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Lowell city council meeting: Monday, June 21



Screenshot of Lowell city council in discussion during their regular meeting on Monday, June 21.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a one hour and 25 minute regular meeting, both in person and online, at 7 pm on Monday, June 21.

There was one participant in citizen discussion at the beginning of the meeting, local resident Perry Beachum suggested the city offer a subsidy or rebate to

those who choose to install low flow toilets.

The council discussed a proposed ordinance that would prohibit opening any marijuana facilities east of the Flat River, but dismissed it without taking a vote.

The council approved an ordinance banning “designated consumption

establishments, excess marijuana growers, marijuana event organizers, temporary marijuana events or any other future licenses by the state.”

The council voted to award construction of the restrooms across from the Lowell Showboat to Wolverine Building Group,

who bid \$251,721.80 on the project.

The council approved a resolution pertaining to a “downtown redevelopment liquor license” for Brent Slagell, owner of Big Boiler Brewing, Rio Plano Taqueria and the property at 101 W. Main, where the liquor license will apply.

The council voted to rezone 746 W. Main and 728 W. Main to “C3 General Business.”

“Currently there are three zoning districts split between the two parcels,” reads a June 18 memorandum written by Lowell city clerk Susan Ullery. “The parcel at 746 W. Main contains the C3 General Business district and R2 Single and Two Family Residential district. The parcel at 728 W. Main is located in the I General Industrial district. The applicant [Betten Baker] is requesting that both properties be rezoned so that they are all completely within the C3 General

Business district because this is the only district in which open air businesses such as car dealerships are permitted by special land use.”

The council approved partial closure of a downtown parking lot so King Milling can restore and renovate the McQueen building. There will be 11 parking spaces occupied by a construction crew until Dec. 31, but they will be cleared during the weekends.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in person and streaming at 7 pm on Monday, July 5. They also have a “Coffee with the Council” scheduled at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, July 3.

To watch previous city council, board and commission meetings, look for the “City of Lowell” and “Lowell Light and Power” channels on YouTube or visit archive.org.

MI Redistricting Commission will have public hearing in Grand Rapids on July 1

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will have a public hearing to gather voter feedback at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids at 5 pm on Thursday, July 1.

The MICRC is the group that has been given the task of redrawing the state’s legislative and congressional districts. It is a 13-member commission that is currently traveling the state to seek input on how to shape political districts so they don’t give an unfair advantage to either political party.

The commission was created in 2018 after voters approved the “Voters Not Politicians” ballot proposal, a constitutional amendment to “establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and US Congress, every 10 years.”

Primarily using data from the 2020 Census, the MICRC is expected to create 13 congressional districts, 110 state House districts and 38 state Senate districts in time for the 2022 election.

“Prior to re-drawing electoral district lines, the commission needs to hear from members of the public at these hearings about communities of interest, what local communities look like, where they are located and how they should be considered when re-drawing district lines,” the MICRC announced in a press release. “Public comment is truly critical in this process and will directly impact how electoral lines are drawn. We want to be sure supporters and community have a seat at the table.”

For more information, visit michigan.gov/micrc/0,10083,7-418-92033---,00.html.

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Monday, June 7 Lowell city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a 54 minute regular meeting, both in person and online, at 7 pm on Monday, June 7.

There was one public comment, from Nicole Lintemuth, owner of Bettie's Pages bookstore, who spoke on behalf of Lowell Pride. Lintemuth is the president and founder of the organization, who held their first event a couple weeks ago.

"I grew up in a similarly small town in the UP and know what it's like to feel alone and misunderstood," Lintemuth said. "I reached out to some truly amazing people and asked if they would like to help make Lowell Pride a reality, and they stepped up. Together we created an event focused on love, acceptance, understanding and mutual respect. These are qualities that we should all be striving for regardless of our sexual orientation or gender identity. Everyone who walked through our event on Saturday [June 5] was overwhelmed by the positive energy they felt. It was a day full of magical moments like this. Kids getting to be

authentically themselves with the full support of hundreds of people in their community. We heard time and time again from young people how they felt seen and loved and safe in Lowell, and for some of them this was the first time that they could say that. We had a wall of love and amazing moms and allies who blocked out the three whole protesters who refused to leave our space. They were so effective in blocking them out that we had so many people say they didn't even know that anyone was there. We are a community used to taking care of our own, and we did so beautifully. Our ambulance crew needed two ice packs and a Band-Aid in the nine plus hours that they were on site."

The council discussed insurance for the new Lowell Showboat VI venue. In a rare, 3-2 decision, the council voted to purchase \$3,000,000 liability insurance with a \$5,000 deductible for \$8,250 per year and property coverage of \$2,700,000 with a \$50,000 deductible for \$25,600 per year, for a total of \$33,850 for both policies.

Councilors Leah Groves, James Salzwedel and Cliff Yankovich voted "yes," councilor Marty Chambers and mayor Michael DeVore voted "no."

The city will seek reimbursement for this expenditure from the Lowell Showboat VI organization once their non-profit status is officially recognized by the state, which is in the process.

The council voted to allow the Lowell Police Department to sell a 2012 BMW R1200T motorcycle that is owned by the LPD. The motorcycle has a Kelly Bluebook value of \$8,775. The motorcycle was originally owned by the US Pentagon Police and was obtained by the department in 2015 through the '1033 program,' a method the federal government has used since 1997 to get divest themselves of excess equipment. Local police departments across the country use the program to obtain ammunition, sand bags, medical supplies, sleeping bags, grenade launchers and more for free.

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May Lowell Police stats

Lowell Police Department made 18 arrests during the month of May. These arrests included one drug law violation, four for driving with a suspended license, three for outstanding warrants and 10 that are described in the police department's monthly statistics sheet as "other arrests." There have been a total 75 arrests made by LPD so far this year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during May. There were four disorderly conduct calls, two larceny calls, three dog/animal complaints, one malicious destruction and nine assaults. Lowell police issued 38 citations and notified four residents about ordinance violations.

Out of 175 traffic stops in May, they let 133 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 12 times and called other agencies for assistance three times in May. They were also called for assistance by citizens 71 times and motorists five times.

Lowell police were dispatched to nine accidents during May, none with injuries.

Former Gov. Snyder's attorney: case is "a mess"

Former Gov. Rick Snyder's attorney told a Genesee County judge on Tuesday, June 15 that the state has turned over less than one-quarter of the documents in the case against his client.

Defense attorney Brian Lennon also said the state hasn't yet produced a list of witnesses, basic information that the defense requested, but the Attorney General's office says it continues to "work diligently toward providing the defendants with everything they are entitled to."

"This is a mess, your honor," Lennon told Judge William H. Crawford. "All of the stuff that we are entitled to, [...] we do not appear to have any of that. [...] I don't think the discovery ball has been advanced at all."

Assistant attorney general Bryant Osikowicz countered that four million of the estimated 21 million

documents have been given to the defense, and moving the rest isn't as easy as putting "them in a briefcase [...] because technology takes time."

Osikowicz said that of the four million documents, 600,000 were already in Snyder's custodianship "whether it's relevant or not."

Lennon countered that they aren't getting the "basic information" they are entitled to and without that information, "how can we decide what is relevant or not? This is a problem."

Lennon said he's received attorney/client documents on other defendants that he can't look at because they are confidential, and that there also has been release of privileged mediation documents from Detroit's bankruptcy case.

Osikowicz said a hearing on the bankruptcy case is set for Wednesday and will be addressed then as it wasn't appropriate in Tuesday's hearing in Genesee County.

Lennon said he's going to ask the federal judge in the bankruptcy case to "claw back and remove all my attorney-client information and everyone else's."

Crawford, who earlier stayed the proceedings, encouraged the parties to talk and agree to neutral procedures, adding that he would entertain a motion

to modify his stay order if the parties concentrate on moving the case forward. He said there are procedural matters that can occur now without prejudicing the case.

"I had no idea this appeal would take so long," Crawford said.

The attorney general's office charged nine former Flint city and state officials following indictments from a one-judge grand jury. Snyder is charged with two misdemeanor counts of willful neglect of duty, which carries a penalty of up to one year in jail, in connection with the Flint water crisis.

Crawford put the case on hold in March to allow Snyder's team time to appeal his ruling not to quash the indictment and to keep the case in Genesee County. That appeal is pending before a Circuit Court judge.

Lennon earlier argued the case, if it stands, should have been charged in Ingham County because that's where Snyder worked when governor.

The defendants also are waiting for a circuit judge to review grand jury material and to date, some material has been made available to the attorneys, Lennon said, but he isn't aware of "where we are in the process."

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Monthly Jeep gathering at New Union Brewery

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Dave Rupert is the host of a monthly “meet and greet” for area Jeep owners at the New Union Brewery, 400 W. Main.

“I host this with GenRight Offroad out of California, and lately they’ve been getting pretty popular,” Rupert said. “We do it the third Thursday of every month, and we have them booked out to October right now. We usually have about 60 to

having beer and having pizza. We’re lucky enough to have Pitstop Pizza joining us this time, and they’re doing real well. We used to have a food truck, but they moved out of town. We don’t really do any competitions or anything right now, it’s really just hanging out in a social situation. Someday we might do rides or something like that.”

