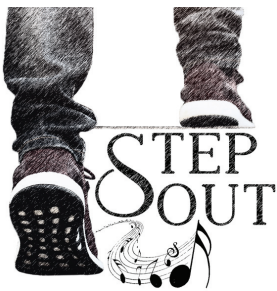


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# Pink Arrow Pride events are tomorrow!



Lowell will host the Mona Shores Sailors at Bob Perry Field on Thursday, Aug. 26.

Admission is free to those wearing this year's Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt. Pink Arrow XIV shirts are currently available for \$20 (\$25 for long sleeve shirts or for sizes 2XL-5XL) at

Fans in the Stands, Heidi's Farmstand, Red Barn Market and MI Hometown Furnishings. You can use a debit or credit card at Fans in the Stands, the other locations will only accept cash or check.

A commemorative program will be available at

the gate for a minimum \$1 donation.

The gates will open at 2:30 pm, and concessions will start serving at 3 pm. The Lowell Athletic Boosters are responsible for the food this year. You can buy pink food tickets in \$1 increments from vendors throughout the concession areas, and there will be grills in multiple locations.

A Lowell High School student will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at 3:30, then there will simultaneously be a volleyball game pitting Lowell against Caledonia and a soccer game against Forest Hills Eastern.

The survivor and honoree tribute will begin at 6 pm, accompanied with a song performed by another LHS

student under the direction of Nathan Masterson.

The football players and cheerleaders will be wearing pink to honor somebody in their lives who is dealing with cancer, the honorees and athletes will be introduced onto the field at 6:35 pm. At 7 pm, the LHS Vocal Group will perform "The Star Spangled Banner," then the football game will kick off.

Handicapped parking is at the lower stadium lot using the Alden Nash entrance. A shuttle will be available at Cherry Creek Elementary starting at 4:30 pm. Masks are required on all public transportation. Buses will start making return trips during the third quarter of the game.

The event is sponsored by All Weather Seal, Litehouse, King Milling Company, Meijer, Five Point Two Motorsports, J&H Family Stores, Enwork, Nu Vu Fuels and Timpson Transport.

To donate right now, visit [give.communityfunded.com/o/cf/i/pink-arrow-pride-2020](https://give.communityfunded.com/o/cf/i/pink-arrow-pride-2020) or mail a check, made out to Pink Arrow Pride, to PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.

Pink Arrow Pride has been helping those in Lowell traveling a cancer journey since 2007. All funds generated by Pink Arrow support Lowell Community Wellness Pink Arrow Family Support, Gilda's Club of Lowell, the Kathy Talus scholarship and the Dr. Donald Gerard medical scholarships.

# Alto Harvest Festival and classic car show to return Sept. 18



by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The 40th annual Alto Harvest Festival and the 15th annual Alto Car Show will both take place on Saturday, Sept. 18 in downtown Alto.

The event will include a pancake breakfast put on by the Alto Fire Department, a "musical journey to Woodstock" with psychedelic rock band the Magic Bus, food, crafts, kids activities, bingo and more.

"We only did the car show last year, but otherwise this is an annual event," said co-organizer James Carey.

"The fire department does a breakfast in the fall, and then we do a supper right around April. Those are both annual fundraisers for our fire department. The Magic Bus are slated to play from noon to three. They've been in Lowell a couple times for the concert series, they are big time regional, and they have quite a following. Several hundred additional people will likely attend just for them alone!"

"The crafters and the food vendors will be uptown," said co-organizer Eva Carey.

"There will be a baking contest, a book sale, arts and crafts booths, food booths, a scavenger hunt, inflatables for the kids, matchbox derby car races, kids crafts, a petting zoo, face painting. That's all on the church green, and that's all free. And then this year, instead of a pie eating contest, we're having a cupcake eating contest. There's a cash prize given for that, and a trophy. The American Legion is having bingo, and they're also having the Bert Jones Band play live later in the day, from about 7 to 10 pm."

The car show was the only aspect of the festival they were able to have safely in 2020.

"For the car show, we have 50 awards that we issue, and those will be presented after the Magic Bus show," James Carey said. "We do a top 50 and then a best of. The registered cars will all vote, they get 10 votes. We also have truck awards and awards for vehicles 2000 or newer. Believe it or not, a 2000 is considered a 'newer car,' so it's not your typical classic car. Being Alto, it just seemed right to have a couple of truck awards. They don't always fit in your traditional car show categories, but we want to bring everybody, you know, somebody likes to see everything. It's probably

been three or four years now that we incorporated a couple different awards. It's a little more all-encompassing that way. Even motorcycles, we get motorcycles that come in. They are not likely to win an award, but people love to see bikes. Old bikes, new bikes, all that. Registered car, truck or motorcycle owners are eligible for the door prizes. And we have

spectacular door prizes that that we offer. I go to a lot of car shows, and it's not uncommon for them to have door prizes, but it might be a sponge and a bottle of wax. We make a point to go out and get a lot of quality door prizes. Any profits that we make from the previous year get turned right back around and invested into next year's event."





