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## New Culver's under construction on Main

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Wisconsin-based "butterburger" chain Culver's is opening a Lowell location at the corner of Church and Main in the not-too-distant future.

"Fallasburger LLC" co-owner Steve Stephan said the restaurant could open by December.

"We could potentially be open by the end of the year, if not by the end of the first quarter," Stephan said. "We just got approved by the Lowell Planning Commission, so at this point we are taking our building design plans and sending them out for bidding from different construction groups to see if and when they can build a restaurant, what that cost may be and what timeline they can provide for us. We know we're moving forward, we've now got to make sure we've got the right contractor to build that restaurant in a timely fashion

without any interruptions. Right now opening day could be any time between December and next March. It's going to depend upon weather, upon supplies being available, upon contractors and their subcontractors, there are just so many variables that are going to play into this."

After studying the West Michigan area, Stephan settled on the vacant lot at 1279 W. Main as the perfect spot for his next Culver's. There is currently a Jimmy John's under construction there.

"We took a look at Lowell, and found that it's got that small, Midwest town charm we know Culver's is going to be successful in," Stephan said. "We currently have, at my Cascade location, guests from the Lowell area, and I've got employees at the Cascade location from the Lowell area. We just think



**The intersection of Main and Church is the future home of a Culver's restaurant.**

it's going to be a good fit in the Lowell community. We'll be able to fill a little gap."

Stephan said there would most likely be a job fair as opening day approaches.

"We should have between 55 and 65 employees working at the restaurant," Stephan said. "We will be bringing in some folks from the Cascade location that live in Lowell so they don't have as far to drive, and they're going to bring in their talents and experience with them. And of course we're going

to be hiring in the Lowell community. We're going to be aggressive with our wages, so we're hoping to attract the type of people that believe in hospitality, that believe in doing the right thing, that believe in delighting our guests. We want to have them on our team. We've got great opportunities for people, for careers, even for potential ownership down the road, if that is desirable for them."

Stephan is a native of Alpena, MI who attended Central Michigan University.

But he dropped out of college when his father died and, as the eldest of his siblings, he couldn't justify burdening their mother with any more tuition expenses. Stephan worked in the corporate office of a different restaurant chain, but left that company when his responsibilities there began to encroach too much into his family time. He is currently co-owner of four Culver's locations in West Michigan.

"When I decided to look

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# Tuesday, July 6 Lowell city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had a 37 minute regular meeting, both in person and online, at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 6. Mayor Michael DeVore was absent from the meeting for unexplained reasons.

During citizen discussion, Lowell resident Denise Barker addressed the council about the number of marijuana businesses that are opening inside city limits.

“I don’t think even the people who voted for marijuana sales in Lowell expected this many businesses in this concentration this soon or fast,” Barker said. “I don’t believe the voters in Lowell anticipated an unlimited number of pot shops with no cap.”

The council voted to approve a resolution “to vacate the undesignated street plat between 420 and 508 W. Main.” Both

properties are owned by Tyler Velting of New Union Brewery. According to a July 1, 2021 city memo authored by city manager Michael Burns, the brewery is requesting the city vacate that alleyway “as part of a future expansion.”

The council approved \$98,817.36 to have RS Technical Services, 695 Lincoln Lake, install wiring for the SCADA [supervisory control and data acquisition] system and for pump upgrades at the city’s northeast pump station. The original equipment was installed in 1979. According to a July 1, 2021 city memo authored by public works director Dan Czarnecki, the SCADA system “allows water treatment plant personnel to see all aspects of the facility operations at one time and can utilize the data being acquired to operate

the different functions of the treatment facility based on the current needs of the system.”

The council approved \$9,900 to have Plummer’s Environmental Services of Byron Center perform a “cured-in-place repair” to the Bowes Rd. sanitary sewer main. According to a July 1, 2021 city memo authored by public works director Dan Czarnecki, the city was recently called to a potential sewer backup in the 800 block of Bowes where, instead of a backup, they found large rocks in the pipe and a pipe to the west of Pleasant St. They also found two deteriorating or broken sections of pipe, one 12.5 feet long and one 17.5 feet long.

“The cured-in-place method [...] cleans the pipe in the area of repair, removes any obstacles that may be in



**Lowell resident Denise Barker said she was concerned about the number of marijuana businesses opening in the city.**

the way and installs a resin-soaked sleeve onto the pipe,” Czarnecki wrote. Once the sleeve is in place, the pipe is filled with water to cause the resin to harden. After the sleeve cures and hardens, the water is removed and the sleeve remains in the pipe in

a solid condition, restoring the integrity of the pipe.”

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting is scheduled to take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, July 19. 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, Aug. 7.

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](http://archive.org).

# Ability Weavers 2nd annual Weaving Fair is July 31

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Ability Weavers, 215 W. Main, will host their second annual Weaving Fair downtown on Saturday, July 31 from 10 am until 4 pm.

“It will be on Riverside Dr., north of our store, on the west side of the river, just past the Backwater Café restaurant,” said co-owner Beryl Bartkus. “We’re going to be right in there between the Line Shack building and Lowell Light & Power. We’ve got about 12 vendors coming, all of whom are fiber artists - either weavers, spinners, dyers or wool producers. They will have

many unique things made out of fibers, which are usually natural products like cottons and wools. Anything woven, hand-spun, hand-dyed, all that kind of stuff. There will be lots of demonstrations from the different fiber artists. We will have one of our smaller towel looms out there demonstrating towel weaving. You can’t always move a giant loom outside! We’ve also asked the participants to demonstrate any skills that they can, we hope that you’ll see spinners spinning, making their yarns and so forth.”

The first Weaving Fair took place in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, so masks and social distancing were mandatory and nobody was vaccinated. It won’t be like that this year.

“We did the event for the first time last year during the pandemic,” Bartkus said. “The reason we started it last year was to give the community something to do, something different. We knew we could do it safely outside at that time. COVID was kind of decreasing at the time, Sept. 2020 was one of the low points, so we knew we could do it safely, and we did it successfully. This year, things are more open, so it should be even more people and even more fun. The event will be different this year, but we’re hoping people will still come and support what we do. Most of the vendors asked us to do it again, and I’ve also had

customers asking us to do it again. We have participants coming from northern Indiana, from Traverse City, all over. It’s fun to see all the stuff that other people are creating. A lot of people love to dye yarns. Often, they’ll dye yarns that they’ve spun out of natural wool. We have several vendors who will have that. Most of the dyes are synthetic, some people do use all-natural dyes, though. They’ll boil down dandelions and different plants to make natural dyes.”

Bartkus and her husband Eric started Ability Weavers in 2016 to create opportunities for growth, development and enjoyment for special needs adults like their daughter Erin, who has autism. Ability Weavers has since trained and employed more than a dozen crafters, and hundreds of people have taken their “Weave Your Own Rug” classes.



**Beryl and Eric Bartkus in a 2016 photo.**

They recently stocked the back room with a range of crafting supplies for rug makers, knitters and crocheters, including cotton warp and about 70 different shades of colored yarn.

For more information about Ability Weavers, visit [abilityweavers.com](http://abilityweavers.com), follow them on social media or check out their Etsy shop: [etsy.com/shop/AbilityWeavers](http://etsy.com/shop/AbilityWeavers).



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# SOS branches adding more hours, appointments

Secretary of State branches will provide additional hours of operation starting July 19, which will open up 120,000 more appointments through the rest of the fiscal year, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced last Wednesday.

Every branch office will stay open to 6 pm, rather than 5 pm, on Mondays and Thursdays, and will open at 8 am instead of 9 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The extended branch times come as the Secretary of State works through a backlog of expired licenses and registrations, which Benson hopes to erase by the end of September.

Benson spokesperson Tracy Wimmer said "it's not really possible to quantify the backlog" when asked what the estimated backlog was and how much progress the SOS has made toward erasing it to this point.