“I think it’s a pretty good

“A lot of meet-ups want you to join their club, and there’s weird politics and stuff,” Rupert said. “We don’t care about any of that. We don’t even care if you have a Jeep! It’s just fun to hang out. Some people want to look at Jeeps before they buy a Jeep. We keep it real cool, and I think our crowd is pretty mellow. Some of the area crowds can be a little rough if you’re a newbie



75 Jeeps show up, and it’s kind of fun. The Jeeps start rolling in around 6:30, with peak attendance probably around 7:30. GenRight Offroad is a Jeep company from out in California, and I’m one of their bigger supporters in Michigan so they asked me to do these monthly meet and greets. It’s just basically everybody getting out, hanging out,

time,” said Jennifer Rupert, David’s wife, who also happened to be hanging around. “It’s a great place for all of the Jeep people to come together, no strings attached.”

Rupert said that there is no official club to join, it’s just a chance to hang out with people who have similar interests, and to compare Jeeps.

or if you’re a novice, but we don’t care about that. We all started new! So it’s easygoing.”

The Jeep gatherings are also a good place to ask around for tips if you have a Jeep that’s been acting up.

“I think the best Jeep you can get right now is the four-door that’s a couple years old,” Rupert said. “The longer wheelbase made them handle a little bit better, there are a lot of parts out there and there’s a lot of community. I have an older generation Jeep, I have a 2003. I could ask any of the people around here with another Jeep just like mine about a problem, and they will all have a solution. That’s part of what I love about it, nobody’s had that problem first. So if you have trouble with your Jeep or you’re a little nervous wrenching on something, remember that nobody’s had that problem



Jennifer and Dave Rupert during last week’s Jeep gathering at New Union Brewery, 400 W. Main, on Thursday, June 17.



first, so everybody will have an answer for you. It’s just a super nice community, and everybody’s real cool. I used

to be into motorcycles, for example, and if you ask a ‘dumb question,’ you really get run through the wringer.”

The next meet and greet event for Jeep owners will be at New Union Brewery on Thursday, July 15.

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1683: William Penn signs a friendship treaty with the indigenous Lenni Lenape people in Pennsylvania.

1713: French residents of Acadia are given one year to declare allegiance to Britain or leave Nova Scotia, Canada.

1780: The Battle of Springfield is fought in and around Springfield, NJ.

1794: Empress Catherine II of Russia grants Jews permission to settle in Kyiv.

1810: John Jacob Astor forms the Pacific Fur Company.

1860: Congress establishes the Government Printing Office.

1865: At Fort Towson, OK, Confederate Brigadier General Stand Watie and the last Confederate troops surrender.

1868: Christopher Latham Sholes receives a patent for the typewriter.

1914: Pancho Villa takes Zacatecas from Victoriano Huerta in the Mexican Revolution.

1926: The College Board administers the first SAT exam.

1931: Wiley Post and Harold Gatty take off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, NY in an attempt to



June 23, 1917: In a game against the Washington Senators, Boston Red Sox pitcher Ernie Shore (left) throws a no-hitter, retiring 26 batters in a row. Shore replaced pitcher Babe Ruth (right) in the first inning. Ruth was ejected from the game when he punched home plate umpire Brick Owens.

circumnavigate the world in a single-engine plane.

1938: The Civil Aeronautics Act is signed into law, forming the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the United States.

1940: Adolf Hitler goes on a three-hour tour of Paris accompanied by architect Albert Speer and sculptor Arno Breker.

1942: Germany's latest fighter aircraft, the Focke-Wulf Fw 190, is captured intact when it mistakenly lands at RAF Pembrey in Wales.

1947: The US Senate follows the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, a federal law restricting the activities and power of labor unions.

1960: The US Food and Drug Administration declares Enovid to be the first officially approved combined oral contraceptive pill in the world.

1967: President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin in Glassboro, NJ to discuss US/Soviet relations at the three-day Glassboro Summit Conference.

1969: Warren E. Burger is sworn in as Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court by retiring Chief Justice Earl Warren.

1972: President Richard M. Nixon and White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman are taped talking about using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's investigation into the Watergate break-ins.

1972: Title IX of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 is amended to prohibit sexual discrimination in any educational program receiving federal funds.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE 21-05

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-21 "SPECIAL LICENSES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN SPECIALLY-LICENSED MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

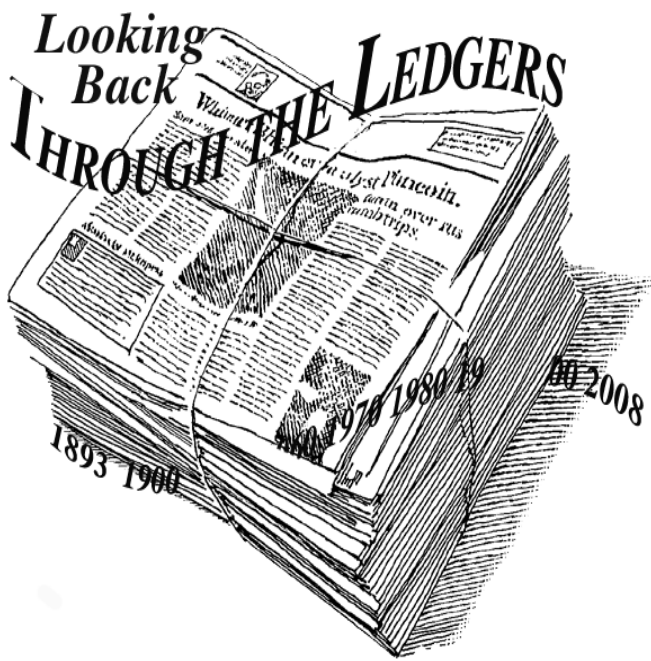
The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-05 amending Section 28-21 "Special Licenses" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on June 21, 2021. Ordinance No. 21-05 clarifies and restates the prohibition of those marihuana establishments designated as special licenses by the State of Michigan or any other special license type not specifically authorized by City ordinance from being located in the City of Lowell. A copy of Ordinance No. 21-05 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 21-05 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger June 26, 1896

Last week, Wednesday, through the courtesy of Trustee Look the Ledger scribe was permitted to visit the city dam and lighting plant. Our first thought as we neared the site, was how on earth the place was ever found. It seems that one night early in preliminary agitation President Bergin and Trustee Lee slipped out of town on a fishing trip taking a boat with them. They drove to Smyrna and putting their boat into the river fished all the way down 'til they found the prettiest dam site on Flat river.

The trial of George T Sullivan, who shot and killed Wm. H Lampman, the keeper of a cheap lodging house, was finished to-night. The jury retired at 4:30 this afternoon and at 9:30 brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The prisoner was at once arraigned for a final disposition of his case, and without any extra words the court sentenced him to twenty-five years at hard labor at Jackson.

Miss Clara Kerby, who was struck with lightning, is improving slowly. She had a piece of flesh taken out of her forehead the size of a two shilling piece, then across her face and down to her foot and out the sole of her shoe, inflicting five holes in her foot like bullet holes. The doctor thinks it followed the bone. It caused no other scars. She is not blind as reported. The doctor thinks it is a remarkable case.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 30, 1921

President Harding still insists on economy in governmental expenses. Hope he gets what he wants and passes the word all down the line to state, county and local governments. It is so easy to spend other people's money, that a lot of folks in public life don't know when to quit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kellog were called to Augusta last Sunday to attend the funeral of their 10-year-old grandson, who died quite suddenly of pneumonia. His father, Lisle Kellog, an old time Ada boy, is well known locally.

Something has been done which never before has been done in Washington. The President and Mrs. Harding have thrown the entire White House, with the exception, of course, of the living rooms, open to the invited guests on the occasion of these lawn parties. Everybody has had full swing of the state dining room, the Blue room, the Red room and the Green room, the big East room and the roof garden surmounting the two low-lying White House annexes.

75 years The Lowell Ledger June 27, 1946

George Herald, who has operated a bakery in Lowell for nearly 20 years, has sold his equipment for lack of a location to move into. Mr. Herald is remaining in Lowell for a time to see if he can find a small building where he can bake pastries, cookies and doughnuts.

The Pere Marquette Railway took delivery last Friday of the two new Diesel locomotives which will power the "Pere Marquettes," Michigan's first diesel-drawn trains and the country's first post-war streamliners which are to be commissioned into service this summer. The Diesels are of the the type used on the nation's fastest scheduled passenger trains Pere Marquette officials asserted. Engineer and fireman sit in deeply upholstered swivel armchairs, intended to lessen fatigue and hence aid alertness, and in the sound-proof cab can converse in ordinary tones, facilitating exchange of signal observation.