# Highlights from Aug. 16 Lowell city council meeting



Screenshot of Lowell city council in discussion at their Monday, Aug. 16 meeting.



## Estimated Range of Value

1. Different investors will place different weights on the 3 approaches:
  - a. For reasons already stated, this valuation gives the Income Approach a weight of 90% and the Cost and Market Approaches each a weight of 5%.
2. The ultimate value is what a willing buyer will pay in a competitive process.
  - a. For this limited-scope valuation, our goal is to show an estimated range to inform decision makers.

### Estimated Range of Value for the Water Treatment System

• \$4,500,000 – \$6,000,000

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 16. The meeting lasted about 47 minutes.

The council heard two PowerPoint presentations from Ben Kapenstein, senior managing consultant

with PFM Financial Advisors: a wastewater treatment system valuation report and a water treatment system valuation report. Kapenstein's report valued the wastewater treatment system at \$7,245,000 and the water treatment system

at between \$4.5 and \$6 million. See images for further details.

The cost of these valuation reports was \$40,000, split between Lowell, Lowell Township and developer Sid Jansma.

"Looking at these values

and the rates, separating the systems and what that does to rates, we just don't really see a lot of value for the city in selling these systems at this time," Kapenstein said.

"That came out a lot better than I thought it would," said Lowell mayor

Michael DeVore.

"We know that we have capital improvements, regardless," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "A lot of the capital additions are, obviously, to satisfy the needs of [Lowell] Township, with the current agreement and with whatever else you would ever want to consider. We know that at least with the wastewater treatment plant, at some point we're going to have to do a \$7.8 million dollar upgrade, regardless. Anything else, it's not our issue."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in person at city hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 7, city hall is closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day. 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, Sept. 4.

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.



Mr. Michael Burns, Manager of the City of Lowell  
301 E. Main Street  
Lowell, MI 49331

Dear Mr. Burns,

At the request of the City of Lowell ("City"), Michigan, PFM Financial Advisors LLC ("PFM") has prepared the enclosed Wastewater Treatment Valuation Report which values the City's wastewater system. It is important to note that only the City's wastewater treatment plant and associated system components were valued. The City's system of collection and conveyance pipes and apparatuses which serves various customer types within City limits was not valued as it is not being considered for sale.

At the direction of the City, PFM worked under the premise that the only potential purchaser of the system at this time is Lowell Township, Michigan which is currently a wholesale unregulated customer, part owner of the system, and located less than ten miles from the City. PFM did not assess what the system could be worth in the open market. While other publicly owned and privately owned buyers potentially exist in the market, this valuation and analysis focuses solely on Lowell Township (or a similar unregulated purchaser) acquiring the wastewater treatment assets of the City of Lowell.

PFM focused on the Income Approach to Valuation for this engagement, but also considered the Cost Approach and Market Approaches as guiding factors. When a public entity is purchasing a public entity and the system will remain unregulated, the Income Approach is typically the preferred valuation methodology. This is because a public entity does not have to go through a regulatory process that may take all three approaches into account. Instead, a public entity will be much more influenced and affected by future cashflows which is what the Income Approach values. As previously stated, the Cost and Market approaches were still used in this valuation, however they were given less weight than the Income Approach.

Based on those assumptions and our analysis which is described in this report, the estimated value of the City's of Lowell's wastewater treatment system as of July 31, 2021 is \$7,245,000.

The following report supports and explains our findings. We thank the City for the opportunity to provide our services and look forward to assisting the City with achieving its future goals regarding its water and wastewater utilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Kapenstein, Senior Managing Consultant  
PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Two pages from the PowerPoint presentations prepared by Ben Kapenstein from PFM Financial Advisors. The complete documents are available on the city's website, [lowellmi.gov](http://lowellmi.gov).



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# LowellArts presents 2021 Fallasburg Arts Festival



The festival's hours are Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is free, but parking is \$5 per car. For more information, contact LowellArts at 616-897-8545 or send a message to [info@lowellartsmi.org](mailto:info@lowellartsmi.org).