After the legislature last week rejected an amendment to throw some more COVID-19 money toward the SOS to hire staffers and increase hours, Benson said Wednesday her department was able to work "internally" to pull together about half the proposed money and offer additional hours, because "we know that's what Michigan residents want."

The Secretary of State said last Wednesday morning during a press conference that the department does

plan to hire more staff, as the department is looking at 80 vacancies statewide that she attributed to the pandemic.

Benson said the total number of residents who could be served could have been twice as much had the legislature gone along with spending \$5 million in COVID-19 money for more hours.

The rejected SOS funding came on House action to provide a rolling extension for expired licenses and vehicle registrations. The House passed a series of Senate bills to provide the extensions, which were returned to the Senate June 30. The Senate doesn't meet again until July 15.

Benson Wednesday also said that photo renewals for driver's licenses - which typically require an in-person visit - can now happen every 12 years instead of the current eight years, as a result of a recent change in law. Her office said that means that many driver's licenses and state IDs that expire on or after July 1 can be renewed without an office visit.

Benson said Wednesday the SOS can "offer anyone in-person services at our 130 branch offices by walking up, calling ahead or going online to schedule a visit."

By "walking up," Benson means that people can now show up at an SOS office and be seen by a greeter, who will help them schedule

an appointment, whether it's in the future or a vacancy that pops up that same day.

"Our commitment is to providing those in-person services for people at a time when they need them. For the most part, that will involve same-day operations but someone may choose to come back later in the day or to come back another day," she said.

The bills passed by the House last week - SB 0507, SB 0508 and SB 0509 - prohibit the assessment of any late renewal fees unless the SOS is "providing nonappointment in-person services, and allowing same-day transactions to be completed, on each day and at each location a branch office is open for services," according to the House Fiscal Agency's analysis of the package.

When asked if that would require her department to change its operations if the bills are signed into law, Benson said no, as she said the department "provides those same-day services for anyone who walks up" and thus the current model "does comply completely with the legislative language."

The Republican-led legislature would prefer the SOS offer walk-in service that doesn't require appointments, while Benson has advanced the appointment-based system to avoid what she called the past practice of "take a number and wait."

SB 0507 requires the SOS to provide a report to legislative leaders to detail a plan to open all SOS branches to the public without requiring an appointment.

Asked about seniors being critical of the modernization

of branch operations, Benson said she's hoping to get mobile SOS offices going in a few months that might set up shop right at a senior citizens center where they can access branch services.

"What I'd like to

ultimately have happen is to be able to have, for example, senior centers throughout the state, know that one day a month, there's going to be a branch office in their parking lot that they can come to and have access to services," Benson said.

## Alden Nash Ave. to be closed for two weeks

Alden Nash will be closed to traffic and detoured from Monday, July 12 until Monday, July 26.

The contractor, Superior Asphalt, will use the crush and shape improvement method, a structural pavement treatment where they grind and crush the existing asphalt, plus an inch or two of the underlying gravel. The material is then regraded, compacted and covered with multiple layers of paver-placed hot asphalt.

The projected cost of this street repair project is \$353,600.



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## Culver's, continued

around and see what else might be available, I visited a Culver's locally in a greater Grand Rapids area and really enjoyed the food, and the people that worked there were extremely friendly," Stephan said. "They looked sharp. It was just a good experience, and I felt that was what the public is looking for. One of the things that I really like about Culver's is they require the franchisee to

be active and engaged in the business, so I am in the restaurants every day. When I ask guests 'What are we?' or 'Are we fast food?' they don't know. And I don't know. It's all dependent upon that guest to determine if we're a quick service fast food restaurant or we're a fast casual sit down restaurant. That's the thing. You've got those visual cues that make us similar to the fast food restaurants, like the drive-through, we have a menu board over the front

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“My Dearest Friend” chronicles the true story of our second President and First Lady, John and Abigail Adams

This August, LowellArts will present “My Dearest Friend,” a play chronicling the lives of John and Abigail Adams, written by Michigan playwright Mary G. Kron and presented in association with GEM Theatrics.

Using primary sources, “My Dearest Friend” chronicles the true love story of our second President and First Lady, John and Abigail Adams. This well-researched story begins as John writes to their son John Quincy Adams on the death of Abigail. In a poignant flashback, Abigail comes back to life and the two re-live the high points of their lives together. You’ll feel their anxiety as Abigail witnesses the Revolutionary War at her doorstep, while John is in Philadelphia stubbornly trying to get Congress to agree to declare independence. Learn of their love for each other and the struggles of their many long separations while John was making history at home and abroad and Abigail kept the farm together and raised their children. Discover new insights into this most

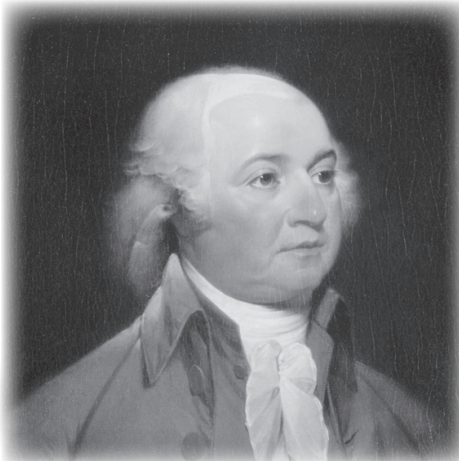


Gary E. Mitchell and Mary Beth Quillin as John and Abigail Adams.

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Quillin is an actor, storyteller and director who has also appeared on the stages of the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Actors’ Theatre, Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids, Community

Kron will join the performers after the Sunday, Aug. 8 matinee for a Q&A about her research into the letters and diaries of John and Abigail Adams. Kron has more than 30 years of experience in the theater as a performer, director and



John and Abigail Adams

modern of historical couples as American history comes to life with Gary E. Mitchell and Mary Beth Quillin portraying these larger-than-life characters as real, loving, conflicted human beings.

Mitchell is a Grand Award-winning actor who has appeared on many Grand Rapids stages, including the Actors’ Theatre, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Jewish

Circle Theatre and Heritage Theatre Group.

Performances will take place in the LowellArts gallery, 223 W Main, on Aug. 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 pm and the Sunday show is at 2 pm. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets are available at lowellartsmi.org or by calling 616-897-8545.


instructor. She earned her BFA in directing and acting from Central Michigan University.

Her discussion of the challenges of working with primary sources and building the tension necessary to create three-dimensional, dramatic characters from centuries old material will be of interest to budding playwrights, history buffs and casual audience members alike.

The production was funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

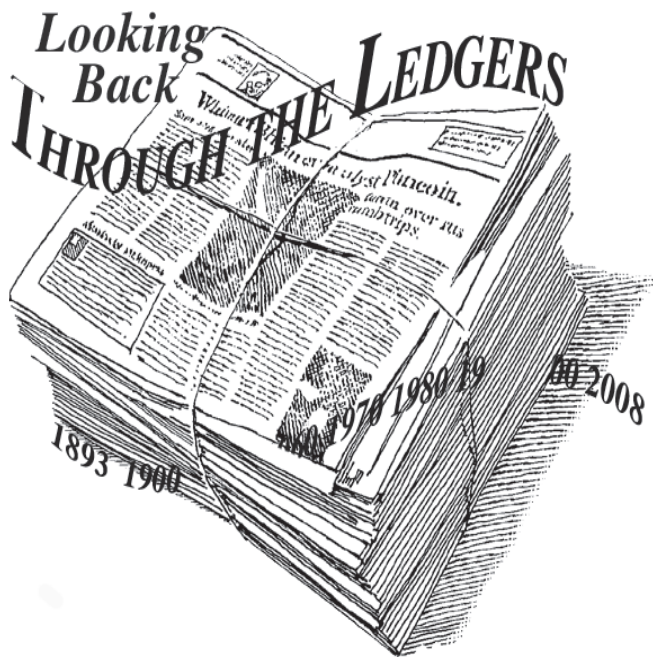
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**125 years ago  
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July 17, 1896**

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**100 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
July 21, 1921**

Allen Lasby has bought 8 acres at Campau lake; where he designs to build a cottage for himself and a pavilion and boat house for the public. A store and refreshment stand will be provided, also an ice house for next winter's use.