50 years The Lowell Ledger July 1, 1971

The Kent County Road Commission is rebuilding and strengthening the old covered bridge over Flat river at Fallsburg about four miles north of the village of Lowell. A road commission bridge crew, under the supervision of L. W. Brunson, bridge engineer, is placing an entirely new floor system on the bridge and is strengthening the wooden trusses with steel plates and steel tie rods so that when the bridge is again opened to traffic, it will be good for the usual legal load of 18,000 pounds per axle.

The first white man to settle in what is now Lowell, was an eighteen-year-old Frenchman from Detroit, by the name of Daniel Marsac (Marsaque). He was tall, straight, athletic and well liked by the Indians. In fact, he first made his home with Chief Wobwindego. He carried on a fair trade with the Indians, but it wasn't until the spring of 1831 that he built a small log cabin trading post, on the south bank of Grand river, directly opposite where Flat river empties into the Grand. There the Indians would exchange fur pelts, berries, and maple sugar, for cloth, beads, ammunition, and whiskey.

25 years The Lowell Ledger June 26, 1996

Proponents of a road extension on Alden Nash received moral support from a joint planning commission, but little else. In a joint session, planning commission members from Lowell Charter Township, Ada Township, the city of Lowell, Cascade Township and Vergennes Township unanimously agreed to support the project, but in the end, the only way the project will move forward is if the county exercises its right to eminent domain.

Saying he wasn't interested in having to talk to people about taking less in the future when he took more, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke turned down a five percent pay increase. Instead Bleke will receive a 3.43 percent, or \$2,500 salary increase. This will bring his salary to \$84,500.

From its obscure beginning to its celebrated present, RL Flo-Master, a division of Root Lowell Manufacturing, has had a corner in the development of the sprayer industry. Whether it's been the corner of East Main and Hudson (now Lemmen Shell) where at one time sprayers pulled by a donkey or horse were first manufactured, or the production of no-pump compressed air sprayers at its current location (1000 Foreman). Root Lowell has strived to make the best sprayers in the world.

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modern camping

Dave Stegehuis

Camping as a recreational activity has changed significantly over the last fifty years. These changes have come about because of cultural, economic and technological influences.

The general public is more aware of the value of getting outdoors to observe and experience nature firsthand. More people have more time and disposable income to spend on extended vacations or at least long weekend breaks. Friends and families find camping an opportunity to gather and socialize in a common setting. Camping also provides a way to travel while cooking your own meals and sleeping in your own bed. Camping can also be a more cost-effective way to travel.

At one time, camping-out was considered roughing it. It was an activity suited for the more adventurous among us. Equipment was minimal and provided some shelter from the weather and a few tools to help out with basic camp chores.

Today, camping is defined by what the individual camper expects to get out of the experience.

Some seek out remote hard to reach places to access fish and game or unique scenery. Others just want to find peace and solitude. Another person may want to travel with a group of relatives or fellow retirees. The majority of campers seem to be regular families that found a way to share a common experience outdoors.

Modern campers have the advantage of the technological advancement of equipment. These improvements have affected everything from tents to motorhomes. Tents come in many different styles. New materials have made them lighter and easier to set-up. Tiny stoves, warm sleeping bags, and dried food packets all loaded into an efficient comfortable backpack makes getting off the grid more enjoyable. Recreational vehicles have all the amenities of home on wheels. Most units are lighter and easier to handle on the road.

For anyone wanting to get outdoors there are a lot of reasons to do so and plenty of ways to do it. Camping-out has become a very popular activity.

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- childhood obesity

In most cases, obesity is the result of an energy imbalance. Energy is measured in calories. Food provides the calories the body uses during normal functioning, everyday activities and exercise. When a person consumes more calories than that person's body uses, those extra calories are stored as fat.

Some health conditions causes weight gain. These problems are uncommon and account for less than one percent of childhood obesity.

Health problems associated with childhood obesity include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, insulin resistance, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, and sleep apnea.

Children who are obese are also more likely to be obese as adults. So

childhood obesity places kids at risk of serious long-term health issues.

Parents and caregivers can help children have a healthy diet and be physically active. Good eating habits should be encouraged. Fresh fruits and vegetables should be offered as snacks. Limit foods like potato chips, cookies and ice cream. Encouraging physical activity. Playing outside is a good way for your child to be active. Look for opportunities for your child to participate in sports.

Reduce screen time. Children spend an average of seven hours a day watching TV and movies, playing video games and surfing the Internet. Parents should monitor and limit their children's screen time if it takes the place of physical activity.

anniversaries

55th wedding anniversary



Jim and Candy Speerstra on their wedding day.

On June 24, 1966, high school sweethearts Candice L. Roth and James R. Speerstra were married at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell.

A year later Jim enlisted in the US Navy and after the first year was sent to the Vietnam War for 12 months at Cam Ranh Bay.

In 1971 the couple returned to Lowell with their three-year-old daughter to begin life as civilians, eventually adding two sons to their family.

Candy earned an AS degree in Medical Assisting at Davenport University in 1985.

Jim's career in food sales and his love of flying combined enabling them to reside and work in Michigan, Alabama, and Florida and to travel from Maine to Miami and New Orleans to the Abacos. Having 'wings' also allowed many trips to visit friends and family in their hometown of Lowell as well as other locations.

Jim and Candy returned to Lowell in 2015 to the Speerstra homestead on Vergennes St.

Daughter, Jennifer (Mike) Bloem lives in Cologne MN; son, Jeff (Amanda) reside in Geneva, IL; and son, Jacob hangs out in St. Petersburg, FL.

Granddaughters are: Allison Bloem and Savannah and Scarlett Speerstra.

This anniversary is not only a milestone to celebrate but also an opportunity to look forward to the years ahead. Real love stories never have endings.



Jim and Candy Speerstra present day.

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Have you ever thought you might need to visit a Social Security office? Chances are you do not. You can probably conduct your business with us without even leaving your home. Our online services page at www.ssa.gov/onlineservices provides you a wide variety of self-service options you can use on your phone,

tablet, or computer. You can even apply for retirement, disability, or Medicare online.

With a personal *my Social Security* account, you can:

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- Request a replacement Social Security card, in most states and the

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- Find out if you qualify for benefits.

Do you receive Social Security benefits or Medicare? If so, you can create or log in to your personal *my Social Security* account to:

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Security, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

- Check your information and benefit amount.

- Change your address and telephone number.

- Start or change your direct deposit.

- Request a

replacement Medicare card.

- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

Report your wages if you work and receive disability benefits or SSI.

Create a personal *my Social Security* account today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to take

advantage of these easy-to-use features. Also, share our online services page with family and friends who need this important information.

area churches



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 865 Lincoln Lake SE • lowellucc.org

Pastor Alyssa Anten
 Worship Service - Sundays 10 AM
 Open Table (No-cost meal) - Thursdays 5 - 6 PM

Open & Affirming • LGBTQ+ Inclusive
 616-897-5906

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 103 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)
 Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21

Access Services at
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 Left hand side, click on Sermons, etc.

Joseph Fremer, Pastor **897-8307**
 All facilities are wheelchair accessible

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 CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES
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 897-7168 • www.fbclowell.org
 Pastor Jon Pickens • Lead Pastor
 Pastor Andrew Bolkcom • Pastor of Discipleship
 Christi Swain • Director of Children's Ministries

SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
LIFE GROUPS.....11:00 AM (Nursery-Adult)
Awana (K-5 during school year) **Wednesday, 6:15 PM**

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL
 897-7060
 Pastor Ryan Landt
 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI
 Website: calvarylowell.org
 Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Weekly Prayer Meeting - Mondays7 PM
 Barrier-Free

St. Mary Catholic Church
 402 Amity Street • 616-897-9820
 Website: www.stmarylowell.com
 Weekend Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 10:30 am
 Confession: Saturdays 3-4:30 pm
 Prayer & Adoration: Wednesdays 8 am to 7 pm
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN TO ADULTS

happy birthday

JUNE 23
 Jane Rogers, Brinna Manszewski, Fetterhoff, Wingerter.

JUNE 24
 Saralyn Vezino, Gay Pfaller, Ramee Guild, Fred Fyan, Roger Barr.

JUNE 25
 Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero, Judy Taylor.

JUNE 26
 Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Dwane Cavanaugh, Pat Roth, Hunter Jamieson, David Scott, J.R. Alstine, Elliot Peel.

JUNE 27
 Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.

JUNE 28
 Brian Doyle.

JUNE 29
 Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons, Trevor Wernet.

Hundreds attend first Sizzlin' Summer Concert of 2021



On Thursday, June 17, hundreds of people attended the first Sizzlin' Summer Concert in Lowell since 2019.

Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys' country rock was well-received by the crowd who were desperate for live music after the pandemic.

This Thursday's free concert is by Lighten Up Francis, a pop rock cover band from West Michigan.

For more information, visit lowellarts.com or discoverlowell.org.

Things may look different here at Family Dentistry of Lowell...



but we are the same welcoming, compassionate team we have always been!