Now in its 53rd year, the annual Fallasburg Arts Festival is presented by LowellArts and will be held on the weekend of Sept. 18 and 19. The two day outdoor festival includes 100 fine art and fine crafts booths, live music on a central stage, food booths supporting local non-profit

organizations, a children's craft area and traditional craft demonstrations in the pavilion.

Artist booths are juried and a broad range of different mediums will be represented, including jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed media, wood, painting, drawing,

photography, floral, basketry and more. Demonstrators of traditional crafts are located in the pavilion, and visitors of all ages are invited to watch the artisans at work. Demonstrations will include mosaic, fly tying, quilting, weaving, embroidery, needlefelting and more.

Musical entertainment will be held on an outdoor stage both days of the event, featuring a variety of music styles. Saturday's music line-up includes Eli Roe Music, Hawks and Owls, the Weatherheads, Paddy's Cure and the Bruce Matthews Band. On Sunday, you'll hear the Easy Idle String Band, Blue Water Ramblers, B-Side Growlers, the Adams Family and the Wild Honey Collective.

An enclosed children's area will provide children the opportunity to decorate and take home a pumpkin. Food booths offer an array of fall-inspired and festival foods, offered by local community organizations. Visitors are invited to purchase raffle tickets to win one of over 75 artist-made items donated by festival artists or the grand prize quilt, created by Mary Kidwell Tobin for the event. Event sponsors are Fifth Third Bank, Meijer and All-Weather Seal.



## July LPD stats report

Lowell Police Department made 13 arrests during the month of July. These arrests included one for drunk driving, four for driving with a suspended license, three for outstanding warrants and five that are described in the police department's monthly statistics sheet as "other arrests." There have been a total of 99 arrests made by the LPD so far this year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during July. There were three disorderly conduct calls, seven larceny calls, six dog/animal complaints, two malicious destructions and seven assaults. Lowell police issued 56 citations and notified four residents about ordinance violations. Out of 207 traffic stops in July, they let 154 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 25 times and called other agencies for assistance five times in July. They were also called for assistance by citizens 69 times and motorists three times.

Lowell police were dispatched to 12 accidents during July, two involving injuries.

## LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

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# Gov. Whitmer highlights “outstanding success” of MI Shot to Win Sweepstakes

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was joined by leaders of the Protect Michigan Commission and Michigan Education Trust to announce all remaining winners in the MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes, a lottery-style raffle that gave fully vaccinated Michiganders a chance to win more than \$5 million in cash and a combined total of nearly \$500,000 in college scholarships.

“Thanks to every Michigander who got their shot, the MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes has been a success and we are continuing to make progress in keeping our families and communities safe,” said Governor Whitmer. “But our work is not done. We are going to keep making efforts to reach people where they are, answer their questions and help them get their shots. If we work together, I know we can get this done and continue our economic

jumpstart.” During a news conference on July 1, Governor Whitmer announced the launch of the sweepstakes alongside the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Association of United Ways, Michigan Association of State Universities, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

While the summer months historically report lower vaccination rates, the MI Shot to Win Sweepstakes helped Michigan reverse that trend during a critical period of time before the more infectious Delta variant became the dominant strain of COVID-19. Michigan recorded week-to-week increases for first dose vaccinations throughout July during the sweepstakes:

July 4-10	28,000	first doses administered
July 11-17	30,000	first doses administered
July 18-24	35,000	first doses administered
July 25-30	41,000	first doses administered

doses administered The sweepstakes helped increase the state’s vaccination rates from 61 percent to 63 percent, supporting the climb toward the state’s goal of a 70 percent vaccination rate. Michigan’s vaccination rate now exceeds 65 percent, according to state’s most recent data on the COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

Over that same July time span, more than 2.4 million Michiganders signed up to win cash prizes and over 106,000 Michiganders entered to win scholarships. The media coverage from the sweepstakes also generated more than \$7 million in free publicity about the importance of getting one of the three safe and effective vaccines.

“The sweepstakes and news coverage helped spur conversations between families and friends about the sweepstakes,” said Protect Michigan

Commission Director Kerry Ebersole Singh. “Several winners who were previously unvaccinated before the sweepstakes said they were inspired to get their vaccinations based on those discussions and the prizes they could win.”

Michigan’s sweepstakes was one just strategy the state and the Protect Michigan Commission has used to promote vaccinations, Ebersole Singh noted. Governor Whitmer created the Protect Michigan Commission in January. Housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, commission leaders are charged with helping to ensure every Michigander has a plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

With three safe and effective vaccines readily available to all eligible residents, the state of Michigan has seen the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths plummet for vaccinated individuals, while unvaccinated Michiganders remain vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19. From January to July of this year, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for a staggering 98 percent of COVID cases, 95 percent of hospitalizations, and 96 percent of deaths.