Kasmir Kallacinsky and Frank Voss, 22 quarts of moonshine whisky and complete still are in the custody of Sheriff Sproule following a raid on the farm of Kallacinsky. Voss was found cultivating a field and nothing suspicious appeared about the home until one of the officers noticed a girl in the family was very eager to get to a woodlot 80 rods away. Making their way to a dense thicket, the officers found the still in operation and Kallacinsky tending it.

Harry Knowles, under arrest here charged with attempted blackmail, confessed, the sheriff says, that he wrote a letter to A. H. Pratt, president of the King Paper Co., demanding \$50,000 of Pratt's life. Officers placed a dummy package where the \$50,000 was to be left. They say Knowles was arrested as he crept out of a clump of bushes to seize the package.

The remains of Privates Clarence R. Roberts and Charles W. Clark arrive from France and are interred in Oakwood Cemetery with ceremonies by the Charles W. Clark Post of the American Legion, Boy Scout band, veterans and citizens.

Weather is very dry, so Lowell's revised and updated water ordinance may help. The village is going to water meters.

**75 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
July 18, 1946**

Kim Sigler, republican candidate for governor of Michigan, has accepted an invitation to be a guest of the Lowell Showboat on Saturday night, July 27. Mr. Sigler will make the trip down the river and will take a seat in the audience after the Showboat docks.

Two accidents occurred within a few hours at the corner of Five Mile Road and Lincoln Lake Road, eight miles north of Lowell. The first occurred about midnight

Monday when a car driven by John E. DeVries, 23, Belding R 2, riding in the car received a fractured knee and was taken to the Ionia hospital. A summons was issued to John DeVries for alleged failure to stop at 601 highway intersection.

Walter J. Kropf, Pharmacist Mate 3/c, who is serving with the Navy at Operations Crossroads or better known as the Bikini bomb test wrote the following to his family: "Well, I guess it's about time I wrote and let you know that I am OK. The big A-bomb didn't get me. All the ships evacuated the lagoon and everything came off as planned."

Farm wages break more records, and now average \$4.84 a day without board.

The Fairchild Oilers baseball team wins 1-0 over the Creston Merchants, Jim Briggs and Jim Topp the winning battery.

**50 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
July 22, 1971**

Not too much rapidity is being shown as workmen continue to demolish the old Masonic Building on East Main Street, which housed the Dolphin Restaurant and Zzano's Pizza at the time of its third floor collapse. Most of the work is being done by manual labor, to ensure the safety of adjoining properties.

The Everly Brothers, Don and Phil, will capture the spotlight Thursday night, July 22, when the 1971 Lowell Showboat docks at their riverside stadium for the 39th edition of the Showboat's annual variety show.

Along Main Street West, the Lowell Café's windows sport new fresh crisp curtains to complement their New Orleans décor that should be completed by Showboat time, and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Building has on display all the products manufactured in Lowell.

Eighteen-year-olds can now vote. Showboat Garden Club is requesting entries in 20 classes for the big show next weekend (also the second Showboat weekend).

Attorney and hand-player John Twomey is part of this year's Showboat nights.

Astronaut James B. Worden of the Apollo 15 crew has a brother. Pete, living in Lowell. Pete and the family will be down at the Cape for lift-off, which will include a space-walk and moon landing among other chores.

**25 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
July 17, 1996**

It's fourth in circulation per capita behind Grandville, Rockford and East Grand Rapids. Its 675 square feet of Library space doesn't come close to that of its neighboring Kent County Branches. However, the Evelyn Smith Alto Branch Library is about to change that. In a few weeks, it is expected to begin moving into its new 5,000 square foot location.

All 20 schools of the Kent Intermediate School District voted to adopt the county's version of schools of choice. The Lowell School Board voted 5-1 to opt for the countywide plan. The vote sends the message that the board agrees in principle on schools of choice. It doesn't mean the board believes it is the ideal model.

Approximately 300 people took part in the first July 4 Family Fest on the grounds of the Lowell Wesleyan Church. "It went smoother than we thought," said Lowell Wesleyan Church pastor Bill Price. "The turnout was even better than we expected."

## Medicare! What happens when you turn 65

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at age 65, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday and ends three months after that birthday. Visit [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare) to apply for Medicare and find other important information.

Some Medicare beneficiaries may qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. To qualify for Extra Help, a person must be receiving Medicare, have limited resources and income, and reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Read our publication Understanding the Extra Help With Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for more information at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf).

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Please share these helpful resources with friends and family today.

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### - swimmer's ear

Swimmer's Ear (Otitis Externa) is an infection of the outer ear canal. It is most frequently caused by moisture in the ear canal that promotes growth of bacteria, or by a break in the skin from scratching the canal using Q-tips, your finger, wearing earplugs, etc. The infection causes swelling, itching, pain, redness, and drainage of the ear canal. With more severe

infection, it can cause muffled hearing and fever. It can be treated with topical antibiotic drops with or without a steroid. It's important to seek medical care right away if you develop these symptoms. To prevent Swimmer's Ear, dry your ears after swimming or bathing, and avoid scratching the ear canals.

# anniversaries

## DeYoung's celebrate 73 years



**Martin and Lorema DeYoung**

Seventy-three years of marriage will be celebrated on July 17, 2021, by Martin and Lorema (DeLoof) DeYoung of Ada. The DeYongs owned DeYoung's Orchard on Bailey for many years. The couple has two children, Martin (Cheryl) DeYoung of Saranac and Chris (Craig) Yeiter of Ada. They have six grandchildren: Tammy (Brad) Janowiak, Karrie (Wes) Burt, Shanda (Rich) Weed, Sheila Yeiter, Martin DeYoung and Tasha (Rich) Brand; and six great-granddaughters: Hayleigh Borton, Kennedy, Addison and Harper Weed, Calihan Janowiak and Emerson Brand.

# happy birthday



### JULY 14

Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany Kaczanowski.

### JULY 19

Danielle Rittersdorf, Marcia Baird, Mark Dupont.

### JULY 15

Mari Stone, Joyce VanDyke, Keenan Hacker.

### JULY 20

Cara Thaler, David Thaler III, Maureen Pawloski, Beth Berry, Amber Brown, Jerry Taylor.

### JULY 16

James Stanley Smith, Caleb Rinard.

### JULY 21

Dara Anchors, Stephanie Wade, Carolyn Mercer, Jeff Gurney, Kelly Tulecki, Alexander Stiles.

### JULY 17

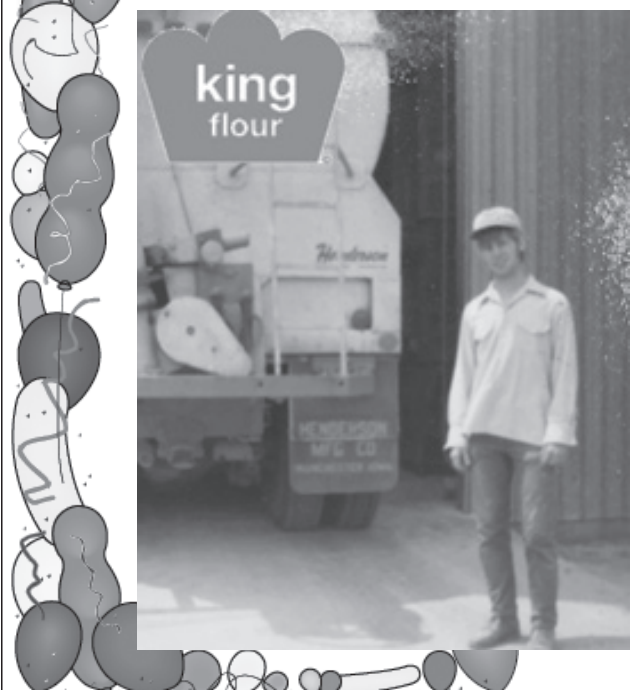
Vicki VanDerWarf, Ken Willmarth, Tom Karp.