147 N. Center Street, Lowell
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CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

At their regular meeting on June 21, 2021, the Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance #21-06, which approved an amendment to rezone a parcel of land located at 746 W. Main Street (PPN 41-20-02-376-017) and a parcel of land located at 728 W. Main Street (PPN 41-20-02-376-018) to the C3 General Business district. This Ordinance was adopted after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission after conducting a public hearing on June 14, 2021. This amendment is expressly subject to the conditions and regulations of Ordinance #21-06 and applicable provisions of the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance.

Copies of Ordinance #21-06 can be viewed at Lowell City Hall during regular business hours. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following two requests from Gabe Dean:

REQUESTS:

1. A request for a Special Land Use Permit to establish a self-storage facility on a 3.19-acre parcel in the Light Industrial Zoning District. The project would have 41 storage units in the first phase and 29 in the second phase.
2. A request for a Special Land Use Permit to establish a contractor business, specifically an asphalt maintenance business, on the same 3.19-acre parcel in the Light Industrial Zoning District.

GENERAL LOCATION: The property is located at 13565 Grand River Avenue which is the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Jackson Street/Grand River Avenue. Several businesses, Sports Addix and Noon Tire, currently operate on the property.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Any person is welcome to attend the meeting and offer comments regarding this request. Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Materials pertaining to this request may also be viewed on the Township web site at www.lowelltp.org five days before the meeting.

Scott Edwards, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

Opening night on the Lowell Showboat with Louis Armstrong in 1967



by Gerrit Willem Lamain

In 1967, I was hired for the second year as musical director of the Lowell Showboat. My first year on the Showboat was 1966, working with Bob Newhart, a future story.

Lowell is a small, idyllic farming community just 16 miles east of Grand Rapids. I call it the Lake Wobegon of Michigan. It's a quiet little town, and most of its population works in or around Grand Rapids. In the morning the town empties, and in the evening it fills up again. Most of the year, "tranquility base" could be its moniker, but for one week each year during the 1960s and 70s the town came alive, and tranquility was replaced with sounds of music and laughter. You see, that's when the Lowell Showboat came into view. It navigated Cat Tail Bend in the Flat River and, with the band playing and the chorus singing "Here Comes the Showboat," it pulled up in front of the grandstand filled with the anticipating crowd, and another Lowell Showboat extravaganza would begin.

Each year a major Hollywood entertainer was hired to headline the show. Louis Armstrong, the world famous jazz trumpeter/entertainer was the headliner for 1967. The ultimate financial success of the show depended on the drawing power of the headliners - money brought in. This is not to belittle all the other entertainers who were part of the total package, but "the bigger the name, the better the draw," and Louis Armstrong was the biggest!

Imagine how I felt when the Showboat board informed me of their choice for the 1967 headliner. I was given the opportunity to be in the presence of, to work with, to talk to, and to learn from the great Louis Armstrong for a whole week! I had been teaching for just four years and was beginning to establish a reputation in the Grand

Rapids area. I had been on a local radio station with a weekly program of organ hymn improvisations. I had made a number of organ recordings that were sold nationwide in religious book stores, and my high school choir was beginning to make a reputation for itself. In 1966 I directed and produced my first Broadway musical, "The Sound of Music," and began as Showboat music director with Bob Newhart as the headliner. Little did I realize that in the years to come I would sit on the Showboat stage next to icons like Louis Armstrong, Milton Berle and Dinah Shore.



Louis Armstrong arriving in Grand Rapids.

On Monday morning, opening day, I was introduced to Louis - the great "Satchmo," as he was lovingly called. He went out of his way to make me feel comfortable. We talked a little about the show's format. I assured him that we were all deeply honored to have him on "the boat" and we would do everything possible to make his time in Lowell special.

The previous Sunday night, I had received a call from one of the Grand Rapids NAACP organizers. Grand Rapids was on the edge of some severe racial uprisings. He knew that I would be with Louis during the noon luncheon on Monday in the school's cafeteria. It was by invitation only and was sponsored by

the Lowell Rotary Club; it was a fundraiser for the club. The caller said, "I know you are the president of the North Grand Rapids Rotary Club and also the musical director for the Showboat. Would you please try to persuade Louis to come to the Grand Rapids inner-city for a short visit? Racial tensions are high, and Louis coming to the inner-city might lower tensions somewhat."

I felt quite inadequate in being able to carry out the request, but I promised him I would do my best.

At the conclusion of my meeting with Louis, I informed him and his manager of the request to

make a short visit to the inner-city. They discussed it briefly, and then gave their approval. The Grand Rapids meeting would take place right after the noon luncheon. They would follow my car to the meeting site, and then they would "take it from there." I thanked them and rushed off to find a phone to call my NAACP contact. Upon hearing the good news, he thanked me profusely and then went off to spread the news: "Louis is coming! Louis is coming!"

The luncheon was an overwhelming success. I remember they served fried chicken with gravy, biscuits, potatoes and vegetables, with ice cream for dessert. After the luncheon there were the usual introductions

of special guests and then it was Louis Armstrong and his All Stars' turn. It was wonderful! The group played a few of their best known hits. At the end of the short concert Louis stood silently for a moment. Slowly, the noise in the room came to a halt, and then it became very, very quiet. Not a sound was heard. Slowly, Louis walked up to the mike, looked over the crowd and he began to speak. He said, "Folks, I have a little message for you."

The band began to play ever so softly and then Louis spoke and sang, "When you walk through a storm, keep your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark."

Here was the gospel preacher speaking to his flock. We all knew that Louis was aware of the conditions in the inner-city of Grand Rapids. We were literally standing on the edge of racial violence and here was the preacher telling us to, "Walk on through the rain, walk on through the rain, though your dreams be tossed and blown." Underneath the music I could hear the soft sobs of members of the audience. Others unashamedly wiped away the tears that freely flowed. The preacher went on and told us all to, "Walk on, walk on, with hope in your hearts, and you'll never walk alone. You'll never walk alone."

The song ended and the quiet was deafening. Somehow this man, this musical prophet, spoke the simple message of hope. It was reminiscent of the Old Testament prophet, Ezekiel, who spoke to the people of Israel, "Now hear the word of the Lord."

We heard, and we had hope again.

The program ended and it was time to bring Louis to Grand Rapids. I walked him to his limo and I was struck by how old he looked. I suppose the years had not been easy on him. I brought my car up next to the limo so his driver would know which car to follow, and off we went to Grand Rapids. When we arrived at the prearranged place, I stopped my car and the limo pulled up behind me. I walked up to the limo, opened the door, and for a moment I thought

I had the wrong car. The little man sitting scrunched down in the back seat of the huge limo looked like a senior version of the Louis I had just seen in Lowell. A tall Black gentleman with a booming voice walked up and said, "Hey Louis! Good to see you, man!"

The word "metamorphosis" best describes what I witnessed. The "old Louis" became the young, energetic Louis. Somehow in the twinkling of an eye he lost 20-40 pounds and he, ever the showman, jumped out of the limo and greeted his waiting audience. It was truly a miracle. I stuck around for a few more minutes, gave the limo driver instructions for getting Louis back to his hotel, and then I went home to spend some time with my family. Tonight was opening night with Louis Armstrong!

A couple hours later I was back in Lowell, on the boat, and we were gently moving down the Flat River. We rounded Cat Tail Bend and were welcomed by the cheers of thousands of spectators in the grandstand.

The show began and the various acts performed. My showboat chorus gave their best performance ever. I must admit that directing the chorus and performing in front of Louis Armstrong made my adrenaline flow! The evening flew by, and then it was time for Louis and the All Stars. They gave a dazzling performance.

Jewel Brown, the group's talented and very attractive singer, was next. As she stepped up to her mike, giant shafts bathed her in thousands of watts of white light. It was a hot, muggy night on the river and Jewel had dressed accordingly. She wore a stunning white gown with shiny sequins covering the front. Unfortunately, because of the heat, she had decided to wear little else under the dress, and the massive lights made the lack of undergarments very apparent to everyone sitting on the stage behind her. I was sitting next to Louis, and he turned to me and said, "Dat dress gotta go!" Needless to say, that was a "wardrobe malfunction" that was changed for the next night's performance.

"Opening night"

traditionally is the night when flaws in a production are found and fixed. Our opening night was no different. One of the members of Louis' band was a clarinetist. He seemed a bit strange, but I assumed that was "just the way he was." He was introduced to play his solo version of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." It started out quite traditionally, but soon the jazz improv began to soar and soar and soar. It went beyond the moon and the stars and soared into that endless beyond. There were leaps and runs and trills. It was one long cadenza. It was an improvisation upon an improvisation. The musicians in the band knew right away what was going on, but how do you stop a runaway musical train? The wildness finally ended. The melodic line came home, and the opening notes for "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" signaled the end. "Let it be, Lord. Let it be." The music and the musician came to rest. The runaway train had arrived back in the station. The audience sat in stunned silence, and then broke into prolonged, wild applause. I think they realized that they had just witnessed and heard something that they would never hear again. By Tuesday night the clarinetist had been replaced. The reason? One of the All Stars told me, "he was higher than a kite, and Louis don't want that."