**Moving forward, the Protect Michigan Commission will:**

- Continue the commission’s wide-ranging public education campaign.
- Highlight Michiganders’ COVID experience stories in its messaging and advertising.
- Increase community access points for vaccinations through mobile clinics and community events.
- Continue door-to-



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

door outreach and canvassing efforts to low-coverage areas –over 200,000 doors have already been knocked in communities throughout Michigan –to encourage people to get vaccinated.

“If we work together to increase vaccination rates, we can continue putting people back to work, continue our economic jumpstart, and ensure students can safely learn in the classroom,” Ebersole Singh said. “So please: get your shots to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.”

The MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes giveaway featured \$5 million in total prizes, including 30 daily prizes of \$50,000, a \$1 million prize and a \$2 million grand prize. For those receiving vaccines ages 12 to 17, there were nine four-year college scholarships. Each scholarship drawing

prize consists of a four-year Michigan Education Trust (MET) Charitable Tuition Program contract (valued at \$55,000) that may be used to pay for tuition and mandatory fees at a college or university in accordance with MET terms and conditions.

Michigan’s sweepstakes giveaway was powered by Meijer in partnership with the Michigan Association of United Ways and the State of Michigan. The statewide vaccine sweepstakes is supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Association of State Universities, Small Business Association of Michigan, Business Leaders for Michigan, Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, the Protect Michigan Commission and many more organizations.

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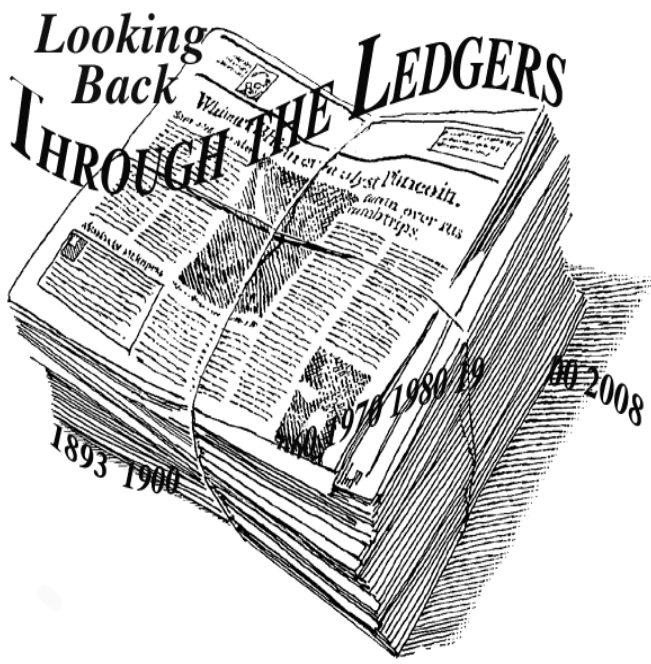
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# viewpoint



## 125 years ago Lowell Ledger August 28, 1896

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## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 1, 1921

“Home brew” not intended for sale would be protected from search and seizure by prohibition officers under an amendment to the anti-beer bill adopted by the national house of representatives before it sent the measure to conference.

Fire broke out in the oil room of the Standard Oil company Friday, adjacent to its big gasoline and oil storage tanks near the Pere Marquette crossing of Lowell Main street. Prompt and efficient work by the members of the Lowell fire department averted what might have been a catastrophe.

Kent county has now completed its county highway system. The eighty-five miles of trunk and non-trunk line roads built this year at a cost of \$1,500,000 are the final connecting links in a group of main arteries which should fill the country's needs in this regard for years to come. Several other counties also have completed their county systems; and, with Kent, are going on in the construction of side roads only under the Covert act.

## 75 years The Lowell Ledger August 29, 1946

Kent County Draft Board is preparing pre-induction notices for about 50 men 19 to 29 years old, who will comprise the first of two calls in September in the County, Joseph Beurkene, chief clerk, said Saturday. Those who pass physical examinations in Detroit will leave for Army service September 15. The second call will be made during the latter part of the month.

The Post Office Department plane to dub the new five-cent air mail postage rate, effective Oct. 1, the “U. S. Flag Rate.” For the first time there will be one air mail rate for all U. S. territory. There's a campaign cooking to publicize the new “Flag Rate.”