### JULY 18

Dianne Scanlon, Bette Phillips Haybarker, Emily Borton.



**If you see this young man - please congratulate him on his 50th wheat harvest! Congratulations Brian Doyle! Wishing you many more!**



# college news

Kora Orosz, of Alto, and Chase Potter, of Saranac, were named to the Albion College Dean's List.

Ian James Kastner, Hankamer School of Business, and Olivia Frances Mohny, College of Arts & Sciences, both of Ada, were among the more than 4,700 Baylor University students have been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the spring 2021 semester.

The Dean's Academic

Honor List recognizes Baylor undergraduates for their outstanding academic work during each semester. Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

Baylor University celebrated more than 7,500 graduates of the Classes of 2020 and 2021 during six in-person commencement

ceremonies May 6-8 at McLane Stadium on the banks of the Brazos River.

Of Ada: Ian James Kastner, Bachelor of Business Administration, Baylor Business Fellows; Finance; Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude, Hankamer School of Business.

Wheaton College student John Andrulis of Alto, Michigan, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

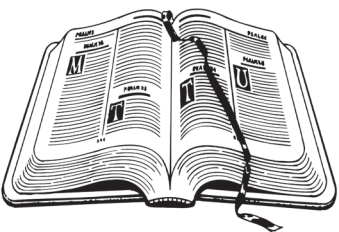
Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

Exactly 323 students made the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester at Spring Arbor University.

Included on that list were: Katherine Byl, senior from Ada, Emmalee Hamp, freshman from Alto and Lydia France, junior and Grace Ostrander, sophomore, both from Lowell.

Spring Arbor University (SAU) is a Christian liberal arts university located in Spring Arbor, Michigan. SAU offers more than 70 majors and programs to undergraduate and graduate students. As a leader in adult and professional studies, SAU continues to make a faith-based, liberal arts education accessible to working adults who wish to complete associate, bachelor's or master's degrees. With programs offered throughout locations in Michigan and online, SAU continues to meet the growing needs of its students.

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# Memories from the Lowell Showboat: A Road Less Traveled with Bob Newhart

by Gerrit Willem Lamain  
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“Music Director for the Lowell Showboat!”

I was offered that position, giving me the opportunity for one week each summer to associate with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry. It was a rare opportunity indeed, and I, a beginning high school choir director, did not fully comprehend the significance of it. It was only later on in life that I began to realize what a unique opportunity I had been offered.

my musical career.

“I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.”

Now, as I look back, I can fully appreciate what I learned from some of the great ones, stars such as Milton Berle, Dinah Shore, Louis Armstrong, Steve Allen and Bob Newhart. Most of them were world-renowned, but one of them, Bob Newhart, although famous for his comedy record albums, was not yet well-known for performing

in front of live audiences.

Bob was born in 1929 in Oak Park, IL. He attended Roman Catholic schools and eventually graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Business Management. He was drafted into the US Army and served as a personnel manager. After completing his Army service, he entered civilian life. His first two jobs were as an accountant.

In 1958 he became an advertising copywriter for an independent film

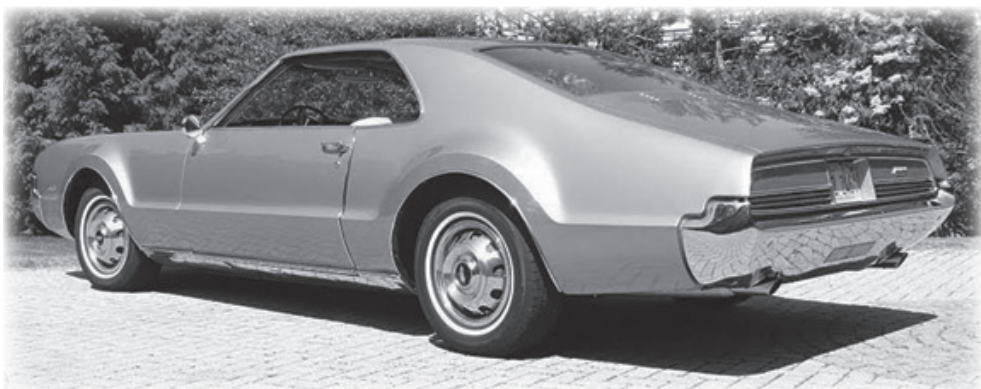


Above: Bob Newhart with Steve Everitt Wittenbach and an unidentified local businessman. According to an item in the July 21, 1966 Lowell Ledger (left), a local car dealer let Newhart use a brand new gold 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado to get around in while he was in Lowell. Image courtesy of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

—toot—  
Bob Newhart will be riding around in the gold Toronado, sitting down by the ticket office this week.

There is an inscription on the side declaring it the 'official' car for Bob Newhart.

—toot—



1966 Oldsmobile Toronado. Image from outrightolds.com.

Again, as so often had been the case in my life, Robert Frost came to mind. I stood where “Two roads diverged into a wood.” The choice was mine. Should I accept or reject the offer? “Yes or no?” The “no” road was the easiest, the safest choice. Its destiny was highly predictable. Probably a bit boring, but most likely safe. The “yes” road’s destiny, on the other hand, was shrouded in unknowns, but its destiny offered the possibility of giant steps in



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Ad from the July 7, 1966 edition of the Lowell Ledger.

and television producer in Chicago. It was during that time that Bob and one of his office partners began to develop his improvisational skills, recording imaginary conversations between a booking agent and a potential client. When Bob's partner moved on, Bob continued to develop his routines. The act consisted of Bob carrying on a telephone conversation with someone the audience never sees. Bob's one-way

dialog was accompanied with various facial and vocal expressions, and was delivered with a somewhat halting speech style. A friend introduced Bob to the head of talent at Warner Brothers Records and Bob was offered a one year recording contract.

He began to record his material, and his records found a ready market, selling over a million copies. It was at that point that he decided

to take his act on the road, unaware that performing in front of a live audience was quite different from recording material in an empty studio. One of those “on the road” live locations was the Lowell Showboat.

“Bob Newhart: comedian” He was one lone individual standing on a bare stage, having a telephone conversation with an

Showboat, continued, page 16

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## Today: Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 14, is the 195th day of the year. There are 170 days remaining until the end of 2021.

### Historic Events

**1223:** Louis VIII becomes King of France upon the death of his father, King Philip II.

**1769:** An expedition led by Gaspar de Portolá sets out to find the Port of Monterey, currently Monterey, CA.

**1771:** Foundation of the Mission San Antonio de Padua near modern-day Jolon, CA by Franciscan friar Junípero Serra.

**1789:** The storming of the Bastille in Paris escalates the widespread discontent leading to the French Revolution. Bastille Day is still celebrated annually in France.

**1790:** The first "Fête de la Fédération" is held to celebrate the unity of the French people and the national reconciliation.

**1791:** Beginning of the three day Priestley Riots in Birmingham, UK, targeting Joseph Priestley, a supporter of the French Revolution.

**1798:** The Sedition Act of 1798 becomes law in the US, making it a federal crime to write, publish or utter false or malicious statements about the US government.

**1853:** Opening in New York City of the first major US world's fair, the

"Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations."

**1865:** The first ascent of the Matterhorn is completed by Edward Whymper and his party, four of whom die on the descent.

**1874:** A fire in Chicago burns down 47 acres, destroys 812 buildings and kills 20 people in that city.

**1881:** Billy the Kid is shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in the Maxwell House at Fort Sumner, NM.

**1911:** Harry Atwood, an exhibition pilot for the Wright brothers, is greeted by President Taft when he lands his plane on the south lawn of the White House after flying in from Boston.

**1933:** Hitler abolishes all German political parties except for Nazis.

**1933:** The Nazi eugenics program begins with the proclamation of the "Law for the Prevention of Hereditarily Diseased Offspring," requiring the sterilization of any citizen who allegedly suffers from genetic disorders.

