that was where we met for the date. And that is all she wrote! That was in 2002, so by now I've been playing for almost 20 years. I love the sport. It's you against the course, really. It's challenging mentally, and it's not super challenging physically. It's like taking a walk for nine holes. It's fun and you get to exercise your brain. It's a great for anyone

from ages two to 102. It's like golf in that you get a lot of brain exercise, and you're outside walking, so you get a lot of physical exercise. It's a wonderful sport, and it costs very little to play. You only need a couple discs to start with. For disc golf discs, you have your drivers, your mid-range discs and your putters, and they're all 11 inches, but they're all designed a little bit differently. The ones that fly through the air faster and higher are your drivers, because you want them to go the furthest distance. The mid-range discs are for when you have an approach shot to the hole from wherever you've driven to. And then

you have your putters, which are a lot stubbier in appearance, and they have a more rounded edge instead of a sharp edge. They're also a little bit softer so they land in the basket easier. Well, hopefully!"

This will be the fourth PDGA disc golf tournament at Fallasburg Park that Kuehle has managed.

"When you join the PDGA, you pay your fee and they give you a rating and then keep track of your score," Kuehle said. "Your player rating is based on your score when you play a course, and it includes the difficulty of the course. If you compete, that rating places you in

different divisions. There are professional women who play for cash, then there are amateur divisions, split into advanced, intermediate and novice, and there are three or four junior divisions. The professional disc golfers that play for cash are very serious. There are a lot of pro disc golfers who go on tour. Fallasburg has a couple leagues, and there are a couple disc golf clubs that run them. The Fallasburg winter league is run by Amy Markle, who is a Lowell resident. She pretty much does it herself, and she is great."

Registration and check-in will be Fallasburg

Park from 8 am to 9 am. You can also register online a couple days before the event at this link: https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Les_Fleurs_de_Fallasburg_4_WGE_2021

There will be a players' meeting at 9:15, and tee off will occur between 9:30 and 10, depending on how long that meeting lasts.

Participants are required to wear face masks and follow all CDC rules. Kuehle suggested participants bring water, snacks and some discs to golf with.

"First, definitely familiarize yourself with the PDGA rules," Kuehle

said. "You don't have to read the entire rulebook, just the basic etiquette and the basic rules. It's just like golf, pretty much. Hydration is super important, so bring water. Snacks are important, you're going to be using your brain a lot and that uses a lot of glucose. You're also going to be throwing and walking. The Fallasburg disc golf course does have a lot of elevation and challenging climbs. And then, of course, bring your discs. You'll want a putter, a mid-range and at least one driver."

For the most current information about this event, visit the website discgolfscene.com.

Fishing the Flat: a Memoir of Mid-Century Lowell

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As far back as I can remember, fishing has always been at the forefront of my interests. That has always surprised me because none of my childhood friends or any of my family were interested in fishing, not even to have fish for dinner. So where did this interest come from if not from association with others? Until I was five years old I lived in the city and never knew about rivers and streams. Our family life was the model for a typical Norman Rockwell painting: all in the living room in the evening, dad reading the daily newspaper, mother darning socks, brother Art listening to the Detroit Tigers baseball game on the radio, and me? Well, I was on the floor paging

through the fishing related pages of the Sears Roebuck catalog. Perhaps my interest in fishing originated from reading the Sears catalog as it was our link to all ideas in the world outside our home.

This was our routine every evening after darkness shut off the outside activities, which were always my first interest. But, even with this routine, it was different each night. Sometimes the radio captured all of us with a mystery story or a thrilling western, there were new repairs to be made on our limited wardrobe, and dad had a new newspaper. All was different except for me, I was rereading pages of the Sears catalog for new ideas on fishing. Occasionally, I would flip a few pages and

take note of hunting and trapping supplies.

One time, I recall breaking the routine by asking no one in particular, "I remember all of us visiting an old lady where we had to walk up an outside staircase to a second floor living area. Who was that old lady?"

That was astounding to both mother and dad, as they too remembered that and recalled that I was only two years old, too young to have a memory of that event. Didn't surprise me though, as I recalled dreaming of fishing when I was that old. That triggered a round of comments from mother and dad about their years as a child. Mother never offered much information about her youth, except how she asked her parents when they moved to Ada to a farmhouse with a front yard with weeds as high as an elephant's eye, "Is this where we are going to live?"

Dad always was eager to implant principles in us by recounting how hard he worked as a child, all the time not putting the newspaper down, but talking

and scanning the headlines at the same time. Dad would say, working into the conversation some advice on responsibility.

"Well, when I was your age, I was already earning money to help support my mother."

"Okay, dad, so what was all this work supporting the family?"

We all had learned from past experiences that the answer would astonish us, so we listened to him with intense interest.

"Since I was finished with school by the third grade, every day I would walk to the city dump and look for scrap tin. Tin was valuable and the cookie company would discard their bent and twisted cookie tins and I would dig through the rubbish to find the tin. When I had a burlap sack full, I would take it to the scrap metal yard and get 50 cents for it."

We were avid listeners to these stories, but what really caught our attention was the beer story. Again, it involved the city dump.

"I would be poking around in the dump and the trash

truck driver would ask me what I was looking for and I said unbroken beer bottles, because I could sell those also. [One day,] the truck driver said to watch for the next load. I knew that this would mean something worthwhile, so I waited and then, to my surprise I discovered several unbroken bottles, and these were capped and full of beer."

Dad did not go into any detail about what happened to the beer.

When it got to be mother's turn for the earliest memories, she was more guarded in her response. At the time it just seemed like she had nothing to relate that could compete with searching the dump, for she grew up on a farm. But she did recall how she would walk to the Hanchett one-room school that was about a mile from home.

"I was in the third grade and had to walk about a mile to school along some paths that were often filled with snow, but between the rails of the interurban, there was little snow."

Every school day morning she recalls her mother telling

her, "Now, don't walk down the interurban track between the rails, walk off to the side where you won't be hit by the train."

Since I was the baby of the family, it was Art's turn to reveal the nature of his earliest memory. Art recalled when he was five years old of convincing a toddler who lived across the road that when music came out of the radio it was because there were little people inside the box playing musical instruments.

I confidently launched into my recollections of my first memory event because my memory occurred at an even earlier age when I recalled fishing for catfish when I was three years old. That brought down the house with all sorts of "Aw, c'mon, how could you have been fishing when you were three years old?" I said that it had to be true, because how else could it not be true? When you are an avid fisherman, the interest in fishing begins early in life. The story of my

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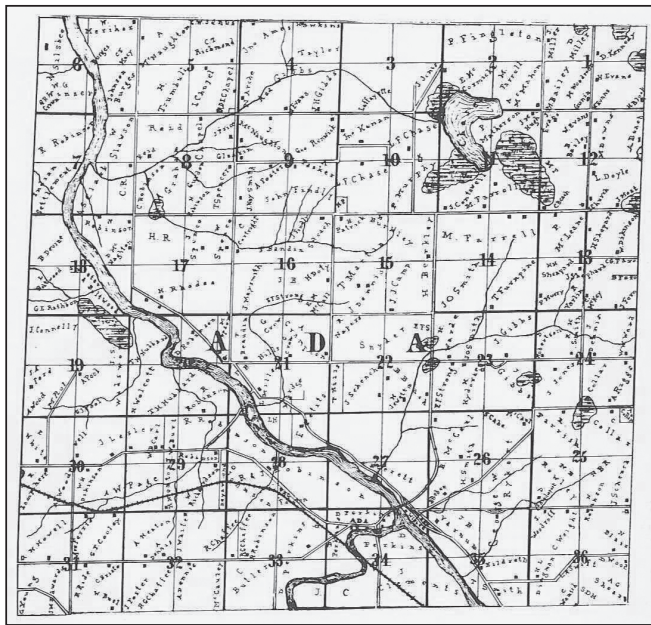
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earliest fishing experience was not received with any belief, as we lived in the city at the time and there was no small creek anywhere close by and, in general, no one in our family fished, so how could this memory relate to any real experience? But, mother did not show her disbelief, she just sat off to the side and acted like a member of a jury, taking it all in. Her thoughts seem to run deep. We all know about quiet waters, not only the thinkers but the fishermen as well.