Time will never erase the memories of spending six nights, seated next to, talking with, performing in front of and hearing the ultimate jazz musician perform on the stage of the Lowell Showboat. Most of all, I treasure the memories of this great man who, fully recognized that I was a mere musical beginner. He took me under his wing and with his kind spirit nurtured me and gave me the courage to go on and develop whatever gifts the Creator had given me. He did not expect me to be at his level. He came down to mine, took me by the hand, and told me to, "Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone! You'll never walk alone!"

You were right, Louis. You were so right!

Gerrit W. Lamain was the musical director for the Lowell Showboat in the 1960s. Since then, he has taught music in public schools and universities in Michigan and Minnesota, and has worked as a hockey organist and a church organist. He has directed musicals, appeared on TV numerous times and has made several records and CDs of organ music. He has written for the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton, MI and is currently working on a memoir called "My Song of Life."

Opening day at Lowell Area Farmers Market

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Farmers Market opened for the season last Thursday, June 17.

About a dozen vendors lined up facing M-21 in the parking lot of Impact Church, 11840 E. Fulton. Products for sale on opening day included jewelry, soap, plants, vegetables, fudge, honey, candles and more.

“It’s been great, just wonderful,” said Rachel Cooper, co-owner of Hippieluent, a brand new company selling handmade candles, handmade jewelry and handmade jewelry buried inside of handmade candles.

“We sell mystery jewelry candles,” said Annika Deridder, co-owner of Hippieluent. “Our 16 ounce candles feature a gold foil inside of them about halfway down. It takes about 80 hours to burn the candle itself, and about 40 hours to get to the jewelry. And the jewelry could be anything



Annika Deridder and Rachel Cooper, co-owners of Hippieluent, a new company that makes ‘mystery jewelry candles.’

from a wire wrap pendant, to a pair of earrings, to maybe even a charm you put on your necklace or your bracelet. There’s a big company that makes

mystery ring candles. We wanted to make a cost-friendly version of it that is all handmade. We use soy wax, essential oils, trying to make it as natural and

for a couple of years now. We are definitely not a commercial greenhouse, and today we have our spring starts. We will have flowers planted and potted up as well throughout the season, and lots of produce and vegetables and all that good stuff. We have a farm stand that’s open 24/7 at our place on the corner of Whites Bridge and Sparks Rd. That’s always available. We also started home delivery last year, so we can get vegetables and all sorts of farm goods right to your doorstep.”

“I’m selling jewelry and all kinds of little trinkets. I’m basically a collector of charms, and I make necklaces out of all of them,” said artisan Andrea Savage. “I collect them from all over. I’ve got kids rings, pins, bracelets, some stuff for Pride Month and whatnot. When I started monkeying around with doing jewelry, I called myself ‘Monkey Business Jewelry.’ Well, that was already taken by at least two people, so now I call myself ‘Monkey Mama Jewelry.’ I enjoy doing it, and it keeps me out of trouble! It’s a beautiful day. It’s my first time here. I hope they add more vendors during the season.”

“We’re just starting out, this is our first farmers market, so it’s a huge learning experience for us,” Deridder said. “It’s awesome to be out here and actually sell things that we made with our hands. It’s amazing. Neither of us has ever sold things that we’ve made with our hands before, so this is definitely gratifying. It’s a very gratifying feeling to be able to do this and be out here today.”

“I think the new setup and the different orientation gives us a lot more

visibility with the road frontage here,” Stawasz said. “Previously where it was located you could only kind of see us from one direction. This is front and center and in your face, and that should help draw some more folks in, which is great. We’ve gotten a lot of comments about how it’s hard for some people right now because it’s from 9 to 3 on Thursdays when folks are at work. So we might be able to work with

market leadership and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to expand that in some capacity to try to be available for more folks.”

The market will be open from 10 am until 3 pm every Thursday through Sept. 9.

For more information, including an updated list of vendors, visit discoverlowell.org/farmers-market/ or call 616-897-9161.



Andrea Savage of Monkey Mama Jewelry with a selection of her handmade charm necklaces.

Earth friendly as possible. Our eight ounce candles feature three bracelets on the outside of them, rather than jewelry on the inside. And then if you don’t want to buy the jewelry and the candle, we sell jewelry separately as well. We have wire-wrapped crystals, we have earrings and we have all different kinds of bracelets. We have the festival bracelets and we also have the chain ones so you can change the sizes. And we do everything all handmade all by ourselves.”

“We do pasture-raised chickens and eggs as well as organic vegetables,” said David Stawasz, owner of Better Place Farm. “We’ve got lots of plants at the moment, and veggies are on the way. We’re here locally in Lowell, in the Whites Bridge area, and we have done the market

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

Proposed Adult Use Marihuana Establishment at 2384 W. Main Street

An application has been submitted by NU Group LLC for an adult use marihuana establishment (a marihuana retailer) at 2384 W. Main Street (PPN 41-20-03-370-031). Adult use marihuana establishments are permitted in the C-3 zoning district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of application and the City’s Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days’ notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Respectfully,
Susan Ullery
Lowell City Clerk

college news

Molly Mullett and Molly Puglessi, both of Ada, have been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has announced the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2021 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Local students from Ada included: Dylan Cole, pursuing a Bachelor

of Science in Biomedical Sciences; Jaelyn Goble, pursuing a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies; Kole Kloostra, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication; and Ellie Kunkel, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Northern Michigan University announces its Dean's List for the winter 2021 semester.

The following local students qualified with a grade point average of 4.00: of Ada: Lauren Aud, Meghan Meyer, Lena Ostergren; of Belding: Hannah Wilder; of Lowell: Claire Jorgensen.

The following local students qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99: of Ada: Rachel Cole, Ethan Hale, Olivia Jarzabek, Brendan Juarez, Jacob Lenderink; of Belding: Tommie Rice; of Lowell: Lindsey Bradeen, Keana Fahrni, Marlie Fowler.

Alma College has released the Dean's List for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2021 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Those students from your area named to the Dean's List include: of Alto: Ava Frederickson and

Elizabeth Vredevelt; of Lowell: Mitchell Bussell, Zackery Post and, Jacob Reagan; and of Saranac: Michael Wojcik.

Northern Michigan University announces its graduates. The following students from your area satisfied their degree requirements in May 2021.

Baccalaureate Degree: Hannah Wilder, of Belding, Bachelor of Science, Writing, Cum Laude; and Lindsey Bradeen, of Lowell, Bachelor of Science, Marketing.

Niklaas Kurth of Alto,

was among the over 1,500 students named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2021 spring semester.

Kurth is studying Aviation Flight Management in the College of Aviation Science Technology at Lewis University.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Justin Heaton of Alto and Garret Taylor of Lowell were among the 11,813 students enrolled during the spring 2021 term at The

University of Alabama who made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).

Carthage College has named Mary Peterson of Alto to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring 2021 semester.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Peterson also graduated from Carthage College, which gave the Class of 2021 a one-of-a-kind sendoff.

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, announced that Alexis Suwyn, of Ada, was named to the college's Dean's List for spring 2021.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. Adult undergraduate students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.8 or better in six or more graded credits earn this honor. Traditional undergraduate students who attend Trinity full-time and earned a 3.5 grade point average earn this honor.

Athletic department projects continue progress

One project that is nearer to completion is the update to the main gym at the high school. The Wall of Champions listing all the MHSAA State Championships and Runner-up finishes replaced the banners that were hanging in the gym.

"With all the success of our teams, we ran out of space to hang those banners in the gym so the Wall of Champions was created and it is a beautiful addition to the gym along with the new gym floor and walls being painted," said Lowell High School Athletic Director Dee Crowley.

One more addition to the gym A.D. Crowley would like to see added is "Red Arrows" similar to what is currently at Bob



Lowell's Troy Taylor taking a three-point shot. In the background is the high school's new Wall of Champions.

Perry Field also being installed in the main gym.

"Liz Pratt helped to update the Red Arrow

Memorial Stadium with the Red Arrows sign on the pressbox, and it made it 'pop' and it just looks great.

Something similar added to the north wall in the gym would add a lot to the gym."

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The July Board of Review will meet as follows:

Monday, July 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm

MCL Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Act, PA 260 of 1893, provides for corrections of clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures and the corrections of Principal Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 3rd Monday in July.

On July 19, 2021, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 1:00 pm in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

City of Lowell Clerk
Sue Ullery

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of Larry McNeal Guardianship File No. 21-209442-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his son, Larry McNeal Jr. 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:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on August 17, 2021, at 9:00 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: June 21, 2021

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 558-7608

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC
Atty.s. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)
109 E. Main St., Suite 11
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 633-0196

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 21-209402-DE

Estate of THOMAS R. WIELINGA, SR. Date of birth: Oct. 19, 1939.

TO ALL CREDITORS: June 15, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas R. Wielinga, Sr., died March 5, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tonja Sue Lanting, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Tonja Sue Lanting
2182 Brinn Vista Dr.
Ostego, MI 49078

ABCs of Lowell history

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.