**1943:** In Diamond, MO, the George Washington Carver National Monument becomes the first US national monument to honor

an African-American.

**1957:** Rawya Ateya, the first female parliamentarian in the Arab world, takes her seat in the National Assembly of Egypt.

**1960:** Jane Goodall arrives at the Gombe Stream Reserve in present-day Tanzania to begin her study of chimpanzees.

**1965:** Mariner 4's flyby of Mars takes the first close-up photos of another planet. It takes about six hours to transmit the photographs back to Earth.

**2015:** NASA's New Horizons probe performs the first flyby of Pluto, completing its initial survey of the solar system.

### Birthdays

**926:** Emperor Murakami of Japan

**1610:** Ferdinando II de Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany

**1862:** Gustav Klimt, painter, illustrator

**1894:** Dave Fleischer, animator

**1898:** Happy Chandler, governor of Kentucky, commissioner of Major League Baseball

**1910:** William Hanna, animator, co-founder of Hanna-Barbera



**Gerald R. Ford (born July 14, 1913) presents Richard Nixon with the 500,000th ticket to the Lowell Showboat. The two men would briefly serve together as President and Vice President in the 1970s.**

Photo and caption from the July 10, 1958 edition of the Lowell Ledger.

**1912:** Woody Guthrie, director, screenwriter singer/songwriter, guitarist

**1918:** Arthur Laurents,

**1918:** Ingmar Bergman, director, screenwriter

**1922:** Robin Olds, pilot

**1926:** Harry Dean Stanton, actor



# ABCs of Lowell history

The ABCs 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.

## N is for Night Watchman

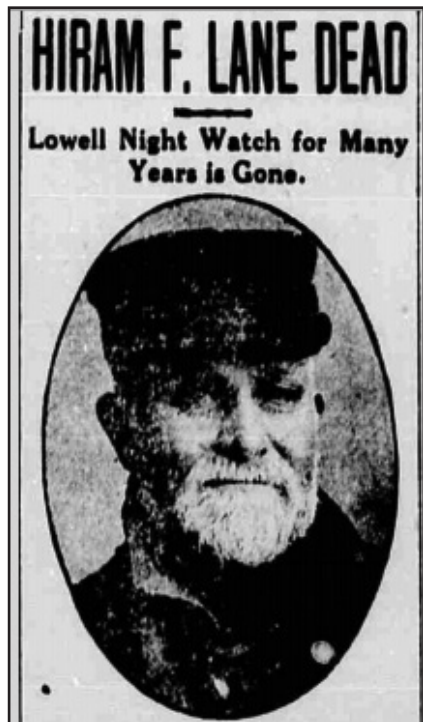
For many years Lowell had its own guardian angel watching over the town by night, he was appropriately named "The Night Watchman."

The duties of the Night Watchman included lighting street lamps and literally watching over the town as he walked his route. He watched for smoke and fires, suspicious activity, and checked to see that shop doors and windows were

locked. He even offered to escort unaccompanied pedestrians to ensure their safe arrival at their destination.

One of the first Night Watchmen was Arthur Morgan. Though he only had one arm he was perfectly capable of filling the kerosene lamps and lighting the lamps. In 1887 however, the number of street lamps had grown to the point where he needed help lighting and tending them due to the sheer number. D.V. Dennick was hired to assist him. By 1889, Morgan did lamps on the west side while Dennick took care of lamps on the east side of town.

Hiram (Hi) Lane was highly respected and proved his value after multiple dramatic captures. In 1903, Lane was on his rounds when he was called to apprehend two intoxicated Belding men who had thrown a rock through a glass saloon sign after being thrown out for



Hiram Lane in his night watchman uniform.

fighting. One was able to escape as Lane was arresting the other. Lane requested a special officer come to assist in the search. The escapee was shot by the special officer when he ran from the officer and Lane later in the night. The bullet entered the left side of his back and was extracted by a local physician. The Grand Rapids Press reported that "The whole town is excited over the affair, which is the first of the kind to occur here in years."

In 1906, an attempted robbery of the Sand Lake Post Office ended in Lowell. There were two would-be robbers, one from New York City and one from Philadelphia. When they fled the police in Sand Lake with a stolen horse and buggy, they were followed through Cannonsburg. The bridges and major roads in Lowell, Ada and Saranac were staked out. Men stationed at Hudson and Bridge (Main) streets heard the rig coming. The robbers were ordered to halt in front of the Waverly hotel and were shot at when they ran off. They were then confronted by Hi Lane, but they ran into a shed to hide. An officer fired twice into the shed, producing the surrender of one of the men. Lane went into the shed and dragged out the other along with a revolver that the robbers had with them.

When the safety of Lowell residents was involved, Hi Lane was very outspoken. In 1900, he appealed to the Lowell leadership to create a curfew and to Lowell parents to keep their children home at night because he felt there were just too many children running the streets during late night hours.

Criminal apprehension wasn't always dramatic. In 1918, Night Watchman Edward C. Walker noticed that a rear basement door of a grocery store had been tampered with, and tracks had been left in the snow leading directly to a village home. He awakened the grocery owner and the culprits were arrested. The Night Watchman's



Old Wooden Row, 300 block of East Main on the south side.

job was comparable to today's fire, police, and EMS services all in one. In 1937 the Night Watchman Eugene Carr was called to Richmond's Café when employees couldn't get into the restroom. Someone was inside for an unusually long time. Marshall Fred Gramer was also called and the door was removed. Inside was a 43 year old man who had tried to commit suicide. He survived after being taken to hospital.

When Night Watchman Eugene Carr died in 1955 he had served as night watchman for over 30 years, seven days a week with rarely a day off for sickness or vacation. It was said, "During his long career of guarding the community during the night he had many close calls, but his courage and ability to get along with people kept him safe. The protection given by

Gene has never been equaled and his type of tireless conscientiousness is part of the passing generation."

Watching for fires was a part of the Night Watchman's duties. The importance of this detail was felt on a July night in 1952 when Carl Kyser saw a fire at the Municipal Utilities building. He sounded the alarm, but the fire siren sounded only briefly before it failed, as the siren was in the fire. Kyser was able to get the Lowell Fire Department notified, and help from Ada was even sought. While \$60,000 worth of damage was caused, the main generator was not damaged. The electricity was operational by noon the next day. Without the early 3 am discovery by Kyser, it would have been devastating.

Lowell also has had self-appointed night watchman who knew that old wooden

buildings were apt to be fire traps. Old Mr. Gib Worden lived above one of the stores in the Old Wooden Row (300 block of E. Main on the south side). He had rheumatism and couldn't sleep well so he "prowled around at night watching and listening for fires with one eye open and two ears to the wind." The Old Wooden Row did catch fire and five buildings burned in 1907. In spite of Gib's warning, Laundryman McClellan was leading his family out when the overhanging electric wires fell and he grasped them to save his family. He was electrocuted. His family lived.

With electric lights and modern transportation, the walking Night Watchman has become a thing of the past. Lowell has its own police force now.

## Help Find Michigan's Biggest Trees and Win Prizes

ReLeaf Michigan, the only statewide non-profit tree planting and education organization in Michigan, is hosting its 15th biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt contest. The contest, which offers prizes for identifying the biggest trees in Michigan, is open to participants of all ages.

The largest trees in the

state can be found anywhere: a backyard, a local park, or a hiking trail. Certificates and prizes are awarded for the largest tree submitted from each county, for the overall largest tree in different age groups, and for the largest White Pine. Even if the tree submitted is not as large as the currently listed state champion of that species, it's important to still submit, since the current champion may have died or since been removed.

ReLeaf Michigan started the Michigan Big Tree Hunt in 1993 to celebrate our state's beauty and create a fun way to gather information about Michigan's biggest trees. The contest is an opportunity for all age groups to help

track these vital historical living landmarks, as well as a chance to bring people, nature, and trees together in an engaging environment.