Years went by, we started school in the city, struggled through tough times and finally, apparently to break out of the renting mode, we moved to a rural area where, of all things, nearby was a small creek just made for little kids to fish with a hook and line and worms for bait. It took me no time at all to discover this stream and to fish it as if it were my own. The stream wound its way toward the Grand River, through dense brush with many undercut banks, ideal hiding spots for those seven-inch brook trout. For Christmas when I was only five years old, I was given a J.C. Higgins split bamboo fly rod, a treasured item right out of the Sears Catalog. On my birthday, wrapped up as a surprise was a small book

titled "The Blue Book of Fresh Water Fish" by Joe Godfrey, published in 1939. These were my treasures, and still in my possession today.

Now I was in my realm. Not only did I have a place to fish, but the area was surrounded by good places to find worms for bait. When not in school, I would say to my mother "I am off to Eleanor's Creek." She would acknowledge with an, "Okay, be home for dinner." She need not have reminded me of dinner, as she knew I would never miss dinner. Off to the creek with the nine-foot fly rod already with the reel on the butt, line strung through the line guides and even a small hook on the end, all ready to go as soon as I got to my destination. I rode my bike to the creek with the nine-foot fly rod across the handlebars with my hands gripping the handlebars and the fly rod as one sweeping a wide swath along the old gravel road on the way to the fishing grounds. I kept the worms in my pocket, not the ideal spot, but certainly a place for ready access. The right-hand pocket was for worms, the left-hand pocket was for the fish I caught.

This went on for years, and my fishing accomplishments were beginning to be recognized. Art came along

on occasions, but it was apparent that he was not addicted to fishing like me. He was convinced that there was nothing to this fishing, especially when compared to baseball games. Mother and dad never showed up at the creek to see if I was as proficient a trout fisherman as my catches brought home for dinner seemed to indicate, nor did they show up at Art's baseball games either. This was probably to our benefit, as we were able to learn for ourselves.

But as time went on, I got itchy for the big waters of the Grand River. What would I find if I went to this big river and fished it? How would I fish it? What kind of rod and reel would I need? I crossed the river many times riding in the back seat of the car, but what was the river like up close?

When I was about seven or eight years old, I received a five-foot casting rod and level wind Bronson reel. The casting rod was stainless steel, one that I had never seen before. Now I was ready for bigger waters, but not quite. The river was in one direction and the worm digging area was in the opposite direction. If I were to be ready at a moment's notice to fish the Grand, I would have to grow my own fishing bait. I hauled dirt from the place where I found the worms, built up a good home for the worms in an old wooden box and stored it in a cool corner of the basement. Now I was ready, except for one more obstacle, permission to go to the river.

The image of the river was painted as an ominous devil, luring young children to play alongside and in it, only to be swallowed up by the swirling currents. Reportedly there was a sharp bend in the river where there were whirlpools and an undercut bank, and it was here that several people had disappeared, their bodies never found. That was enough to keep me

from sneaking to the river by myself, which is probably why these old stories lasted for years and served the purpose intended. We always obeyed our parents, but when the lure was as strong as the river, it was wise to introduce these fears of drowning.

Mother, who never was very talkative as I grew to learn from our games of recalling earliest memories and earliest dreams, showed a lot of interest in my fishing experience, but her interest was never obvious. It was probably she who made sure that at Christmastime, there was something related to fishing under the tree, always quietly steering the process of learning. Mother grew up on a farm and knew the outdoors. Although she never fished, it was obvious to me that she knew how to fish, especially the big waters of the Grand River. That made me realize my dependence on her for an epic first trip to the river, not more than a mile away over the ridge and through the smartweed to the riverbank.

Mother, on the other hand, was steering the learning process by looking for a way to work up a fishing expedition involving the three of us, Art, myself, and our dad. All we knew of this was a comment she made one day: "I heard that the fishing is usually pretty good at the upper end of the Flat River reservoir near Fallasburg Park." My mother was an expert at inserting classified information into the conversation, information that seemed to be unrelated at the time. But there was no coincidence in the suggestion of this place to fish, because it was within walking distance from where dad's mother lived. How convenient that would be. That thought stuck in my mind for a long time. Every time dad said, "Let's go to Fallasburg Park and visit grandmother," it got me all excited because I thought

this would be the day to branch out to a new fishing spot. I acted like a beagle if one said, "Let's go hunting".

Oh, how we hated to visit grandmother at the Fallasburg place. It was always dark inside, always overheated and the soda crackers we were given for being good children were always stale.

Art and I often found a reason to be outside, leaving dad as the conversationist because the conversation never changed from one trip to the next, dad always filling in details on family matters since the last visit, and the grandparents nodding and occasionally interjecting a word to let us know they were listening.

Then one day it happened. Dad suggested we go visit grandmother in his usual fashion, but then added after some hesitation, "Maybe we should take our fishing poles along just in case we have some time left over to check out ma's idea that the fishing might be good there." Like a flash, we loaded what little paraphernalia we owned into the car and were ready to go.

Then, I heard ma yell from the porch, "Don't forget the worms!" Wow, can you imagine the situation if we finally got to fishing the Flat and my treasured bait storage was still back in the basement?

We left about 10 am on a Saturday with the expectation that we would park the car at gram's house and walk to the river, but first we had to spend some time chatting with her over matters of some importance to the family. Thinking ahead, I saw that we could be on the water and fishing by noon, and with that timing we would avoid the soda cracker routine.

Finally, we were headed for the river to visit Sid's boat livery. This was going to be more exciting than fishing in Grand River because now we would be out on the water, not just on the bank. Sid's boat livery was a bit off the road and dad spotted a way to get there by cutting across a pasture so he led the way by saying "this is a shortcut"

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normal practice is to have the retired patrol vehicle be passed down to the detective bureau, however, the vehicle we are passing down in this instance is going to be a situation whereby we are 'chasing good money after bad' as well. [...] The police department would like to use the Acadia, as it does not look like a police unit, for daily use. Additionally, it would be used to transfer large amounts of evidence from crime scenes to the police station for follow-up investigation and storage. I should mention the detective does not take this vehicle home with

him. Also, the vehicle is only used during working hours or if [Lauren is] called in for a crime scene."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in person and via Zoom at 7 pm on Monday, May 17. That meeting will include a public hearing about the next fiscal year's budget.

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Live the Life You Want Clutter can negatively affect your mental health

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It's that time of year when many of us are starting our spring-cleaning ritual. So, let's talk about clutter. Most of us have clutter somewhere, but did you know that clutter can actually negatively affect your mental health and wellbeing? Science agrees that decluttering and getting rid of unnecessary things boosts our mood and wellbeing.

The Research

A 2009 study, published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, found that women in this study who described their living spaces as cluttered or full of unfinished projects felt more tired and depressed than women whose homes were not cluttered. They also found the women with cluttered homes had higher levels of the stress hormone, cortisol.

A study from 2011 in the Journal of Neuroscience, found that for some, clutter causes too much stimuli which can make it hard to focus. It can be mentally tiring or overwhelming to see clutter and that results in tension, stress, and problems focusing. For someone that has anxiety it could increase feelings of unease and overwhelm.

A Princeton University study also found that clutter can make it difficult to focus on tasks. Why? Because the area of the brain that processes what a person sees can be overwhelmed by seeing items not related to a particular task, making it harder to focus and complete tasks.

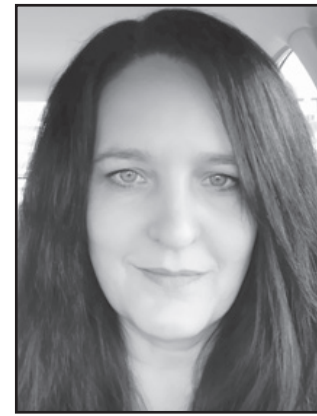
How we react to clutter is the issue. Clutter doesn't cause anxiety or depression but for some it can increase symptoms. I could cite study after study showing the negative emotions associated with clutter such as tension, tiredness, lack of focus, irritability, increased anxiety, increased depressed mood, stress and more.