Capt. W. W. Hall (M. C.) U. S. Navy, was in Lowell the first of the week visiting his brother, Clint Hall, on his way to Bremerton, Wash., where he will serve as chief medical officer. Capt. Hall served as commander of the hospital ship “Solace” during engagements at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, giving first aid and evacuating the wounded to Guam and Tinian. Although his ship

was plainly marked in accordance with international law and 50 miles away from the scene of battle, the “Solace” was bombed and narrowly escaped destruction. A sister ship, the “Comfort” was bombed by the enemy, killing five doctors, seven nurses and a number of crew members.

## 50 years The Lowell Ledger September 2, 1971

Seven accidents, an unusually high number for this time of year, occurred in and around the Lowell area during the past week. The Kent County Sheriff's Department answered six of the calls, the worst of which was a two-car collision occurring August 29 at the intersection of Beckwith and Fallasburg Roads where four people were injured.

Effective September 8, North Star Lines will offer bus service from Manistee to Baldwin to Grand Rapids and Lansing, according to William W. Post, president of North Star. The new service will provided one run daily each way, stopping at Ludington, Scottville, Baldwin, White Cloud, Newaygo, Grant and other communities on highway M-37 before arriving in Grand Rapids.

P.F.C. Farley T. VandenBroeck, son of Mrs. Viona Hodges and Royal Vandenbroeck, has completed his Marine basic training at Camp Pendleton, California. After being home for 20 days he has returned to Camp LaJuene, North Carolina. He now has orders to leave on September 13 for duty in the Mediterranean Sea. While on duty for six months he plans to visit France, Spain, Italy and Greece. Farley is a member of the Force Troops, 2nd Platoon “B Co.” 2nd Amtrac Bn.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger August 28, 1996

The richness derived from being able to trace one's family lineage makes the hunt a most treasured one. Oakwood Cemetery sexton Don DeJong has begun uncovering a number of family treasures through his headstone restoration project. “It's been enjoyable to hear people say how much they appreciate the uncovering, and the erecting of old, fallen headstones,” DeJong said.

The new library facilities in Alto and Lowell will get some much needed equipment, thanks to the Lowell Charter Township. Township officials recently presented Sandy Graham and Jane Aronson with checks of \$3,000 and \$5,000 respectively for the purpose of outfitting their new facilities with the equipment. The Alto library will use its funds for a new drinking fountain, receipt printer and additional shelving, while Lowell plans on purchasing a microfilm reader that prints and some additional computer equipment.

From 1946 until 1970 the Seagrave fire truck was in service fighting fires. Now there is talk of putting it out for display. City officials are considering making it a front yard historical exhibit at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

## Three retirement planning tips for women

One day in 1939, Ida May Fuller stopped by the local Social Security office in her hometown of Rutland, Vermont to inquire about Social Security benefits. She knew she had been paying into Social Security, and wanted to learn more. The following year, she received the very first Social Security benefit payment - \$22.54 - arriving as check number 00-000-001. Ida's story still holds lessons for women today - and it started with her getting the information she needed.

Today, signing up for a personal *my Social Security* account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) can help you get information tailored for you to plan for your retirement. It's never too late to start planning. Ida was 65 years old when she started receiving benefit payments, but she lived well beyond her life expectancy of 65 years, 4 months. In fact, Ida lived to be 100 years old, and received Social Security benefit payments for 35 years.

It's important to create your personal *my Social Security* account as soon as possible. With your account, you can view estimates of future benefits, verify your earnings, and view the

estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid. Verifying earnings is important because your future benefit is based on your earnings history.

Your Social Security benefit payments will provide only a portion of your pre-retirement income. You may have to save more to have adequate income for your desired lifestyle in retirement.

Savings need to be an active part of your plan to take care of yourself and your family's financial future. Ida never married. She supported herself. However, you may find yourself widowed or divorced -and having to provide for yourself for several more years. Unlike in Ida's day, you can go online to see if you're eligible at [www.ssa.gov/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/retirement) to receive a current, deceased, or former spouse's benefits. It might make financial sense to claim those benefits instead of your own - since the payments could be higher based on the individual's own earnings history.

We encourage you to follow Ida's example and plan for your financial future. Please share this information with your friends and family - and help us spread the word on social media.

## We love to hear from you!

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

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- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of “cards of thanks” will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- “Crossfire” letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
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# 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.