The contest is also a way to discover eligible trees for the National Register of Big Trees, which is updated every spring and fall by American Forests, the nation's oldest conservation nonprofit. American Forests tracks "Champion Trees," which are the biggest tree of their species reported to American Forests in a given year. As recently as 2012, Michigan had 23 registered champion trees, but today there is only one registered. Since there are hundreds of tree species that don't yet have registered champions, the Big Tree Hunt is a great

opportunity to add to this list and get Michigan trees noticed nationwide.

More contest details and the entry form are available online at [bigtreehunt.com](http://bigtreehunt.com). The contest will accept submissions until the deadline of August 19, 2022. This deadline was extended one additional year due to the impact of COVID-19. If you have a question not answered on the website, email [bigtreehunt@releafmichigan.org](mailto:bigtreehunt@releafmichigan.org) or call (800) 642-7353.

ReLeaf Michigan's Big Tree Hunt contest is possible thanks to the support of its sponsors. The Premier Sponsor of this year's contest is Nissan. Other sponsors include Consumers Energy

Foundation, the Michigan Botanical Foundation, the Michigan Botanical Club, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Urban and Community Forestry Program.

ReLeaf Michigan's contest is a fun activity for families, friends, or solo adventurers to participate in while enjoying the beauty of Michigan. Now grab your measuring tape, a friend or family member and head into the trees!

About ReLeaf Michigan

ReLeaf Michigan is the only statewide volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) tree planting and education organization in Michigan.

Its mission is to educate the public on the value of trees and how to properly select, plant and maintain them. Its board is made up primarily of arborists, foresters and researchers who are passionate about preserving one of Michigan's greatest resources: trees.

Since 1988, ReLeaf Michigan has worked with more than 400 communities across the state, planting nearly 30,000 trees on public property in Michigan's cities, townships and villages. Unlike most tree planting organizations, ReLeaf Michigan plants trees that are already substantial in size, resulting in a higher survival rate and more immediate environmental impact.

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Whatever the reason, not having people that you can go to for support when



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having difficulties may make these challenges seem worse or heightened. Why? Because we are made to connect and need others in our lives. Even if you don't feel you have anyone that you can talk with, just being around others can help you feel supported and not so alone. If professional counseling isn't something that's warranted, building a support system can be helpful. To help get you started, I'm sharing a worksheet I use with clients

to help build a list of those that can help provide support when it's really needed.

### Support System Worksheet

To get started, write down at least one person you know who fits into each category. A person can be used more than once but try to come up with different individuals so you are not relying on one person too heavily. People to consider are family, friends, clergy, teachers, advisors, friends parents or counselors. Depending on the difficulty you are facing, you may want to avoid those you work with since it could negatively impact your employment. Use the following criteria to create a list of people you can rely on for support.

- A person I can discuss personal problems with.
- A person that is good at problem solving.
- A person that enjoys similar activities.
- A person who can help me with a task(s).
- A person that cheers me up when I'm feeling sad/down.
- A person that makes me laugh.
- A person that helps builds my self-confidence.
- A person that provides helpful feedback/constructive criticism.
- A person that's an understanding listener.
- A person that is gently honest with me when I've made a mistake.

• A person that helps me stay on track with my decisions and goals.

• A person that helps me over come unwanted behaviors/habits.

• A person that can help solve serious problems

• A person to provide comfort during loss/grief.

• A person who can care for me when I'm ill.

• Two additional individual for general support.

I hope you find this helpful! This article is not intended to provide any type of treatment or diagnosis. If you experience a mental health crisis, call 911. If you're having difficulties and things in your life seem out of control it may be time to get professional help.

# First wheat load arrives at King Milling



Wheat harvest 2021 has officially begun at the King Milling Company. The first load of new crop wheat for 2021 arrived on Tuesday, July 6. The load was good quality Soft White Winter Wheat grown by Jeff Litwiller (pictured left) in Carson City. The wheat was unloaded by King Milling employees George Kellams (center) and Dave Kryger (right).



## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

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### How can you improve your financial fitness?

It's always smart to stay physically fit, at every point in your life. But financial fitness is important, too. Are you doing everything you can to boost your financial well-being?

The topic of financial health is certainly on the minds of many people. In fact, 70% of Americans say the COVID-19 pandemic has caused them to pay more attention to their long-

term finances, according to a recent Edward Jones/ Age Wave survey titled Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes.

While interest in financial health is widespread, some groups are feeling more positive about their future than others. Baby Boomers came through the pandemic in generally good financial

shape, while Gen Z and Millennials felt the greatest negative financial impact, according to the Four Pillars study. And women's confidence in their retirement savings remains low, as the pandemic widened the economic gender gap, particularly for women of color. So, your outlook may depend somewhat on your demographics.

But regardless of your age or gender, you can still take some steps to improve your financial health, including these:

Conduct an investment "check-up." Getting a regular check-up is a key part of maintaining good physical health. And the same principle applies to your investments – you

need to periodically assess their "vital signs." Is your portfolio still appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon? Is it providing you with the growth potential you'll need to help you achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? Is it diversified enough, or do you own too many of the same investments? Even though diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help reduce the impact of financial market volatility on your portfolio.

Take preventive measures. Throughout your life, you probably take medicines as needed, and

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 21-209513-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

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July 2, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lorraine T. Gleason, died May 14, 2021.

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# obituaries

## BROWER

Berneta "Bert" Norene Andersen Brower, 91 of Lowell, passed away Friday, July 2nd, 2021. Born in Ionia Co., January 19, 1930, to the late Devine Andersen and Zola Andersen. She worked at Lacks Industry, before retiring many years ago. This allowed her to continue her love of crafting, knitting and crocheting many things for her kids and grandkids. She especially loved road trips, visiting family, cruises, going to Hawaii twice, and going to Vegas with her daughters. And her smile lit up a room! Surviving are her daughters, Shanda Jacobi (Bob); Marcia Barkus (Bill); Christine Clements; Debra DeKubber (Martin); grandchildren, Jodi Broom, Steve Jacobi, Doug Jacobi, Richard DeKubber, Tony DeKubber, Renee Geringer, Jennifer Mahar; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; brother, Andy Andersen; and her sister, Carol Lester. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Brower; daughter, Melodie Fase; brother, Leon; and sisters June and Joyce. Visitation was held Wednesday, July 7, 2021 from 11 AM – 1 PM at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell 49331.



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**Sometimes the only way to ever find yourself is to get completely lost.**  
~ Kellie Elmore

## PATNODE

Gregory Dean Patnode passed away peacefully on July 3, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents; Patricia and RJ Patnode; brother, Dennis Patnode; sister, Sue Ellen Patnode. He is survived by his children, Wesley (Marie) Patnode, Whitney (Jonathan) Brooke, Ashlee Patnode; grandchildren; Abbygail and McKenna Tobin, Branden Patnode, Silus and Jada Brooke; brothers; Mark "Chief" Patnode, Normon "Tiger" Thompson, David Waters, LuAnne Hobohm, Rhonda (Dan) Kamphuis and Shirley (Bruce) VanHaren, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He had a gypsy soul who loved camping, always finding the best shady spot. His heaven on earth is Reedsburg Dam. Above all, he enjoyed being a Poppy to all of his grandkids.



## ROUSH

Michael Ray Roush, age 70 of Saranac, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2021, with his family at his side. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Roush; mother, Fay Roush; brother, Steve Roush; and sister, Rebecca Roush. Michael is survived by his children, Molly Roush Gibbs, Adam (Jennifer) Roush; grandchildren, Graham and Hayley Gibbs, Jesslyn, Addison and Aidan Roush; brothers, Butch (Kathy) Roush, Gary (Kathy) Roush; sisters, Shirley Anthony, and Barb (Ron) Graham. He was a graduate of the East Kentwood High School, class of '69. Michael was also a proud veteran of the United States Army, who served during the Vietnam War. He loved hunting, fishing, wood working, and riding his motorcycle. Family greeted friends and relatives from 10-11 AM on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Outreach Christian Church, 7831 N. Jordan Lake Road, Lake Odessa, Michigan, 48849 with memorial services following at 11 AM. Memorial Contributions in Mike's honor can be directed to Mel Trotter, 225 Commerce Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Compassion International, <https://www.compassion.com/world-days/>.