K is for John Kopf

John Kopf (1828-1888) was a German cabinetmaker who immigrated to America in 1848. He married Mary Jane Lang in New York. John was 26 and Mary was 21 when they arrived in Lowell in 1854, along with the Lang family and John's brother, Goodrich Kopf. Once here, John built a small cabinet shop. The Odawa were frequent visitors. Mrs. Coo-moo-say, wife of a local Odawa merchant, gave a red wool jacket to one of the Kopf babies.

Around 1856, John purchased 12 acres of land from Seth Cogswell (who had purchased it from fur trader Daniel Marsac) along with the water power from the creek. "Kopf's Creek" flows into the Grand River from the south, slightly east of where the Flat River joins the Grand. The family moved into their new house in 1857. It still stands on the north side of Grand River Avenue. Their daughter Edith remembered "the maple, poplar and wild cherry trees around the old home, the creek where the wading was the best, the boiling springs not far

from the road bridge which crosses the creek where the children from the brick school on the hill would go for drinking water, the dam where we could raise a plank and watch the water go through, the water wheel in motion, the chute where the sawdust was carried out of the factory and we could slide down into the pile of sawdust."

John built a factory at a cost of \$12,000 including machinery which became known as "Kopf Furniture Factory" and "Lowell Furniture Company" (1881-1888). The Kopf Factory began production in 1867 and grew to include 14 buildings. Windsor and cane seat chairs of cherry and walnut were the specialty. At first, Mary Jane and the older girls did all of the caning. Later, other women were hired but the caning was always done by hand. They turned out 20,000 chairs annually in the peak of their production. Other items produced were stands, drop-

leaf tables, desks, bed-stands and caskets. The power source for the factory was from a dam on Kopf Creek. "The spring in the creek flows 2 cubic feet per second and never dries or freezes up. The mill pond also supplied the water for the Lowell & Hastings Railroad and the Tucker Wood Implement Factory upstream."

Sales, both wholesale and retail, and shipping were handled in town in the three-story brick building at 212 E Main Street which Kopf built for that purpose. The basement was used to store furniture; the first floor was filled with first class furniture, a watch and clock repair, silverware and jewelry; the second floor had parlor furniture; the third floor had caskets, furniture and the painting room.

The Kopfs had nine children. Their firstborn, John Jr, passed away at eight months. Mary maintained an old-fashioned garden where she grew flowers and herbs to care for the sick and honor



Kopf House.

in need and would drop everything to help others. She spent her Decoration Day placing flowers on neglected graves and had a special place in her heart for the grave of an Odawa child who died around the same time her son did. Several of

was built on the river side of their property in 1858. The Kopf's opened their home to those in need taking in 17-month old Dora Hildreth when her parents died and Roena Bangs with her three young children.

Active in civic affairs, John Kopf was co-founder of Loan National Bank, served on the Lowell Board of Education, was a trustee for the Congregational Church when it was being

built, and a member of Hooker Chapter Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templar. John died in 1888 at the age of 60. Mary was the oldest female resident of Lowell, called the "Grand Lady of Segwun" when she died June 16, 1926, at the age of 93.



Kopf factory complex.

the dead. She suffered from a nervous disorder and may have benefited from the herbs herself. The children waded in the creek to collect pretty stones to surround the individual beds in her garden. Mary was known never to refuse anyone

Mary's tulips were donated to John Ball Park when it was built.

The Kopf home was known as "Kopftown" and mail arrived addressed as such. Visitors often stayed there in order to catch the early morning train which



Chair made at Kopf Furniture Factory in the 1880s. It has a caned seat and a floral stencil on the upper back rest. It was donated to the Museum by Phil and Jan Johnson who were relatives of the Kopfs.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

Proposed Adult Use Marihuana Establishment at 126 S. West Avenue SE

An application has been submitted by LTD Holdings LLC ("Iconic Wellness") for an adult use marihuana establishment (a marihuana retailer) at 126 S. West Avenue SE (PPN 41-20-02-353-002). Adult use marihuana establishments are permitted in the C-3 zoning district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of application and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Respectfully,
 Susan Ullery
 Lowell City Clerk

obituaries

ADELMAN

Karen Marie Adelman (Doyle), age 62, died Sunday, June 13, 2021. Karen was a 1977 graduate of Lowell High School. She was preceded in death by her first husband, David Ison; her parents, King and Mary Louise Doyle; stepmother, Marie Doyle; and twin brother, Kevin Doyle. Karen is survived by her husband of 22 years, Fred Adelman; sisters, Louise (Carl) Berasi, Sharon Hawkins; brother, Brian (Cheryl) Doyle; in-laws, Gary (Barb) Adelman, Susan Meade; aunts and uncle, Joann and Ray Case, Sue Doyle; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Karen suffered from mental and physical ailments for most of her life. She had the great fortune to work with Sandy Stevens many years ago at a Grand Rapids restaurant. Sandy and her husband, Bob, were guardian angels of Karen's at all turns of her life from almost the day they met right up to the moment of her death. The family would like to thank the Spectrum Health Blodgett doctors, nurses, and staff for the truly loving care they gave Karen for the 10 days she spent in their care. Mass of Christian Burial took place 11 AM on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 402 Amity Street Lowell, Michigan 49331, visitation was held one hour prior. Fr. Aaron Ferris presided. There was no luncheon due to the pandemic.



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LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of Douglas Fox Guardianship File No. 21-209326-GA

at 9:00 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.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his wife Abigail Fox and children: Jennifer Newton and Christopher Fox 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:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on August 30, 2021,

Dated: June 21, 2021
Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 490-9660

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)
109 E. Main St., Suite 11 Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 633-0196

PETERSON

Wayne David Peterson, age 85 of Lowell, formerly from Ada and Lapeer, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Born April 6, 1936, in Northport, he grew up in Traverse City. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; parents; and brother, Lee Peterson. He is survived by his sons, David (Susan) Peterson, Bruce (Lara Merkhofer Lambrecht) Peterson; grandchildren, Ben (Emma), Liam, Hannah; step-granddaughters Vanessa and Kira; brother, Doug (Toni) Peterson; sister, Marge (Bob) Endriss; and several nieces and nephews. Sharon and Wayne met at Central Michigan University; and they wed August 23, 1962, in Warren. Wayne taught history for many years at Lapeer West High School. After retiring, Sharon and Wayne moved to Ada to be closer to their children and grandchildren and enjoyed many years of traveling. A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 1 PM Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan, 49331. The family greeted friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral home chapel. Rev. Chaplin Madelyn Thompson of Kindred Hospice officiated. Immediately following services, a luncheon was held at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan, 49331, for a time of food and fellowship. Interment Findlay Cemetery, Ada Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Kindred Hospice, 625 Kenmoor Ave SE Ste 115 Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



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SMITH

Elizabeth "Betty" Pauline Smith, age 95 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord, Saturday, June 12, 2021. She was born March 28, 1926, in Wyoming Township, to Peter and Elizabeth Baker. She was preceded in death by her son, Donald Smith; granddaughter, Maria Rottier; her parents; and also all of her siblings. She is survived by her husband, Emerson of 73 years; daughters, Mary (Bob) Rottier, Sara Steenwyk; daughter-in-law, Jackie Smith; brothers-in-law, Bert Boes, Bernard Smith; sister-in-law, Marge Baker; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Betty and Emerson farmed together for over 60 years and were members of the Alton Bible Church for 62 years. Visitation was held Monday, June 21, from 6-8 PM at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Avenue, NE, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The funeral service was held Tuesday, June 22, at 11 AM at Alton Bible Church with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. In memory of Betty Smith, memorial contributions may be made to the Alton Church Society.



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DOEZEMA



Richard (Dick) M. Doezema, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps (Retired) has completed his journey on earth and has gone home to Jesus on June 18, 2021. Dick was born in Grand Rapids, MI in 1924. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Barbara (Bobbie), infant daughter, Darby, his second wife, Jamie Emerick, sisters Marjorie Post and Donna Blocher, brother John Linton, brothers-in-law Gerrit Post and Paul Blocher, grandson Scott Brewer and Jamie's children Daniel Emerick and Jennifer VanSumeren. He is survived by his wife Jan (Ballas) Doezema and his children, Robin (Allen) Barton, Sharon (David) Brewer, Dawn (Douglas) Seeley, his grandchildren, Matthew (Catherine) Barton, Rebecca (Chris) Hirt, Dillon (Isa) Seeley, Dana Seeley, Stacy Brewer, and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by son-in-law Thomas VanSumeren, Tom's children William and Benjamin, Jan's daughter Tera (Jeff) Young and their children Cora and Lily. Yes, he served all of us as a Marine and farmer, but a big part of his heart was reserved for his family. Teaching morals, kindness, history, respect, honor, love, serving others and faithfulness through the stories of his life. Teaching us all how to fish, garden, drive a tractor, negotiate, catching baby animals as they are born, make vegetable soup.... He attended Caledonia High School. During his junior year, he joined the Marine Corps. He participated in the invasion of Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and the occupation of Japan after WWII. He landed at Inchon, Korea as Artillery Forward Observer with a Marine Infantry Company. He participated in six campaigns including the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea with temperatures 30°F below zero, was wounded twice and received the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart with a Gold Star for his service in Korea. He completed high school through the GED test and received his diploma from Caledonia High School. He graduated from the University of Omaha with majors in History and Political Science. He was the Honored Alumnus of the Caledonia Education Association. He served 22 years in the Marine Corps including two years with the Navy and three years with the Army at Fort Sill, OK. Dick retired from the Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel and became a farmer near Lowell. Dick was a life member of the Legion of Valor, the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Military Order of the Purple Heart. Dick served in many positions at Snow United Methodist Church of Lowell as well as with the UMC District and Conference. He is remembered for his work for World Hunger including the Grand Rapids and Lowell Hunger Walks. Dick gained the greatest satisfaction and joy from his work at Snow Church and for World Hunger that took him to Senegal, Africa, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, India, and Bangladesh. A highlight of his travels was the opportunity to meet and speak with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India. He married Jamie Emerick and enjoyed their many travels until Jamie passed. A few years later, Dick married Jan Ballas and they lived in Michigan during the summer and wintered in Florida. Jan brought friendship and laughter to his life. She has served as his loyal champion. Words cannot express our profound appreciation to Hospice of Michigan, especially Theresa and Erika. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hospice of Michigan (hom.org) or Wounded Warriors (woundedwarriorproject.org/donate). Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2021, at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Road SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021, at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Road SE, Ada MI, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Kyle Pierpont officiating. Interment at Whitneyville Cemetery.