Instead, lets focus on the positive emotional outcomes from decluttering and organizing like feeling

focused, calm, organized, in control, relaxed, having satisfaction with our living space and the overall sense of well-being. It's nice to return home to our safe haven and feel relaxed and good about being there. So, if you feel clutter is having a negative impact on your overall wellbeing it's time to take action.

Getting Organized

For most of us getting started is the hardest part and can leave us feeling overwhelmed and more anxious and stressed. Strong emotions can come into play



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when you start this process. It can be difficult to discard items that we may feel some attachment to or think we might need in the future.

Ask yourself this: "Is this item truly adding value to my life?" Now it's time to be brutally honest. Are all those magazine articles in a drawer valuable? If you feel they are then maybe an alternative is to scan them to your computer and save them on a flash drive so you can access them when needed and toss out the hard copies. I'm currently scanning in old pictures. Some I will display, some cherished ones I will keep but most I will toss to free up some much-needed space.

Below are some suggestions you may want to keep close as you start your organizing and decluttering.

• Create a plan.

Start by reading articles on how to best declutter and organize and come up with a plan that works for you. Try reading Mind over Mood by Dennis Greenberger. Many organizers suggest starting with small sections. My suggestion is to start with the room you spend

the most time in. If it's the kitchen, then start with the fridge or one cupboard. Keep going small section by small section until that room is decluttered, then organize it. Even if you only do 30 minutes a week, it's a start!

"In the never-ending battle between order and chaos, clutter sides with chaos every time. Anything that you possess that does not add to your life or your happiness eventually becomes a burden," John Robbins from The New Good Life: Living Better Than Ever in an Age of Less.

• Ask for help.

If it's too overwhelming to do alone, ask someone you trust who is supportive and not judgmental to help you declutter and organize. Someone that can help support you during this process but who will be an advocate for you to get rid of unnecessary items, not keep them.

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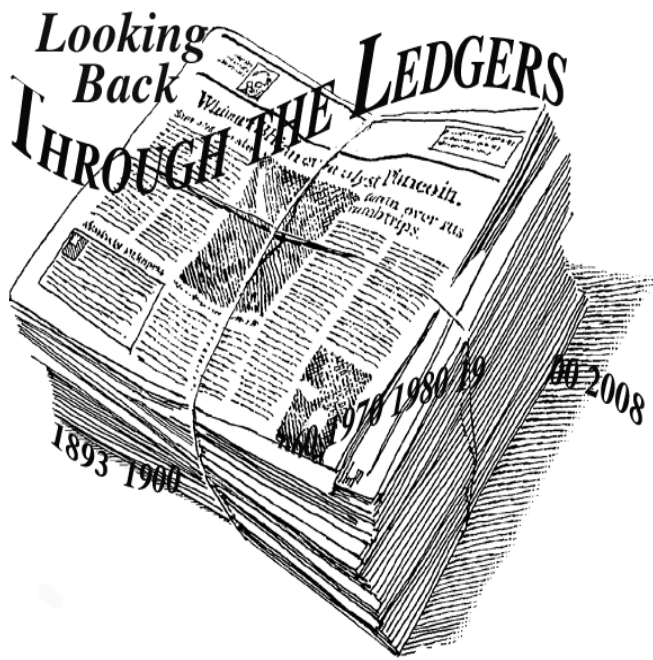
For each item, ask yourself: "Is this item truly adding value to my life?" Truly loving an item given to you by a special person or from a trip could be considered value. But if it is just sitting in a drawer or closet and not used or seen how valuable is it? If it isn't truly adding value, it may be time to let it go. Sell it, donate it, give it to a friend or relative, recycle it, or toss it. Think about how this clutter is causing you harm. Does it increase your stress, anxiety, feelings of sadness, or even cause relationship issues? Do you avoid having others over due to clutter? Do you have a spare room you can't even use due to the amount of stuff being stored? Does it cause arguments with a loved one or make you feel bad about yourself?

"The first step in crafting the life you want is to get rid of everything you don't." - Joshua Becker

You can take control and create a more functional, relaxing space that you enjoy being in. I hope you find this information helpful, but it's not intended to diagnose or treat.

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viewpoint



**125 years ago
Lowell Ledger
May 8, 1896**

The trial of William Reeves, for assault with intent to murder Charles Hagadorn, commenced Friday evening in the circuit court.

A bill was passed in the house yesterday to appropriate \$5,000 for the deportation of the Canadian refugee Cree Indians from the state of Montana, and another to provide clerks for the chairmen of regular committees the year round. At the evening session 28 pension bills were passed.

During a wind and rainstorm here Monday afternoon an immense waterspout sprung up in Lake Michigan. It was followed by a fierce squall, and for awhile it was feared that the city might be endangered. Water was sent whirling up in great volumes high into the air. Falling back like a continuous cloudburst. The waterspout disturbed the water for many years about it, and left a long path of foam-whitened, seething water. This phenomenon traveled with wonderful rapidity for several miles, finally breaking. It is the largest waterspout ever seen here, and is the first one in many years.

**100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 12, 1921**

Terrence Corrigan, a well-known Vergennes township farmer, aged 54, was found dead in bed at his home Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. Death must have been very sudden as he had not complained of being unwell and is known to have been alive at 4 o'clock.

Ralph O. Kirtley, alias C. E. Williams, sentenced to 10 years in Jackson prison for forgery, told Sheriff Peter Viergever it is more difficult to pass a good check than a forged check in Grand Rapids.

Lilath M. Cosa, a Grand Rapids nurse, has begun suit in Circuit Court here for \$10,000 for alleged breach of promise against Benjamin Long, a Pewamo merchant. She says Long led her to spend \$500 for clothes in preparation for the wedding.

**75 years
The Lowell Ledger
May 9, 1946**

Michigan homemakers saved millions of dollars

worth of food during the past four years. These same women may now help save thousands of European lives if they continue to can and preserve food as they have in the past, thinks Roberta Herschey, nutrition specialist at Michigan State College.

Diphtheria rose to 8th place among the leading causes of death for children between the ages of one and five in Michigan in 1945. "this fact should remind parents that the simple, sure protection of diphtheria toxoid should be given to every child before his first birthday," says Dr. William DeKleine, state commissioner of health. "Diphtheria increased in Michigan during the war and immunization is the only way to stop its continued rise."

Lt. Carlton Runciman, Jr., arrived by plane from Chicago Sunday morning, after having been discharged from the U. S. Navy. He has been in the service nearly 3 years, the past year having been spent in sea and air rescue work in the Pacific.

**50 years
The Lowell Ledger
May 13, 1971**

Was it a whirlwind, a devil cloud, a dust blow, or what, is the questions that are being asked by residents along Lowell-view Avenue, who witnessed as well as experienced a freak occurrence of weather between 5:30 and six o'clock Sunday afternoon. Not carrying the velocity of a tornado, but forceful enough to carry a steel umbrella picnic table across a fence, lift a little girl off a truck and do considerable damage to homes in the area, one of the residents commented that it was "Like nothing I'd seen before."

Ivan Blough and his crew of workers who put the New Orleans motif affront the Lippert Pharmacy on East Main Street, went to work again this week, but it's on West Main Street this time...Their target this time is the McGee Building on the corner of Broadway and Main Street which houses the Lowell Café.

"Where do we go from here?" "What's the first step and how soon?" are questions now being asked of school officials and Board of Education members following the May 4th voter approval of the \$5,250,000 School Building Bond issue. Leonard Sinke, school superintendent, in an attempt to answer these questions, stated today, "Let me say first that I am, naturally, very pleased with the results of the election."

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
May 8, 1996**

Kent County Sheriff Department's Jerry Troszkowski was not surprised by the damage left by a pipe bomb with hand-grenade-like power. "Usually we're called to render safety not post-blast aide," said Troszkowski. The explosion left school officials, students and the Lowell community asking why.

Trees will be planted at each of the five Lowell school buildings this week in honor of Lowell Area Schools dedicated teachers. Trees and a commemorative plaque will be placed at the site selected by the principals of their respective buildings.