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## RAIMER

Susan Jane (Smith) Raimer passed away peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus on July 8, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Elaine Smith; father-in-law, George Raimer; brother, Darwin; and sister, Rosemary Smith. Sue is survived by her husband of 42 years, George; children, Tricia (Stephen) Yonker, Mandi Raimer, Becky (Andrew) Hauck, Tom Raimer; grandchildren, Xavier (Yvette) Yonker, Zach, Tori, Titus Yonker; great-grandchildren, Zane and Arya Yonker; mother-in-law, Patricia Raimer; brother, Terry (Sue) Smith; brothers-in-law, Rick (Lori) Raimer, Gary (Lesa) Raimer, and several nieces and nephews. Sue received her Associates Degree from Davenport College. She was a full-time mother and a part-time Independent Mary Kay Consultant. She was proud to be a part of Ms. Wheelchair Michigan and was active in the Lowell/Saranac communities, especially with First Baptist Church of Lowell. Sue loved camping, sewing, bird watching and playing card games with her grandkids. In spite of being a paraplegic for over 33 years and the challenges that came with it, she was an inspiration to all and will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 West Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 11 AM at First Baptist Church of Lowell, with visitation one hour prior. Interment Pinckney Cemetery. Pastor Phil Severn officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be directed towards First Baptist Church of Lowell or Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, 235 Wealthy Street SE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.



# Financial Focus, continued

possibly vitamins and other supplements, in an effort to treat existing illnesses or prevent future ones. You also can, and should, take preventive measures to boost your financial health. For example, do you have sufficient life and disability insurance? If your family situation has changed through divorce, remarriage or the births of new children, have you updated the beneficiary designations on your insurance policies? And have you taken steps to protect your financial independence – and possibly avoid burdening your family – by addressing the potentially huge costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? Avoid unhealthy moves. Smoking, a sedentary lifestyle and excessive stress are all considered unhealthy for our bodies. But some activities are unhealthy for our financial fitness, too. You may be tempted to tap into your IRA or 401(k) to pay for a short-term need, such as a down payment on a new car, but if it isn't absolutely essential that you get this car, or if you possibly can obtain other sources of funding, you may want to avoid touching your retirement accounts. For one thing, withdrawals may incur taxes and penalties, but, just as important, these accounts are intended to provide you with some of the income you'll need when you're retired – so the more you deplete them now, the more financial strain you may face during retirement. Staying physically fit requires determination and work – and the same is true for maintaining financial fitness. But the effort you put into staying financially healthy can help you keep moving toward your financial goals. *This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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card of thanks

The family of Sam Roudabush would like to thank his wonderful friends and extended family for the cards, flowers, food, phone call, texts and visits. The heartfelt condolences and prayers have been greatly appreciated. Thanks to those near and far who traveled to partake in Sam's Celebration of Life. A special thanks to our dear friends, Karen, Nancy, Patsy and Carol for setting up, serving food and cleanup. We couldn't have done it without you! Also, a special thanks to David Gerst and Gerst Funeral Home.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Grid of puzzle solutions with words like PANAMA, MEGABIT, DEKKE, GRASSER, SBA, ACROBAT, MAGNUMS, AGAINST, DOUBT, DUE, SSSR, AVOW, WIG, ERASE, POSTMAN, AROUSED, NAME, ONESSELF, TAI, PASSAGE, ALAE, LAMINA, ARIZONA, SURAT, ERG, NEE.

Grid of numbers for a puzzle solution, ranging from 1 to 9.

Large grid of letters with words circled, including FLORIDA, WACPP, KUSNANLV, EUCLEA, CONEFGEASFA, LICYFUHZBFWBTF, VATFFSPRINKLESOTPA, TVLBOBTENZYGLBBMAU, GENRSOFTSERVELECONIN, HGUODEIKOOCNAHRMDLYM, KCITSMURDVYEOZBDBKBC, ZMECEITBYVOSCSGPEBSMR, UWPPPPLRNGKOTAEGLUEHYEA, FDGHPGFUFLRLKLTSCAMAM, CZCUARRMAAAEAEDACVKKLM, DLEORTOTWMZABTDHCZEZ, RMMEFPEBOLMSOHUDRTR, LAFGIHEEDLDMGABSSMWEKY, CCOEDREOAPSGFTGSGNS, USMYRERGVBANANASPLIT, GSKYSSEZAANRAVLMWDWC, ELCISMAERC, DARM SVIZVA, HCITWDNASWF, GBTRRWHRB.





## The Restless Viking

The World Less Traveled  
With Chuck & Martha Hayden  
www.restless-viking.com

### ~ Stavkirke Church

by Martha Hayden

We emerged onto a wooded trail labeled, "The Prayer Path," after parking the Jeep. The birch leaves rustled in the breeze. Birds called to one another as if they were making observations about these humans invading their forest.

Da Viking had read about the Stavkirke church built by volunteers on Washington Island, Wisconsin. Many residents of the island community hold Iceland roots, just as Da Viking. The Stavkirke, a unique church, is only one of 33 churches built in this style in the entire world. At one time there had been more than 1,000 Stavkirkes. We just HAD to see it!

#### The Prayer Path

In a hushed voice, respecting the peaceful wooded



Along the "Prayer Path" there were many nautical markers.

path, Chuck (Da Viking) explained that the volunteers first built a tall cover, like a pole barn without sides, over the space before beginning their project. This way they could work year round regardless of rain or snow. "Logs were hand hewn to start the construction. I believe there's twelve that support the entire structure." (Later when I researched and learned that the twelve logs are referred to as "Stavs" which means poles or masts used in Viking ship building.)

Chuck continued in a reverent yet excited tone. "This was built using Viking ship techniques just like Vikings had used in all their construction." I think I witnessed a hop in his step when he said, "Viking." He explained these techniques, "Tongue and groove joints along with trunnels. These are wooden dowel nails, so to speak." He nodded, shrugged and continued along the trek.

We stopped to read another marker. "It's based on a church in Norway from 1150 A.D. There are both pagan and Christian symbols used the decorating." Chuck's repertoire of knowledge and excitement to learn motivates me!

I peered through the trunks of the trees. Ahead I could catch a glimpse of the ornate structure. "I feel like we're Hansel and Gretel." I put voice to my thoughts. Fairytales and Disney are a part of who I am.



The Stavkirke church is one of only thirty-three remaining in the world.

I was anxious to get a look at this church! The path meandered slowly.



The Stavkirke felt so distant even though the wooden creation was in view.

#### Stavkirke Church

We rounded the last curve and walked into the clearing. There before us stood a centuries old-styled structure.

"The Vikings would leave their swords and shields on the porch surrounding the front of the church. This is where worshipers who were poor and sick would be cared for by the congregation. It's called the ambulatory." Chuck continued sharing his well-researched facts.

We had the place to ourselves. It was magical walking inside.

I stood in awe of the tedious processes the cohort of men undertook to create this space. Their dedication and reverence for time-tested techniques brought a desire for me to go back to the era where humbled work ethics and pride in one's craft was at the forefront.

John Herschberger had been the head carpenter of this project. He also constructed the model sailing ship (hanging in the center) as a memorial for Carl Richter, a Washington Island fisherman.

In October of 1991 construction had started. As Chuck said, there was a large structure built over the site, so work could continue throughout the year. The dedication ceremony took place in August of 1995.

#### The Tool Belt

As I headed out the door I noticed a toolbelt hung

known to always carry a bag of jellybeans in his toolbelt. He would readily share these with young (and old) visitors to the worksite. Dale was especially fond of black jellybeans. I imagined that there is a bag of candy currently stashed in Dale's toolbelt. Reading about this honor brought a sad smile.



A mysterious toolbelt hung from the rafters above the entrance to the church.

Where is Stavkirke located?