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Caden Dennie
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Aidan Dennings
Maevae Dougherty
Dawson Douma
Gage Dutkiewicz
Reid Eldred
Christopher Elwell
Drew Ferrill
Isabelle Field
Aidan Fitzpatrick
Sophia Flickinger
Lucinda Foreman
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David Foster
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Makayla Socall
Alyssa Spanbauer
Stephanie Spinella
Olivia Staley
Hunter Stepanovich
Trevor Stewart
Brady Strouse
Celso Tapia
Jacob Thomas
Wyatt Thompson
Kadence Tiede
Brooke Tindall
Kevin Topolinski
Kiera Troost
Laney VanAssen
Kira VanGorp
Noah VanLaan
Alexandria VanTil
Grace VanTimmeren
Andrew Veldman
Vivian VerHulst
Delaney Viewig
Lauren Visscher
Henry Vredevelt
Mason Wade
Emmaline Wasciuk
Jordan Watkins
Tallin Westrate-Critchett
Courtney Witten
Brenden Wittenbach
Alyssa Woern
Luke Wolters
Gabrielle Yeary
Caleb Yomtoob

11th Grade

Amber Backing
Kira Bailey-Waldron
Norah Baker
Olivia Barber
Paige Barnhart
January Basinger
Blake Bennett
Samantha Bennett
Kendra Berg
Alexis Berrington
Carter Blough
Madison Borrelli
Elyse Bosscher
Travis Boyd
Robert Brabant
Eric Bryce
Hayden Burt
Kaylee Byrne
Cailey Calhoun
Owen Carpenter
Tatum Chambers-Lawrence
Jasmine Clark
Nathan Cleaver
William Compton
Carra Couturier
Madison Coviak
Jazlynn Cowling
Kalel Creasy

Jacob Cremer
Emma Cross
Ella Cusack
Thomas Danaher
Emma Dawson
Ella DeRuiter
Hanna DeVries
Aiden Dial
Anna Doyle
Jared Elliott
Mackenzie Elve
Savannah Escobedo
Joshua Fabis
Justus Farrell
Connor Fitzpatrick
Evelyn Fleszar
Aden Folk
Greta Forward
Jackson Fowler
Sawyer Fowler
Carson Gaines
Winton Garrelts
Malia Garrison
Emily German
Rosemary Goodwin
Shea Goodwin
Danton Goulet
Joseph Graham
Leah Halstead
Lanndon Hamilton
Jamara Harper
Caleb Hasapis
Dethan Hawk
Zachary Hayes
Robert Hays
Cole Herring
Alexis Hofmann
Taylor Holdridge
Macyen Huver
Brynn Jackson
Jaymie Johnson
David Kaczanowski
Samuel Kaminski
Delaney Kelley
Evan Klein
Brooke Knottnerus
Ty Knottnerus
Amber Koepsell
Lillian Kooistra
Brianna Laux
David Lay
Madison Liley
James Link
Hayden Lowrie
Logan MacLachlan
Jackson MacNaughton
John McCarthy
Kaylee McLarty
Aidan McWayne
Mason Meadows
Benjamin Mika
Bailey Miller
Ramsy Mutschler
William Neeley
Branch Nietling
Morgan North
Kaden Northup
Kyra Northup
Lundy Olesko
Cole Opperman
Maureen Paquette
Tyler Peterson
Ethan Post
Eliot Raimier
Aubrey Rasch
Joshua Rau
Caleb Ray
Colton Ritchie
Carlee Rogers
Kadience Rogers
Dominick Ronchetti
Alexis Royer
Dana Sanders
Jadan Sanders
Cierra Sayer
Emma Schmidt
Isabella Schmidt
Evyon Schneider
Emma Schulte
Evan Schulte
Andrew Serne
Emily Shay
Kaitlyn Slezak
Garrett Smith
Gage Snarski
Preston Sobek
Jeselyn Spaulding
Kyler Spike
Haleigh Strouse

Emily Struckmeyer
Adam Swanson
Joseph Swanson
Brody Swift
Avery Szymanski
Leonardo Tavarone
Mia Tavarone
Moira Thayer
Kaitlynn Thompson
Olivia Torline
Justin Troost
Sean Truba
Samuel VandenHout
Cole Vandervest
Haley VanGorp
Taryn VanNoy
Madelynn Visscher
Jordyn Vriesman
Alexander Weber
Kennedi Weed
Sterling Weeks
Jonah Wegscheidler
Amelia Wells
Alexander Wenger
Marissa Wever
Hunter Wieland
Shelby Wilcox
Lillianna Williams
Julia Wilterink
Aaron Young
Michelle Zou

12th Grade

Raven Jake Adamczak
Madison Alcalá
Ruth Anderson
Delaney Beimers
Ethan Bierlein
Korey Boersen
Jacob Bonney
Benjermen Brandt
William Brandt
Casper Broene
Madison Brown
Kailyn Bruce
Dayle Brushaber
Addison Bruwer
Zachary Callihan
Michael Camphouse
Miya Cance
Anthony Chertos
Jacob Chrisman
Nathaniel Clark
Kylie Collins
Cameron Comeaux
Caroline Cooper
Kristina Dalessandro
Parker Davis
William de Voest
Doak Dean
Emalie DeBoer
Alex DeBold
Gavin DeKam
Evyon Dent
Mason DeRaad
Nicholas DeRuiter
Nathaniel Dewitt
Kaylee Diamond
Rohan Dixon
Samuel Dougherty
Austin Douma
Sean Edwards
Macy Escobar
Dorothy Estes
Markret Farrell
Melissa Field
Miranda Flier
William Forney
Jonathan Franz
Paige Frazer
Aurora Fredricks
Andrew Fuss
Joelle Garcia
Aleiha Gates
Kayla Gauw
Erin Gibbons
Josiah Gissendanner
Reese Gonzales
Landon Grant
Bridget Gray
Hallie Greenop
McKenna Grody
Amber Grover
Averi Haas
Andrew Hackstedt
Amber Hadley

Lauren Haff
Hailey Halfmann
Emma Hall
Ethan Hall
Hannah Harig
Travis Harvey
Jake Hessler
Dillon Hieshetter
Sierra Hieshetter
Hailee Hinerman
Kathryn Hock
Ethan Hoevenaar
Kara Hoffert
Emma Hollern
Madison Hook
Sophie Hruska
Alexander Hudson
Cole Huisman
Tressa Huizinga
Sydney Hulst
Kailyn Inderbitzin
Nora Jannenga
Madison Johnson
Theresa Judd
Kira Jungblut
Alexis Kapcia
Caeden Kaufman
Mikayla Keller
Elliott Kelley
Gavin Kelly
Marcus Kenkel
Peter Kooi
Anthony Koster
Kari Kroll
Kelci Kurti
Abbie Ladner
Ryan Landgren
Aubri Lemke
Rachel Leppert
Kacey Leverage
Rachel Lezan
Ella Limbers
William Link
Samuel Lixie
Samantha Lombardo
John Lothian
Grant Lupton
Phillip MacDermaid
Isabelle Magnanti
Aiden Malone
Kendra Martino
Kobie Mast
Marlie McDonald
Zeke McMeeken
Blake Mead
Joshua Meier
Brooke Meijer
Oscar Melby
Molly Meyers
Mackenzie Miller
Nikola Miller
Carissa Mitchell
Derek Mohr
Maloryn Mrozinski
Sydney Munson
Grace Nielsen
Ethan Nieuwkoop
Keegan Nugent
Noah Oswald
Amanda Oudbier
Cameron Parker
Emma Parsons
Cameron Pawloski
Ethan Pawloski
Emma Pearson
Alana Peters
Asher Peters
Brayton Phillips
Paige Phillips
Sophia Powell
Mallory Price
Skylie Raab
Alexander Reisbig
Jason Reitsma
Jenna Reitsma
Brooke Rempalski
Jakob Reynolds
Evan Richter
Steven Rickert
Logan Rose
Olivia Rose
Alex Rummelt
Izabel Rutz
Logan Ryan
Bradley Salgat
Corbin Sayer
Amiya Schaefer
Hannah Schmidt
Jarod Schoenwandt
Ian Schwartz
Emma Seddon