T is for Tinkler -  
 The Jed and Mary (Nellie) Tinkler family

Jed and Mary Tinkler married 1891 and lived in town on Hudson Street, across the street to the east of the Congregational Church. Jed loved to hunt and worked as a barber in the Lee Block at 119 W. Main. This location is part of today's Main Street Inn. In November of 1906 he lost the shop in a fire that destroyed the Lee block. Fires were not uncommon in these wood frame buildings, especially in the winter time. The origin of this fire was uncertain, but it was thought to have been a defective wire. This fire was hard for the fire department as they were unable to get to the back of the building, ironically, because of the river.

Jed moved into the Hotel Central Building around the corner on Riverside Street temporarily until he could resume his practice at the old location. A barber shop was the center of town affairs, and Jed Tinkler was well known in Lowell. He owned his shop, and employed other barbers.



**The Tinkler Family- Jed and Mary Tinkler and their four girls: Alice, Martha, Angelus "Angie" and Lucille. They lived across Hudson Street from the Congregational Church. Jed was a barber in Lowell.**

Mrs. Mary Tinkler's story contains an interesting and tragic twist. Her descendants tell that she herself didn't even know the full story until much later in life. Her birth parents were Charles and Almira Nelson. She had an older sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) and older brother George. Mary was born on October 22, 1871. One month later, on November 24, 1871, the family was in a horrible buggy accident. Almira died that day, and Charles died two days later. Charles and Almira were buried in the Alton Cemetery. Two year old George died as a result of the accident also and was buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Grattan Township. Lizzie

survived. She died in 1892, and joined her brother at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Mary was legally adopted by the neighbor, John and Maria Crowley. She was baptized at St. Patrick's church on December 3, 1871. John died in 1879, was buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery, and after that Mary lived with various neighbors. By the time her marriage license to Jed was recorded, her name is given as Nellie Nelson Crowley. Her father's name is listed as Crowley and her mother was unknown.

daughters who charmed the town. The girls were Alice, Lucille, Angelus (Angie) and Martha. The girls were involved in clubs and hosted parties and social events in their home.

In 1914 Jed sold the barber shop intending to move to Grand Rapids. They lived in Belding for a while before moving to Grand Rapids. Both Tinklers died in 1932. Jed died in February while on a trip to Ohio to visit one of the daughters and Mary died on Christmas day from pneumonia.

Jed and Mary had four

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| <b>AUGUST 27</b><br>Virgil Roudabush.   | <b>AUGUST 31</b><br>Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson. |
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## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD

### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

On August 16, 2021, Vergennes Township (the “Township”) adopted Ordinance Amendments No. 2021-03 and 2021-04, Amending the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. The following is a summary of the amendments to the Ordinance. A true copy of the Ordinance is available at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 – Phone (616) 897-5671 or on the website [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org).

#### 201.307 “FR” Flat River District.

**A.** This district consists of land lying within four hundred (400) feet from the ordinary high-water mark on each side of and paralleling the Flat River, including the river water area and all designated streams flowing through the Township as defined in 201.307 H.

**F.1.** Building and Structure Setback From River. There shall be a setback of one hundred (100) feet from the ordinary high water mark or twenty-five (25) feet from the identified 100-year floodplain line, whichever results in the greatest distance from the edge of the water and, further, that for parcels with a shoreline constituting a bluff, as defined in Section 201.202, Definitions (Bluff), new buildings, structures and appurtenances must additionally be set back not less than fifty (50) feet from the top of the bluff and the bluff shall remain unaltered with minimal landscaping within the bluff setback.

**F.2.** Septic tanks, drain fields, and other sanitary facilities shall also be placed closer to the dwelling than the river unless otherwise directed by the Kent County Health Department. Facilities shall meet all other requirements for Kent County Health Department approval specified in Chapter 4, Section 201.421, and, in addition, the bottom of the absorption field shall not be less than four (4) feet above the ordinary high water table.

#### 201.402 Accessory buildings, construction timing and location limitation

**G.** In the C-Commercial and I-Industrial zoning districts, shipping containers and similarly constructed storage structures may be permitted as an accessory structure, provided it meets the minimum setbacks for each zoning district and is properly screened by fencing, vegetation, or enclosed so as not to be visible from an adjacent street or residential property. All such structures will require zoning administrator approval before being placed on the property.

Dated: August 19, 2021

Shantell Ford  
Township Clerk  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Kent County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)

The Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Kent County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Kent County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA’s website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).



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# David Jones enters new song in ArtPrize competition

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell musician David Jones has a brand new composition in competition at this year's ArtPrize. The track is called 'I Want to See the Day,' it's a slick-sounding reggae-influenced song about the drudgery of hard work.