When Lowell Charter Township officials agreed to add 8,000 square feet to its township hall, it was thought that the added space would be beneficial to the community. Officials drew up guidelines for renting the hall, but until recently no group met those guidelines.

State Rep. Posthumus issues apology after accident/arrest for OWI; vows to earn back trust

State Representative Bryan Posthumus (R-Cannon Twp.) was involved in a single-car, single-occupant crash Friday evening after leaving his farm in Oakfield Township. His Jeep went off the road in rural Ada Township, hit a mailbox, and then rolled over.

Posthumus was arrested for suspicion of operating while intoxicated (OWI) and transported to the hospital to be evaluated for possible injuries. He was released Friday night pending investigation. His blood alcohol test in the Kent County Correctional Facility prior to hospital transport resulted in .13%. Under Michigan law, one is considered intoxicated when one's blood alcohol level (BAC) is .08%. Posthumus had a prior arrest for OWI a little more than eight years ago in January 2013.

"I am deeply disappointed in myself for putting other people in jeopardy by driving while intoxicated. There is no excuse for what happened,

and I take full and complete responsibility for my actions. I should never have tried to drive after drinking alcohol. To my family, friends, colleagues, and constituents who I serve, I sincerely apologize and ask forgiveness," Posthumus said.

"It is clear to me that I have a drinking problem, and I need help. I am going to immediately begin attending alcoholics anonymous meetings and make AA an important part of my life. I am grateful that no one else was injured because of my mistake. I will work very hard to regain the trust, respect, and support of my loved ones, my fellow state representatives, and the wonderful citizens in my district. I never again want to embarrass myself or others through my actions," Posthumus concluded.

The 73rd District consists of the city of East Grand Rapids and the townships of Grand Rapids; Plainfield; Cannon; Courtland; Nelson; Oakfield; and Spencer.

We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- 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.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

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ABCs of Lowell history

submitted by
 The Lowell Area Historical Museum

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced last 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 third round of the alphabet.

D is for Denton's point

In June of 1968 the Lowell YMCA held a Day Camp and an Overnight Camp at Denton's Point, described as four miles north of Lowell on the Flat River.

What and where is Denton's Point?

George Denton was born in Canada and came to the Lowell area, purchasing land along the county line road, between today's M21 and Flat River Dr, along Montcalm Road. Later the Denton family also bought land north of Flat River Drive, between Montcalm Road and the Flat River. The land was owned by the family for multiple generations. In 1923, George's son Kelcy was living on the land until he swapped houses with his son George, which made him the third generation on the land. Unfortunately, only one year later tragedy struck and the house burned.

The land north of Flat River Drive was the entire northeast quarter of section 25 in Vergennes Township. It was bordered on the east by Montcalm Road, and at the northwest border was



The 1907 Plat map of Vergennes Township shows the Denton land. It is listed as belonging to Kelsey Denton. His named is spelled multiple ways in various records. We went with Kelcy in this article, the way it is spelled on his gravestone.

the Flat River. It was on the beautiful riverfront that picnics and gatherings were held. It became known as Denton's Point, and even Denton's Grove.

In 1938 the South Keene newspaper correspondent reported that the August Birthday Club met at Denton's Point to celebrate Mrs. Cassie Denton, Lester Lambertson,

Wayne Baird and Jack Denton. Thirty people were present and they decided to make it an annual affair.

It was known through the decades and became popular enough that even the YMCA used the area not only for the day camps and overnight camping, but also hiking, horseback riding and various other outdoor activities.

Today there is no longer a road to Denton's point, but the land is state-owned and the North Country Trail runs through it. Hikers and outdoor enthusiasts can still enjoy the view that picnickers, birthday celebrants, and even YMCA campers have enjoyed through the years.

- head lice

Head lice is a common problem that affects people of all ages, but most commonly occurs in school aged children. Outbreaks are common in schools. Lice are tiny insects that can live in people's hair and cause scalp itching. Infestations can occur in individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds and more commonly occur in those with longer hair.

Lice do not fly or jump. They are spread by person to person contact or by sharing clothes or personal items. Most people will have itching on their scalp if they have lice, but some people will have no symptoms at all. Because not everyone has symptoms, it is important to have yourself and loved ones checked regularly when there has been a reported exposure or any new symptoms of scalp itching in the house. Typically lice or their eggs (nits) can be spotted on the scalp after careful examination with good lighting and magnification.

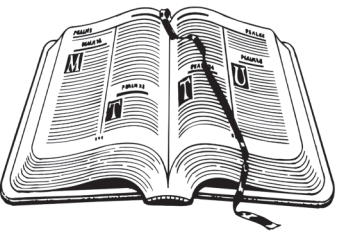
There are several over-the-counter shampoo and lotion treatments (RID, NIX) for head lice which can be performed at home. It is important to follow the directions carefully. You should also use a special fine-tooth comb with slight moisture applied to hair to carefully comb out all the remaining lice and nits. This process, called wet combing, should be performed for approximately 30 minutes on any infected individual. Repeating the wet combing every two to three days, for

the next two weeks is the most effective means of eliminating the problem. Sometimes a second dose of the shampoo or lotion will need to be applied 10 days after the initial treatment to destroy any lice that may have hatched from the remaining nits.

If you or your child has lice, all household contacts should be inspected every two to three days and treated only if infected. It is important to wash all bedding, clothes, coats and towels in hot water and dried in the dryer on the hottest setting. You should also vacuum all your furniture and carpets. Lice can only survive for two days off the host individual, but the nits can survive for two weeks. Items that cannot be washed or vacuumed can be placed in a sealed bag for two weeks. It is not necessary to call an exterminator or use spray insecticides.

Head lice can be an annoying and difficult problem to deal with. When treatment failure occurs, it is usually because the person was not properly and thoroughly "wet combed" every two to three days for two weeks. Treatment failure can also occur when the household is not properly sanitized or household contacts are not inspected or treated. If you have been unsuccessful at eliminating a case of head lice, see your healthcare provider. They will have other second-line options which can be prescribed.

area churches



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Michigan's infant mortality rate lowest in recorded history

Data from 2019 shows that Michigan had both the lowest infant mortality rate in recorded history and a measurable decrease in the disparity of death occurrences between Black and white races.

Recent data released by the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Section of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services shows an infant mortality rate for 2019 of 6.4 per 1,000 live births and a reduction of the Black and white infant mortality disparity ratio of 3.2 in 2018 to 2.6 in 2019.

Infant mortality is considered the death of an infant before reaching the age of one. Causes of infant mortality included birth defects, preterm birth, maternal pregnancy complications, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and injuries like suffocation.

The decreasing disparity ratio is good news for Michigan, but leaders in state and local public health continue striving to eradicate disparities. Michigan continues to address root causes of maternal and infant health disparities, which aligns with the 2030 Healthy People goal set by the US Department of Health and

Human Services to eliminate racial disparities in infant deaths.

“It is encouraging that Michigan achieved an all-time low infant mortality rate in 2019, as well as the fact that we are starting to see a decreasing trend in the infant mortality disparity ratio between Black and white infants,” said Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “Vigilance and intentionality in our efforts must continue for us to remain on course. We must continue to address the root cause of inequities -- systemic racism moving collectively and actionably, as we celebrate the lowest infant mortality rate of record and closing disparate gaps in our fight to assure healthy outcomes for Michigan mothers and babies.”

In September 2019, MDHHS announced the release of the 2020-2023, Mother Infant Health & Equity Improvement Plan. The Improvement Plan includes comprehensive statewide strategies to improve the health of mothers and babies to achieve their vision of zero preventable deaths and zero health disparities.

“Blind Willie” McTell



“Blind Willie” McTell was born in Thomson, GA on May 5, 1901.

McTell mainly worked as a street performer around Atlanta, and in the 1920s and 30s he recorded dozens of 78s for labels such as Victor, Okeh, Decca, Atlantic and Columbia.

He passed away from a stroke on Aug. 19, 1959 after many years of suffering from diabetes and alcoholism.