Carter Sherman
Ethan Shindorf
Luke Skinner
Christian Smith
Anna Snell
Brett Spanbauer
Sydney Spanbauer
Tyler Spinella
Faith Stepek
Terrick Stewart
Abigail Stickney
Zeth Strejc
Ava Tavarone
Riley Taylor
Troy Taylor
Kyle Teachworth
Braydon Teft
Mason Thomas
Benjamin Thompson
Samantha Todd
Kendal Topp
Julia Tuuri
Bradley VandenHout
Hannah VanDeWeert
Ryan Virsik
Justin Wade
Madison Wade
Nevan Webb
Madelyn Wester
Jillian Weston
Josiah White
Taylor White
Zachary White
Peter Williams
Bailey Wolters
Logan Wood
William Wurtz
Chlorisa Young
Jona Young
Teryn Zandstra
Carolina Zook

FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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

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!

SAFETY TERMS WORD SEARCH

Y C L T D C P M G M E F J A E D M R P H
 A E H S O I N N J E A T C A H S O O G D
 F M M N Z J Y K P G A C A H F G B Z A G
 B R O O G L N I Y F I M R E E N U T N R
 J H T L A E H C T D J I I L N I A H T T
 T L O U M N I T E S S P G M T R D A U S
 O M N K A O O N E K S H M E G O R Z O S
 Y A O G M C T E D E E N G T H T H A K E
 M N O T G C O F J B R T Y R H I M R C N
 M K N P T U A F N Z G N D O E N M D O L
 B P O S P P D M E D N L O K D O E O L L
 Y N J U Z A G N A M I M B Y D M L U U I
 P E C O T T A A G C Z Y K R O D H S U S
 Y N K R H I B K Z M H K H F O S E P F F
 R P J E F O A B S D K I B A H O G R I G
 A U O G Y N O Y O O F K N T P B R L N E
 E M J N H A I P D R P R E E H I E N J C
 G Y E A A L U F D R A L G N Y J S M U G
 C I P D C R I T I C A L Y S H U S J R D
 O B L I F T S R H Y F A T U Y G E N Y E

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

SAFETY TERMS WORD SEARCH

ACCIDENT
 BODY
 CRITICAL
 DANGEROUS

HAZARDOUS
 HEALTH
 HELMET
 HOOD

ILLNESS
 INGRESS
 INJURY
 LIFT
 LOCKOUT
 MACHINE
 MANUAL

MONITORING
 NIOSH
 OCCUPATIONAL
 OSHA
 RISK

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Hawaii on June 20, 1967. I worked as a massage therapist to help my mother after her cancer diagnosis. My roles have been varied. I've played a singing star, a tragic British novelist and even Aquaman's mother.

Answer: Nicole Kidman

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to safety.

U D E G C N I A

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Answer: Guidance

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10			
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CLUES ACROSS

- College group
- Small morsels of food
- Actress Dunham
- Puts a limit on
- Used for baking or drying
- Commercial
- Zookeeper Bindi
- Walk in one's sleep
- The Great Lakes State
- Winter sport
- A thin layer on something
- Peacock network
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- "Too Scared to Cry" author
- Nose
- Friend
- Country music legend Haggard
- Curved
- More deformed
- Bleated
- Set on its end
- An aspect of Ra
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Harsh, grating noise
- Francisco
- Common Japanese surname
- Punish with an arbitrary penalty

- Football position (abbr.)
- Not in the know
- African antelope
- Popular tech (abbr.)
- Baseball teams get three of them
- Make up one's mind
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Martens
- Susan and Tom are two

CLUES DOWN

- Excessively showy
- Put an end to
- Blood disorder
- Ingredient in wine
- Shellfish
- Made smaller
- We
- The Treasure State
- Ekland, actress
- Male parent
- One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- Dish of minced meat
- Smothered laugh
- Article
- Atomic #12
- Small parrot
- Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- French wine grape
- Football stat (abbr.)
- Sound unit
- Where you sleep
- University of Dayton
- Miller beer offering
- Feel embarrassed
- Able to be estimated
- Commune in NW France
- Adult female chicken
- Intergovernmental organization
- Archaic term for until
- That which is not sacred
- Sound made in speech
- Handgun (slang)
- Fill up again
- Evoke or awaken
- Beam Me Up, ___!
- Spider wasp genus
- Headdress
- Exclamation of surprise
- Of I
- Figures
- Men's fashion accessories
- Indicates position
- Megabyte
- The Prairie State

Pride Month: Look for Megz March and the Little Gay Library at most local events

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell is the home of the world's first Little Gay Library, which is basically the same thing as a Little Free Library except the books all have LGBTQ+ content and it's portable for maximum exposure.

The LGL was conceived and is maintained by Lowell resident Megz March.

"The LGL is contained inside a vintage suitcase donated to me by Lindsay Bredin," March said. "It works the same as a Little Free Library. You can borrow a book, return it to me or pass it on to someone you know is interested. I am planning on attending events around Lowell regularly. I will use my Instagram account @pridepenguin to let people know where I will be so that they can come and find me to return or borrow books."

The LGL contains books and other materials for every age group, from early readers to adults.

"Inside, we have books for everyone," March said. "Picture books for the youngest readers, graphic novels and informational books for middle grades, novels and memoirs for high schoolers, and all of the books can be utilized in some way by adult readers.

[Some] favorite titles are 'The Miseducation of Cameron Post,' 'Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe' and 'My Shadow is Pink!'"

The LGL had its public debut at the Lowell Pride festival earlier this month, and March said that, thanks to some book donations and a fundraiser, she should be able to have it fully stocked and accessible at most Lowell area events.

"I received a donation from my friend Bret Kellam to buy the first batch of books," March said. "Some have been donated by KDL Englehardt Branch. Bettie's Pages 'pay it forward' contributors have also purchased books for us. I used some personal funds to hold a fundraiser, selling handmade Pride pins to buy more books. That was very successful, raising over \$200 at Lowell Pride. I plan on keeping the pin fundraiser going."

At this point, there are no plans to place a permanent LGL anywhere. March said she would prefer to keep it portable, at least for now.

"I think being portable gives us an advantage," March said. "It will require people to engage with me, giving me more



Megz March and the Little Gay Library.



A peek inside the Little Gay Library.

opportunities to answer questions, help secure resources and protect it from vandalism or harm. When parents have questions about their child's gender or sexuality, they might not know where to go for help. People who are questioning their own gender or sexuality may not have access to the resources they need. I'm hoping to become a familiar part of events in Lowell, to fight the stigma is that is often associated queerness, to raise awareness, to help educate people who aren't in the community on the difference between gender and sexuality and more."

The initial inspiration for the LGL struck suddenly. March came up with the idea as she was passing a Little Free Library in her car one day.

"I was driving past a Little Free Library and I thought, 'What about a Little Gay Library,'" March said. "The same concept as a LFL, only all of the books would have LGBTQ+ content. I asked my friend Bret Kellam if he would be willing to finance starting up this library in memory of his partner Mary Beth Wade, who passed away in 2015. Bret agreed immediately and our first set of books were purchased."



Mary Beth Wade

Mary Beth Wade was a beloved local educator who had a deeply positive effect on everybody who encountered her.

"Mary Beth worked for Lowell area schools for 25 years," March said. "She was a para-educator, a computer teacher and an office assistant. She loaned out books to anyone, would always have recommendations. Passionately talked about her favorites. She was an ally to the LGBTQ+ community before that word was even in common rotation. She loved everyone fiercely and unconditionally. If she knew that there was a library in her honor, she would say, 'That is soooooo kewllllllllllll!!!!!!' It speaks to how tremendous of a person she was that we still feel her loss sharply all these years later and are actively still honoring her memory in any way we can."

Hatred is often a by-product of ignorance, and the LGL is intended to be a local antidote to that.

"I grew up in a fundamentalist/evangelical bubble," March said. "We were told being gay was a sin, and were given no more information than that. We treated the kids in our school who did not conform or try to pass as straight terribly. I no longer buy the lie that being gay is a sin. I am deeply sorry for my past actions and I want to be a part of the solution for the future. The LGBTQ+ community means so much to me. I've never felt more loved or supported than when I'm surrounded by these folks. Books with LGBTQ+ content should be available to everyone in Lowell. Education, and a sense of community can save lives. Very often we hate what we don't understand. When teenage me started to venture out into the world, I met queer people and quickly realized that they are people who deserve love and support just like everyone else. To truly love your neighbor, you have to love your queer neighbor, your black neighbor, your immigrant neighbor, all of your neighbors."