"[The song] has a reggae feel, and it addresses people who work hard in everyday menial jobs hoping one day to be rewarded and appreciated," Jones said.

To give it a listen, go to the ArtPrize website and search for the band "Step Out," or head directly to [artprize.org/70128](http://artprize.org/70128). Keep checking the Step Out page on the ArtPrize website, Jones is working on a music video to accompany 'I Want to See the Day.'

"Step Out is the name of the band that is going to be playing at ArtPrize," Jones said. "I had to give it a name

because I could either enter as myself or I could enter as a collaboration. The song was a collaboration with another songwriter, Jon Wiedyk, and the recording engineer Rusty Benmark was part of the collaboration too, so we decided to use part of the lyrics of the song for the name of the band. The phrase 'step out' is in the bridge and in the verse as well, so that's what we ended up using. If you go to my entry on the ArtPrize website, you scroll down and you'll see a SoundCloud. Several of those songs were in ArtPrize over the past years. Right now the recording of 'I Want to See the Day' that is up on ArtPrize is not quite finished, because we're still waiting to get the guitar solo on there. Ryder [Jones] is going to do that pretty soon, so hopefully before the end of the month we'll have

the final recording on the SoundCloud."

Jones, of Lowell, has been a member of many rock groups, including the Plague, Stillwater, Alive & Well, the Great Lakes Band, Time Hungry and D Avenue.

"I came up with the melody, the arrangement and the basic idea, and I also came up with the title," Jones said. "Then I asked Jon for some lyrics. He came back with three or four verses, and I chose a couple of the verses and adapted it to the chorus."

"Billions of people go to work every day, do their best at their job and take care of their family, but are never featured in stories and media except as secondary passing characters, Wiedyk said. "I Want To See The Day' is a lament for all of the everyday workers who toil endlessly behind the scenes, rarely getting the recognition they deserve. It is a hope that one day we can all step into the light of a better day."

"The recording was done by me at home in my little studio. I have a Yamaha workstation and a couple of keyboards, and I'm able to record everything there. I played a recording of the song for Rusty Benmark. He unexpectedly got back to me a few weeks later and asked if he could do a mix of it as well. He wanted to learn how to mix, engineer and edit songs, and I thought to myself, 'Well, it can't hurt!' Because Rusty's basically a genius at anything he does. He's retired and he has the



equipment and he has a computer with all this new software. He and I - mostly him! - learned a lot over like a three or four month period, taking some online courses here and there. But he did a really, really good job for the first time taking on an outside project and mixing and editing it, and he also reworked the drums to sound more current, did some tuning of the vocals, some effects and everything else that you would do to make a recording sound good. And I did a couple more vocal tracks over in his studio as well, that's located just outside of Lowell. He did a really fantastic job."

Step Out will be performing live at least twice during ArtPrize, potentially more. At this point, the venue will be the Peppino's restaurant at 130 Ionia Ave SW, and the dates are Sept. 17 and 24, but all of that could change.

"We didn't really nail down a time, but I'm assuming it would be in the early evening or something like that," Jones said. "They really won't have everything set until probably the first part of September because of all the different events that are going on downtown. Some things might still get booked and some other things might get canceled,

plus all the different football games and everything else that's going on in September. We're going to be doing four or five originals and probably four or five covers. I'd say 40 to 45 minutes. We're doing 'I Want To See the Day,' obviously, and some other originals of mine

is Tom Pickel and my wife Pamela Jones is going to sing a couple songs with us. Pamela has been my music partner, road gig partner, a great vocalist, songwriting collaborator, supporter and honest critic for the better part of 40 years. She never once complained when I



and one of Jon's songs, and then we're going to be doing some covers too, including 'Lay Down Sally' by Eric Clapton, 'You Wreck Me' by Tom Petty and 'Good Thing' by Fine Young Cannibals. The band will consist of me, Jon on guitar and mandolin, Rusty is going to be running sound for us, Ryder will play lead guitar, the drummer

would lose track of time working on something in our basement music studio. When we first started our duo, D Avenue, in 1984, I was out of work. She supported the idea and we spent hundreds of hours preparing music for the clubs we would play and countless more hours and money working on our originals in professional recording studios. 'Ledger of Love' was one of them, that song was recently placed in a prime time TV show called 'Snowfall.'"



Scan this QR code for a direct link to the "Step Out" page on the ArtPrize website.