His songs have since been covered by Bob Dylan, the Allman Brothers, Taj Mahal, the White Stripes and many more.

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2021
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner
 1500 Scribner Ave, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Or Alternatively Remote Electronic Access by Zoom
Meeting ID: 963 5565 3762
Passcode: 5122021
Call-In#: 1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

QUESTIONS: (616) 632-7910

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the Drain Drainage District boundaries and apportionment of benefit with the Drain Commissioner or a staff member for the list of Drains below. A map depicting the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions can be found attached to this notice and/or on the Drain Commissioner’s website at: https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner/meeting_notices.htm. The Drain is located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description of the lands proposed to be added or deleted, in whole or in part, include the following:

Drain No.	Drain Name	Municipalities*	Portion of Section Added	Portion of Section Removed
8058	BUNDY	LOWELL TOWNSHIP	19, 20, 29 & 30	19, 20, 29 & 30
8499	CHERRY CREEK	LOWELL TOWNSHIP	3, 4	3, 4
		CITY OF LOWELL	2, 3	2, 3
		VERGENNES TOWNSHIP	17-18, 20-22, 27-29, 33-35	17-18, 20-22, 27-29, 33-35

*The above listed Municipalities with the Drainage Districts are subject to an At-Large Assessment

The Drain Commissioner intends to hold an in-person Day of Review at the location stated above. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis, the Day of Review will alternatively be held through remote electronic access, as provided in this Notice, if public gatherings are unable to be held due to federal, state, or local orders, laws, regulations, and guidelines. Prior to the Day of Review, the Drain office shall post an update on its website whether in-person attendance will be available.

Prior to the Day of Review, you may contact the Drain Commissioner’s Office at (616) 632-7910 or visit its website at https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner/meeting_notices.htm to get information about your apportionment and assessment. Remote electronic access will be available even if in-person attendance is available.

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Day of Review may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Day of Review by telephone.

Prior to the Day of Review:

- **Website.** Please visit the Drain Commissioner’s website at https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner/meeting_notices.htm for more information regarding the Day of Review, including a map of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions and proposed apportionment roll
- **Email.** If you would like to ask questions about your property or proposed apportionment prior to the Day of Review, please email drinfo@kentcountymi.gov and we will provide you information through email.
- **Telephone.** If you wish to speak with a staff member of the Drain Commissioner’s Office about your property or the proposed apportionment, please call (616) 632-7910
- **Special Access.** Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner’s Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

On the Day of Review:

- The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day. However, due to the coronavirus public health crisis, the facilities are requesting limited walk-in and request that an appointment be scheduled to limit the number of walk-in visitors. If you do enter the building, it will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask
- To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Day of Review through the following link: <https://kentcountymi.zoom.us/j/96355653762?pwd=ZCtGT0t3eWw5dVZmNFREWUNKZFd3UT09>
- For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: + 1 646 876 9923 US (New York). When prompted the Meeting ID is **963 5565 3762** and the **Passcode is 5122021**
- Once individuals have joined the Day of Review electronically, the Drain Commissioner will provide further information about procedures for participation.
- The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review and will be on the Drain Commissioner’s Office website. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your 2021 winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

After the Day of Review:

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner’s decision to revise the district boundaries to the Kent County Circuit Court within ten (10) days, and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Kent County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

Dated: April 30, 2021

Kenneth J. Yonker
 Kent County Drain Commissioner

LowellArts “Getaway” exhibit open through June 12



Mary Reusch

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

“Getaway,” the newest exhibition at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, is open now until Saturday, June 12.

According to the original announcement when the show was created, it will

consist of “artwork that celebrates the places or moments in time that provide us a chance to retreat, relax and recharge. [...] Representational or abstract depictions

of locations, objects or an atmosphere meant to inspire, uplift and transport the viewer to a place of rest or renewal.”

“The theme of the show is people responding

to the last year, how their art reacted to the pandemic, and we got quite a response,” said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan.

“Everybody, artists and non-artists, respond to things differently. For artists, the ones that I’ve talked to, some are almost

in a creative block. Others have been incredibly creatively inspired by responding to the times. So you’re going to get really different responses based on how you’re emotionally responding to all of the dynamics in your life. I can’t speak for other artists, but I think that is something that’s going to be really interesting to see in that exhibit.”

The LowellArts gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and Saturdays from noon until 5 pm.

For more information, call 616-897-8545, send a message to info@lowellartsmi.org or visit lowellartsmi.org/getaway.

“I think it’s going to be a very, very interesting show,” Smalligan said. “You should come check it out!”



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Fishing the Flat, continued

as he grabbed the top wire of a fence surrounding the pasture to hold it down so we could step over it. Suddenly, dad started vibrating all over, with his fishing pole flung to the side, worm can shaking out all the worms, all the while cursing, something we never heard from dad before. Finally freeing himself from the wire, saying "must be an electric fence" as we then calmly retraced our steps to take the long way around to the boat livery. By now, it seemed as if dad's interest in this fishing expedition was going downhill fast, but we were all determined to have a good time and to bring home some good tasting bluegills.

Sid's boat livery and the lake was a disaster, all the wooden row boats upside down and the lake was merely a little stream on the far bank. Sid was busy painting the last of his fleet of fishing boats. He told us that since the lake had been drained for maintenance down at the dam in Lowell, he took the opportunity to repair and repaint his boats. He did not expect the lake to resume to normal for a most of the summer.

We found Sid to be curious about our interest in fishing this stretch of water and we filled him in with the details of our relatives who lived nearby. When he learned we were from the Ada area, he asked us, "Why do you boys have an interest in fishing the Flat when the Grand River held so many larger fish, especially the catfish and the red horse?" That information did not get lost on me.

One fishing story led to another about the Grand River, but then he shifted the conversation to the history of the old wagon road crossings of the Grand River at Ada and especially one crossing that must have been close to where we lived on Grand River Drive. Sid said that was a favorite of immigrants on their way to Grand Rapids because it put them on the south side of the river, making it easy to get to

Grand Rapids. He went on to say that many wagons were upset in the river just below the island and valuable stuff was lost, making it a favorite spot of treasure hunters.

Driving back home, a trip of about 30 minutes, we talked about some of the things seen on the roadside, but little of the fishing trip. It was almost as if we were all trying to forget about it. All but me, that is, as I heard a lot to think about. Like where was that island?

We pulled into the driveway at home, having been gone for most of the day. This failed fishing trip was not obvious to mother, but we filled her in on our visit with the grandparents and then told her about how fishing the Flat had to be postponed to another time. Mother expressed her satisfaction that the day went well and that we had a good time, despite no fish for supper. But fishing the Grand and the thought of the old river crossing at the island stayed with me. What island? Where was it? What treasure?

A year or so went by and still I had not fished the Flat, as the grandparents moved away or passed away, and I was still riding my bike with the J.C. Higgins fly rod to Eleanor's Creek and still bringing trout home for dinner.

Mother was a worker at home, always busy, and this day was no exception. She was washing clothes in the basement with her wringer washing machine and not paying any attention to me, and I was busy fiddling with my fishing equipment and making sure I had some worms that could be coaxed out of the worm bed in that special spot in the corner of the basement. I wanted to go fishing in the Grand River more than anything else that day, and so came out with, "Ma, let's go fishing," thinking that I would at least plant the idea with her that someday we might make this first trip to the river.



Grand River ford: the bank of stones at the river crossing. (author photo)

Then, at that very moment, and without any other form of agreement, she pulled the power cord out of the wall receptacle in the middle of the wash cycle and said, "Okay, let's go."

Within minutes we were on our way over the ridge of my other grandmother's 40 acre farm and on to the river's edge. We selected a spot on the bank that made accessing the water easy, especially for casting out into the deeper water, a technique I had practiced in the backyard many times. While we were sitting on the bank of the river, I asked her about the island. She was at first puzzled that I knew of the island, probably because she thought that I had somehow ventured to the river by myself. But when I told her we learned about the island from Sid at the Flat River,

she seemed at ease, going on to confirm that it was the site of an historic river crossing. It was a favorite topic among the adults because of the legend of so many wagons having spilled their valuable contents making it the treasure hunter's popular spot. More questioning of her put the location of the island clearly in my mind and that was about a mile upstream of where we were fishing.