This Stavkirke church can be found on Washington



The hand hewn logs with tongue and groove joints support the structure. The 13 windows at the top allowed for natural light. Otherwise the only other light source would have been candles and lanterns.

from the rafters. "Hey, Chuck!" I called in a loud whisper. "There's a tool belt hanging up here near the doorway." I now had a mission to find the story about this.

A pamphlet I found outside held clues and facts to many mysteries surrounding the history of the Stavkirke and the unique ornaments hanging from the rafters: the sailing ship and the tool belt.

Dale Bjarnarson's tool belt was hung as a memorial by Joh Herschberger, the head carpenter. Unfortunately, Dale died on April 3, 1995, just months before the dedication ceremony. Dale, a dedicated builder, was

Island, Wisconsin. One is able to attend services on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm during July and August.

Washington Island, Wisconsin is a half hour car ferry ride traversing the "Death's Door" passage from Northport, Door Peninsula.

The Icelandic community is located in Lake Michigan, north of the Door Peninsula. There are several hourly car ferries to transport residents and tourists to this six mile wide wonderland. 708 people call Washington Island, "Home." Stay tuned for articles and videos as we met locals during our 'off season' visit.

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#### Resources

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church [www.trinitylutheran-wi.com](http://www.trinitylutheran-wi.com)

The Washington Car Ferry <https://wisferry.com/washington-island>



# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

# FROZEN DELIGHT WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

### FROZEN DELIGHT WORD SEARCH

A LA MODE  
 BANANA SPLIT  
 BOMBE  
 CHOCOLATE

CONE  
 COOKIE DOUGH  
 CREAMERY  
 CREAMSICLE  
 CUP  
 CUSTARD  
 DRUMSTICK

ESKIMO PIE  
 FLOAT  
 FRAPPE  
 FROZEN YOGURT  
 GELATO  
 MILKSHAKE  
 ROLL

SANDWICH  
 SOFT SERVE  
 SPRINKLES  
 STRAWBERRY  
 VANILLA  
 WAFFLE

## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in New York on July 15, 1977. I made my TV debut on a series that starred both Michael J. Fox and Charlie Sheen during its run. But it was my role as a feared fairy tale villain that really resonated with fans.

Answer: Lana Parrilla

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to arthritis.

**D M I C N I E E**

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Answer: Medicine

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Sr. enlisted Army member
- Payroll firm
- Monetary unit of Macao
- Cooking vessel
- Cow sound
- Hairpiece
- Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- Mother
- Remove from record
- Foolish
- Mailman
- Unit of data size
- Stirred
- Deceptive movement
- We all have one
- Direct from pasture beef animal
- A person's own self
- Helps little firms
- Deep, red-brown sea bream
- Tumbler
- A short section of a musical composition
- Young woman (French)
- Wings
- Wine bottles
- Thin layers of rock
- Opposite to

### CLUES DOWN

- American state
- Uncertainty about something
- Basics
- Indian seaport
- Owed as a debt
- Buffer solution
- Unit of work or energy
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- One point south of due east
- Born of
- Algerian port city
- Girls organization (abbr.)
- Type of cell (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- When you hope to get there
- Fall behind
- Expresses distaste, disapproval
- Volume containing several novels
- Less sharp
- Food for the poor
- Having made a valid will
- Royal estates
- Relating to wings
- Japanese three-stringed lute
- Taking something through force
- Angry
- Before the present
- Showy ornaments
- Norway
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Consume
- Founder of Babism



# Showboat, continued

imaginary person. It was something quite new for him, as well as for his audiences. His highly successful comedy albums had been recorded in a studio without a live audience, the audience

responses were dubbed in. Bob was waiting to go on stage to do his act when I introduced myself to him. He was waiting to go on stage for the second evening of the Showboat, facing

4,000 expectant fans. His first night had not been a roaring success. Bob's act was something new, and the Lowell audience was not quite sure what to make of it. I introduced myself to Bob and found him to be a humble, likeable guy, totally lacking the "I am a big star" persona that I had encountered in some of the other Showboat entertainers.

We had a nice conversation about the history of the Showboat and Lowell. While we were talking, the next act was being introduced. It was a guy with a huge chicken puppet named "Miss Clara Clucks, the world's fowlest chicken." The act primarily consisted of barnyard, and somewhat off-color, humor between Miss Clara Clucks and her human. The audience loved it.

It was then that Bob began to open up about his frustrations with some of his monologue material. He said that all audiences react differently and some of his bits were quite long, perhaps four or five minutes or more. Some of the material was also quite sophisticated, so it

did not always connect with the audience. His frustrations stemmed from the fact that when a bit was not connecting, he had no way of getting out of it. Like he said, "That's what makes stand-up comedy so difficult." He was a bit jealous of the chicken guy, whose bits were short and somewhat off-color.

He said, "Maybe I need to add some of that barnyard humor."

I suggested that he really didn't need off-color humor,

it would only cheapen his act. Instead, I suggested he should develop some "exit roads" for his material so that when a bit did not connect, he would have an "off ramp," a quick way of ending that particular sketch to go in a different direction.

For the remainder of the week, Bob seemed to concentrate more on doing smaller, less sophisticated bits. The audiences really warmed up to his new style of comedy, and for the rest

of the week Bob was a huge hit. He, of course, went on to become a superstar of television and films, but even now he occasionally returns to his roots, doing his telephone stand-up routines. I wonder if he ever remembers the conversation he had in Michigan with that young Lowell Showboat music director about having some "exit ramps" in your life when plans demand a "road less traveled."



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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, has worked as a hockey organist and a church organist, has directed musicals, appeared on TV numerous times and has made several records and CDs of organ music. Lamain originally wrote these stories for the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton, MI and is currently working on a memoir called "My Song of Life."

## Lowell Ledger July 28, 1966

With the call from first-year interlocutor Gordy Gould, "Ladies and gentlemen, be seated," the Lowell Showboat featuring Bob Newhart and The Vogues, was well started on its 35th year of fun and foolishness.

Rounding Cattail Bend with the calliope blasting "Here Comes The Showboat," the green, gold and vivid pink boat with endmen to match was greeted by an outstanding Monday night crowd.

The six endmen, headed by veteran Forrest L. Buck, with 29 years of Showboat opening nights behind him, opened the show with a rendition of "I'm Goin' Back To Where I Came From," with Dick McNeal doing the honors on the piano. [...]

The Vogues, a nationally famous quartet, lived up to their reputations as fast-rising stars in the entertainment scene. Their easy stage presence coupled with the popular appeal of their singing easily made them the musical hit of the show.



The Head Hunters on the Showboat in 1966

Special appeal for the youngsters and oldsters of the Lowell area was the fact that one of our own musical groups, The Head Hunters, was chosen to play the accompaniment for the popular numbers done by The Vogues.

The Head Hunters are an instrumental group organized last summer, consisting of Roger MacNaughton, electric piano; Dick Nowak, drums; lead guitar, Tom Speerstra; rhythm guitar, Terry DeWitt and bass guitar, Tim McLaughlin.

The Vogues sang "Magic Town," "From the Land of Milk and Honey," their current best seller, "Five O'Clock World" and the song that started them on their way, "You're The One."

Bob Newhart, headliner for the 1966 Showboat, broke up the first night audience with his award winning routines, telephone and all, in spite of the bugs, which do get thick around the spotlight.

Newhart entertained the crowd with his ideas for changing TV commercials to more practical endings, and finished with his famous "driver training" routine, adding a great deal of hilarity to an already full evening.

In and around all these acts, amateur and professional, the famous endmen performed with their usual antics and jokes, as well as doing individual vocal numbers accompanied by Max Barnes and his band, and the fine 100-voice Showboat chorus directed by Gerrit Lamain, music director of Forest Hills High School. [...]

Mr. 'Runci' [Carlton Runciman] was honorary pilot for the trip Monday night, bringing Congressman Gerald R. Ford safely down river to make his 19th visit to the Lowell Showboat.

Saturday night is traditionally governor's night and Gov. George Romney plans to pilot the Showboat around the bend again this year.

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