We caught several non-game fish and carried them home to plant in the garden as fertilizer, a practice she knew was used by the Indians of the area. Now, I was in the big league of fishing, my goal having been achieved.

Fifty years passed by, I had moved away, but continued my interest in the local history. Then I found

a copy of an old map of the river and the surrounding Ada area showing the river crossing and there it was, the island. The lure of the forgotten treasure tugged at my mind, creating the need to visit the riverbank in the area. On one of my visits back to the area, my brother and I searched for evidence of the old crossing. At one point, we found the bank paved with round stones near the downstream end of the island, just where Sid said it was and confirmed by my mother. Satisfied, we let the discovery lie there,

but documented our findings with photographs.

Thirty more years went by and my continuing interest in local history revealed that this crossing was probably the point where my ancestors, immigrating from Germany to Detroit to Grand Rapids, crossed the Grand River and then took Grand River Drive with their wagon, passing right by my childhood home.

They probably missed fishing the Flat and the Grand, and for sure they missed fishing Eleanor's Creek.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lowell City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, on the proposed 2021-2022 City Budget and the proposed 2021-2022 Millage Rates. The proposed budget provides for general fund expenditures of \$3,659,510.34. The proposed millage rates are 15.70 mills for City operations and .2281 extra voted millage for museum operations.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 Budget is available for review and inspection during normal business hours at the Lowell City Hall and is also available on the City's web site at www.lowell.mi.gov

Interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing or may appear and speak in person at the hearing. Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the City Clerk at (616) 897-8457 or the Michigan Relay Center TDD 1-800-649-3777 for accommodations.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12A.03, "SPECIAL LAND USES" OF CHAPTER 12A, "LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-03 amending Section 12A.03, of Chapter 12A. Ordinance No. 21-03 amends Section 12A.03, "Special Land Uses", by adding a new subsection J which reads as follows:

J. Vehicle Towing Service

A copy of Ordinance No. 21-03 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 21-03 is effective 10 days after this publication.



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SPORTS

Golfers host historic Jamboree

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

The boys golf team was able to host a conference jamboree at new home course, Arrowhead, this past week. While Arrowhead has hosted select events in recent years, generally very early in the season, this was the first official conference match played at Arrowhead.

Lowell shot a 176,

led by sophomore Drew Veldman who shot a 40. Will de Voest followed up with a 42. Ty Knottnerus and Brad VandenHout rounded out the scoring with 47's. Also competing for Lowell were Cam Sluss and Jake Bonney who shot 49 and 51 respectively.

Forest Hills Northern

won the jamboree with an impressive 152, an average of just two over par for each golfer. The fifth place result for Lowell was disappointing, particularly after a strong showing at Quail Ridge the day prior. Lowell placed third at Quail Ridge, just two strokes off of FHN's 163. Grand Rapids

Christian won the jamboree with a 156. Lowell was led by the duo of de Voest and Veldman who shot 41 each. VandenHout followed with a 42, and Sluss a 45. Adam Swanson also competed, and carded a 51 for LHS.

Lowell heads to the Huskies home course of Egypt Valley for a jamboree on Wednesday, then out to Old Channel Trail Golf Course on Friday for an 18-hole tournament hosted by Montague. LHS has one more home match this season, on May 19, a dual with Northview.

Dual matches, once the only way high school golf tournaments were hosted, have been slowly faded out over the last decade in favor of the jamboree format. The jamborees allow for multiple schools to compete against each other on the same nine. With the duals being faded out, Lowell's historical record in dual matches will largely remain unchanged going forward, currently at 322 wins, 365 losses, and three ties.



Will de Voest chipping on Arrowhead's third hole.

Tennis goes 2-0 at TK Invite

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

It was a good week for the Lowell varsity girls tennis team as they beat Comstock Park and Thornapple Kellogg in the TK Tri Invitational.

Against Comstock Park, Lowell won all eight flights. Winning for the Lady Arrows were Brook Knottnerus, Grace Nielsen, Lexi Royer, and Delaney Kelley in singles. In doubles, the teams of Emalie DeBoer/Alana Peters, Brynn Jackson/Olivia Torline, Hallie Greenop/Ella Todd, and Ella Luers-Baker/Sedona Bonter all picked up wins.

In their match against

the Trojans, Lowell won by a score of 7-1 with wins coming from first, second and third singles, as well as all four doubles teams.

Lowell has a busy week this week with a tri meet with Forest Hills Northern and Mona Shores, a dual with East Grand Rapids, and a dual with Greenville at the newly renovated LHS tennis courts. The wins over Comstock Park and Thornapple Kellogg improved Lowell's all-time record against the two to 6-1 and 4-0 respectively.



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Baseball winners of six of last seven games

by Justin Scott
contributing writer

The weather isn't the only thing warming up in Lowell right now. The Lowell baseball team is getting hot midway through the season with wins in six of their last seven games.

Nearly all of those wins have come in close contests. Lowell bounced back from a 6-2 loss to Forest Hills Central early last week to win a pair of one-run games against the Rangers. In the first game, a 3-2 win, Lowell won in walk-off fashion. Kyle Teachworth brought home the game-winning RBI with a double in the bottom of the seventh inning. Zach Hayes earned the win for Lowell, while Xander Reisbig struck out 10. Jaxson Carlisle went two for three at the plate. Lowell went on to win game two of the doubleheader 7-6.

Similar to the FHC series, Lowell lost game

one to Byron Center before bouncing back with two straight wins to take the series. In a 3-1 win, Lowell pitched a combined no-hitter with 13 strikeouts between Peyton Teachworth and Kyler Spike. Teachworth got the win with Spike recording the save and last four outs of the game. Blake Bennett went two for three batting in the win. Lowell walked off a second time during the week in a game two victory in eight innings.

LHS doubled up Portland in a two-game sweep. In game one, a 4-0 win, Lowell got the win behind the pitching of Hayes. He struck out five in the win. At the plate he also recorded two hits. Rohan Dixon threw two innings in relief recording the

save. In game two, Lowell won 13-7 with Ethan Hall recording the win. Reisbig and Kyle Teachworth each hit a home run in the win.

The Red Arrows moved to 8-8 on the season and have games with Forest Hills Northern, Calvin Christian, and East Kentwood this week.



Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Arrows take two from FHN and EGR, take fifth at Elite Invitational

submitted by: Paul Judd

The Red Arrows took advantage of strong field events and hurdles to get a win over East Grand Rapids. A mix of distance secured the evening sweep with a win against Forest Hills Northern.

In a double dual the scores are separate, so a person could get the win against one team but not the next, thus making the mix of scoring different. The highlight of the night was that there were 40 personal records for Lowell, meaning that the team is in a good position heading into the championship portion of the season.

Josh Rau and Cole Weston moved up the record board in the 300m hurdles and 3200m run. Rau's time of 41.30 moves up two spots to number six and Weston's time of 10:06.05 moves him up three spots to No. 3.

LHS double dual overall first place finishers: Weston 3200m in 10:06.05

(personal record); Rau 110mHH, 15.84 and 300mH, 41.30 (personal record); Noah VanLaan high jump, 5-08.00 (personal record).

Second place finishers were: Levi Mills, 400m, 55.60 (personal record); Weston 1600m, 4:41.85 (personal record); Ramsey Ponchaud, 300mH, 45.83 (personal record) and pole vault, 10-00.00; Landon Grant high jump, 5-06.00; 1600m Relay (Cater, Bromley, Grant, Mills) 3:47.72; 3200m Relay (S. Fowler, Bromley, Weston, J. Fowler), 8:36.36 (personal record).

Third place finishers were: Sawyer Fowler 800m, 2:08.55 (personal record) and 1600m, 4:42.20; Landon Grant long jump, 17-07.00.

Final team scores were: Lowell 72, EGR 64 and Lowell 72, FHN 65.

The Arrows got to compete against some of the best in the state at the Grand Rapids Elite Invitational

on Saturday and did not disappoint as the athletes set nineteen personal records and snagged a couple of wins on their way to a fifth-place finish. Rau was a double event winner as he took the 110HH in 15.38 and the 300H in 40.09. The 300 hurdle time is the number-two mark on the high school record board.

Lowell's distance crews took advantage of focusing on key events and as such were able to secure sixteen points led by Weston's second-place finish in the 3200m with a time of 9:54.73, an improvement on his number-three time on the record board. The drop in times and improvement in distances/heights indicate that it is all coming together as the team preps for the conference meet.

Scoring points for the Arrows were: S. Fowler 1600m in 4:36.67 placing sixth; Ponchaud 300H, 46.63 placing eighth place

and placing fifth in pole vault, 10-06.00; Landon Grant in high jump, 5-08.00, sixth place; Noah VanLaan in high jump, 5-06.00, seventh place; 3200m Relay team of Cater, Bromley, Mills, J. Fowler in 8:46.41, taking fourth place; 1600m Relay team of S. Fowler, J. Fowler, Bromley, Mills in 3:46.49 placing eighth.

Final team scores were: Zeeland West 165, St. Joseph 116, Zeeland East 79, Detroit Renaissance 67, Lowell 50, Fremont 48.25, Spring Lake 30, Jenison 27, GR Ottawa Hills 20, Forest Hills Northern 17.25, Benzie Central 11.25, Greenville 11, Catholic Central 10.25, Forest Hills Central 7.

The Arrows will be at Greenville to finish the regular season.



Lady Arrows split with EGR and FHN; place sixth at Elite Invitational

submitted by Paul Judd

Great team effort was made by the Arrows as they battled their two biggest rivals in the OK White. At the end of the home meet Lowell ended up losing to East Grand Rapids but getting the win against

Forest Hills Northern to improve their record to 4-2 in the conference.

On paper, both meets were close and the difference on the FHN win was getting the expected points as well as snagging

some unexpected ones. The opposite was the story in the EGR meet as Lowell left points on the table. However, the Arrows logged twenty personal records on the day. Lowell had a strong advantage in

the field events and hurdles which helped get the meet off to a great start and the team scrapped to get the remaining points in all the other areas of the track.

Taking firsts overall in the double dual for the Arrows were: Kaylee Diamond high jump 5-02.00; Annika Sandman 3200m in 11:25.43; 1600m relay team of Jadan Sanders, Harper, Theresa Judd, Kaylee Byrne in 4:26.13 (personal record).

Second place finishers: Julia Tuuri 200m in 28.63 personal record; Judd, 100mH 16.05 and pole vault, 10-00.00; Liberty Cook shot put 29-02.00 (personal record); Byrne discus, 78-11.00.

Third place finishers were: Tuuri 100m 13.72; Madison Brown 200m, 28.79; Sanders 400m, 1:03.55; Judd 300mH, 49.08; Jeselyn Spaulding shot put, 28-10.50 personal record.

Team scores were: Lowell 50, EGR 87 and Lowell 87, FHN 45.

The Arrows got a look at two of the top teams in the state of Michigan as Detroit Renaissance and Ann Arbor Pioneer headed to the west side of the state to participate in the GR Elite Invitational.

Lowell stayed determined and used some top-three finishes to earn sixth place out of the 14-team field.

Diamond won the high jump with a jump of 5'4" and just brushed the bar on her last attempt at the school record height of 5-06.50 and took sixth in the 200m. Judd earned runner-up honors in the 300H in 48.81, took third in the pole vault 10-06.00, a personal record and number four LHS and grabbed fourth in the 100H. On the distance side A. Sandman took runner-up honors in the 1600m going 5:16.75

and came back to grab third in the 3200m going 11:32.59.

Also scoring for the Arrows were: Sanders 400m 62.48 placing fourth and pole vault, 8-06.00 sixth place; 800m relay team of Spaulding, Brown, Tuuri, Diamond in 1:52.50, placing fifth; 400m relay team of Simkins, Spaulding, Brown, Tuuri, 53.93 placing sixth; 1600m relay team of Sanders, Harper, Judd, Byrne, 4:28.31, placing seventh.

Team scores were: Detroit Renaissance 118, Zeeland East 99, Ann Arbor Pioneer 86.5, St. Joseph 72.5, Ottawa Hills 65, Lowell 62.5, Benzie Central 42, Spring Lake 31, Zeeland West 23.5, Forest Hills Central 23, Jenison 22, Forest Hills Northern 12, Catholic Central 6

The Arrows will be Greenville on Thursday.



obituaries

GRANDMAISON

Jean R. Grandmaison was born on June 26, 1951 in New Hampshire. On May 1, 2021; after a long battle against cancer, Jean died peacefully at home. After 29 years working for Steelcase, he enjoyed his retirement in 2011 by; camping, fishing, watching Nascar & the Patriots, and spending time with his wife. His wonderful sense of humor was enjoyed by all who knew him. Jean is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Linda Grandmaison; daughter, Becky; brothers, Moe, Art, Rick; and sister, Rita. Jean's wishes for cremation have been fulfilled. The family would like to give a special thank you to Spectrum Health Hospice for all their wonderful care and assistance. Jean will be missed by all and greatly, greatly missed by his wife, Linda. Memorial contributions in Jean's honor can be directed to Spectrum Health Hospice, 750 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



THOMPSON

Helen Margaret Thompson of Lowell, passed away peacefully in her home on April 27, 2021. Helen was born to Charles and Ella (Weeks) Hurley of Parnell, on March 19, 1956. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles in 1997 and her mother Ella in 2021. She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, William Thompson of Lowell, as well as her adoring children, Megan Thompson of Lansing, Michelle (Erik) Schreur of Lowell, Michael (Susan) Thompson of Lowell and William (Madeline McMahon) Thompson of Lowell. Additionally, Helen is survived by her brother, Roger Hurley of Rockford; sister, Ann (Ray) Marentette of Howard City; sister-in-law, Sandra VanWeelden of Lowell; brother-in-law, Germaine (Janet) Thompson of Lowell; sister-in-law, Roberta Towne of Lowell; as well as many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations in Helen's name to Faith Hospice, an organization that shares their love, expertise and compassion with families in their greatest time of need.



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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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of Andrew Dipiazza Guardianship File No. 21-209,167-GA

A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 via Zoom before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: April 28, 2021

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his children: Andrew Dipiazza, Scott Dipiazza, Wendy Dipiazza, and Nikki Gorter, and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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LEGAL NOTICE

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The Dray Family Trust

Re: Harriet Dray, decedent; Date of Birth: December 8, 1927

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April 26, 2021

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Word search grid with words circled: MOM, TINA, RAE, UED, ADL, TNG, STDI, ETGR, RDVA, PKEA, CRRS, MDNF, BKMC, KUCM, TTIV, VOIM, MRS, TCF, NKS, XMR, BHC, ULB, ETW, H, VAC, CAT, ION, B, FA, FHL, UR, RR, H, DE, KUN, FR, KO, ET, M, SO, L, FIT, AT, AA, T, G, LA, K, D, TE, P, O, O, A, BR, FO, BF, S, B, N, P, NA, PG, T, I, CT, GA, BO, V, HR, P, L, W, I, WA, ON, L, UR, GR, AI, E, C, R, C, IN, F, OW, BN, HD, W, R, ME, G, OM, DU, MT, N, E, E, W, V, M, S, M, GR, PS, R, G, D, H, B, RE, FA, K, OS, UF, WI, XS, BT, H, T, B, T, G, K, LN, OT, FN, BR, XS, SS, SA, UK, BA, CH, WV, V, H, BT, H, P, PA, EX, WX, SE, BR, ED, L, R, KU, OI, PE, FG, RC, M, R, H, P, O, M, GE, X, EI

Boys Track

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Lowell Trackmen Win Relays Again

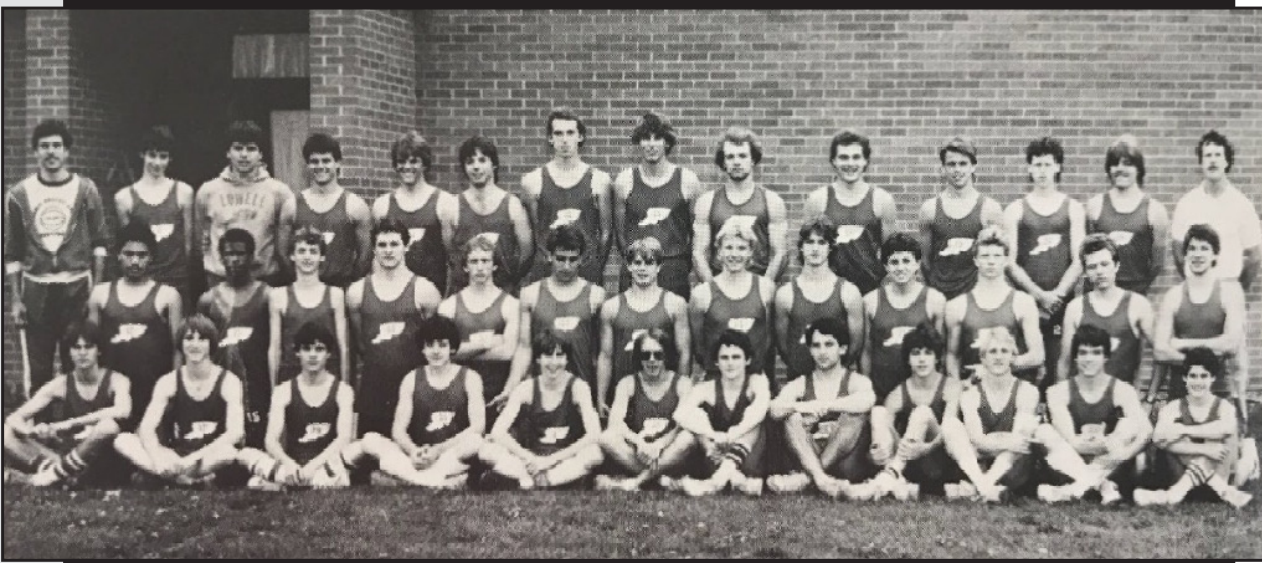
1956

The track team turned in one of its finest seasons in many years as they ended up in second place in the Grand Valley standings. Coach Gotschall has much talent returning next year, and is expected to better his 1956 season record of five wins and one loss in the conference. Lowell would sure like to make it two straight Regional victories after winning it last year from previous champions, E. Grand Rapids.



L.H.S. Thinclads win Tri-River Championship

1984



Lowell's 1984 boy's track team placed first in the last year of the Tri-River Conference. Led by team captains Mike DeJong and George Schoolmaster, the Arrows had an 8-2 season. They were 5-1 in the conference and placed first at the Sparta Relays, and fourth place at regionals. Members that were chosen for All-Conference were Mike Dumas, Tim Stepek, Kurt Quiggle, Eric Potter, John Kloosterman, Mike DeJong, Chuck Burkett, Rob King, and Tony Dommer and John Lipkea, and the MVP's were Rob King and John Kloosterman.

Smith, Saboo and Gowen wind-up high school track careers

1992

The 1992 boys' track team finished the season with a strong 6-1 record. The Arrows track team has been constantly improving over the past 6 years. This strong '92 team not only showed its strength in the conference by finishing second, but they were also successful in regionals and area invitationals.

The Arrows were running up in the conference, letting the championship escape them by a 6-point loss to Forest Hills Central.

At the regional competition, senior John Saboo became a state qualifier and regional champion by running a 51.57 in the 400 m dash. Senior Shawn Smith also qualified for state by running to a personal and school record time of 10.76 in the 100 m dash. Sophomore George Ponchaud cleared 12'6" at the Greenville relays and set yet another school record.

Smith blazes to seasonal best in 100.



Lowell places 5th

FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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

Level: Beginner

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!

MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

AFFECTION
AUNT
BREAK
BREAKFAST

CARING
DEDICATED
DESSERT
FANFARE
FOSTER
GATHERING
GRANDMOTHER

GREETING CARD
HONOR
HUGS
MATERNAL
MOM
PRESENTS
RELAXATION

REST
RESTAURANT
SISTER
SPA
VACATION
WOMAN

Guess Who?

I am an actor and wrestler born in California on May 2, 1972. I initially gained fame through wrestling in both the WWF and WWE — you could say I was a rock. I then became a wildly popular actor. I set an all-time world record when I earned the highest income for a first-time starring role.

Answer: Dwayne Johnson

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to police.

EGALL

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Answer: Legal

1	2	3				4	5	6	7
8			9				10		
11							12		
13				14			15		
16						17			
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38								39	
40								41	
42									43

CLUES ACROSS

- Engine additive
- A hearty laugh
- Restrain
- Dried coconut kernels
- Nefarious
- Elderly
- Central part of a church building
- Throw into confusion
- Intestinal
- Qualities of being religious
- Live up to a standard
- Seize
- Go quickly
- Automated teller machine
- Bowling necessity
- One point east of due south
- Japanese honorific
- A way to induce sleep
- Makes cash register rolls
- A city in S Louisiana
- Make more cheerful
- Manicurist
- Consents
- Network of nerves
- Mocking smile
- It covers the body
- Partner to pans
- Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

- Beautiful
- Polynesian island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Self-governing Netherlands territory
- Shared one's view
- Tailless amphibians
- Charge passengers must pay
- Sound sheep make
- Known for sure
- Filled with unexpressed anger
- Student (abbr.)
- Criticize
- Gathering place
- Informal alliances
- One's mother (British)
- Landholder
- Peter's last name
- Parties
- Title of respect
- Red wine
- Pearl Jam's debut
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- Frosts
- Cry of joy
- Induces vomiting
- Mother or father

- Dal _ : Musical navigation marker
- Door fastener part



The world's first international submarine railway tunnel was opened between Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario, Canada in 1891.

The nation's first regularly scheduled air passage service began operation between Grand Rapids and Detroit in 1926.

Michigan has 116 lighthouses and navigational lights.



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 Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Please mail to FROM, 11535 Fulton Street East, Lowell, MI 49331

WEEKLY BOX SCORE

food fight	5/5/21	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	TOTALS
NORTH	10,784	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
SOUTH	14,759	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX

FROM the ♥

Fighting on Behalf of our Neighbors

Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) needs your help for the month of May! May 1 – June 1 the Greater Lowell community will Gear Up! for a friendly but fierce competition to see who can raise the most resources for our annual Food Fight Campaign!

The 12th annual campaign divides the Greater Lowell Community into two teams – North and South with M-21 splitting the teams. Each dollar and food item that is donated to FROM counts as a point for that team.

“We love the fun that comes with this campaign, but also the strong competition,” Arianne Hall, Development Director said. “There’s no clear winner at the start, it’s almost always neck and neck. In the last 11 years the North side has won 6 times and the South Side 5 times.”

What started off collecting 8,000 food items in 2009, has grown into raising more than \$100,000 and 15,000 items of food. Just the donated items, if set next two each other would be the length of 5.5 football fields!

“In the beginning, we focused on just collecting food, but now we focus both on both food



Throwback photo from the 2014 Food Fight Campaign.

and financial gifts,” Hall said. “Partially that’s because we as an organization can purchase more food at a lower cost, but also this fundraiser now helps us fund the work of the whole organization, not just our food program!”

There are three ways the community can get involved!

Give a Financial Gift – Now until the match is used, or June 1, EVERY GIFT IS MATCHED! You can also hold a Facebook fundraiser on the FROM Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/fromlowell)

Collect Food for FROM – For the most up to date list of food needs, email Development Director, Arianne Hall, at arianneh@fromlowell.org

Spread the Word – Invite your friends, coworkers and family to Gear Up! And join Food Fight!

“I am proud to live and work in a community that is consistent and faithful in their generosity and caring for others,” Wendie Preiss, FROM Executive Director said. “This will be my first Food Fight experience as Executive Director. I know this community enjoys competition and helping a neighbor so I’m looking forward to it!”

However you get involved, know that you are touching lives of neighbors all around you.