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# MDHHS urges Michiganders to continue routine screenings

Life-saving cancer screenings have experienced a significant decline during the pandemic, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noting an 87 percent drop in breast cancer screenings and an 84 percent decrease in cervical cancer screenings nationally in April 2020 compared to the five previous years. Screening disparities among low-income minority

women were already evident prior to COVID-19 and the pandemic has intensified those disparities. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging Michigan women to resume these routine screenings. People in need of screenings can call MDHHS at 844-446-8727 to speak with a program specialist.

Screening tests are proactive measures and can help find cancer at an early stage before symptoms appear. The earlier cancer is found, the easier it can be to treat. Health screenings are also important in identifying risk factors a person may have for chronic disease. Women in Michigan can take charge of their health by working with a Health Coach and making healthy

lifestyle choices. They can also take advantage of free support services to maintain their health. “We are recommending women take advantage of screenings offered through MDHHS if they are not available to them through their primary care provider,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. “Simple, proactive

measures can catch cancer in its early stages and allow doctors to intervene before it progresses.” MDHHS has openings for program-eligible women to receive free cancer and health screenings through two programs: The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program provides free breast and cervical cancer screening

services, statewide, to low-income women. The WISEWOMAN Program, available in select areas, helps participants understand chronic disease risk factors and make healthy lifestyle choices. To learn more about these programs, call 844-446-8727 or visit Michigan.gov/cancer. For Spanish resources, call 800-379-1057.

# KDL accepting music submissions from local talent

Calling all local musicians! Kent District Library is now accepting submissions to KDL Vibes, an upcoming streaming platform that features music from West Michigan musicians. KDL Vibes will offer an online collection that showcases and shares current local music for free. Musicians who would like to

have their music selected to be featured in the collection are invited to submit a sample track from their album using the online form. After submitting the form, a jury consisting of members of West Michigan’s local music community and library staff will review and select 40-

50 albums per submission round. These musicians will be paid an honorarium for their contribution which is a way for the library to support our vibrant arts community. “The Vibes platform is a great way to celebrate our local music scene,” said Stacy Schuster, Collection Development Librarian for KDL. “Musicians will have

the opportunity to share their songs and music lovers will have access to the amazing talents of musicians in the West Michigan area.” KDL Vibes streaming platform is set to launch to the public later this year for patrons to listen to music from their favorite West Michigan musicians.

Musicians looking for more information or who have any questions can visit [vibes.kdl.org/faq](http://vibes.kdl.org/faq) or email the team at [vibes@kdl.org](mailto:vibes@kdl.org). About Kent District Library Kent District Library is a public library system operating 20 branch libraries that serve nearly 400,000 residents of 27

different municipalities throughout Kent County. KDL enriches lives by providing information, ideas and excitement. It is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit supported by millage dollars and private donations. KDL is a member of the Lakeland Library Cooperative. For more information, visit [kdl.org](http://kdl.org).

# Today: Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Wednesday, Aug. 25 is the 237th day of the year. There are 128 days remaining until the end of 2021.

## Historic Events

- 766:** Emperor Constantine V humiliates nineteen high-ranking officials after discovering a plot against him. He then executes the plot’s leaders, brothers Constantine and Strategios Podopagouros.
- 1270:** Although he is suffering from dysentery, Philip III becomes King of France following the death of his father Louis IX.
- 1543:** António Mota and a few companions are the first Europeans to visit Japan.
- 1609:** Galileo Galilei demonstrates his first telescope.
- 1814:** During the War of 1812, on the second day of the Burning of Washington, British troops torch the Library of Congress, United States Treasury, Department of War and other public buildings.
- 1823:** American fur trapper Hugh Glass is mauled by a grizzly bear while on an expedition in South Dakota. Severely wounded and left

- for dead by his companions, when he came to, Glass crawled through 200 miles of harsh countryside for six weeks until he reached Fort Kiowa. The 2015 film “The Revenant” was partially based on this story.
- 1835:** The “Great Moon Hoax” article is published in The New York Sun, announcing the discovery of a civilization on the Moon.
- 1875:** Captain Matthew Webb becomes the first person to swim across the English Channel. He swims from Dover, England, to Calais, France in 21 hours and 45 minutes.
- 1894:** Kitasato Shibasaburō discovers the infectious agent of the bubonic plague and publishes his findings in

- “The Lancet.”
- 1914:** Japan declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- 1914:** The library of the Catholic University of Leuven is deliberately destroyed by the German Army. Hundreds of thousands of irreplaceable volumes and Gothic and Renaissance manuscripts are lost.
- 1916:** The US National Park Service is created.
- 1933:** An earthquake strikes Mao County in Sichuan, China, killing 9,000 people.
- 1940:** The first bombing of Berlin by the British Royal Air Force.
- 1942:** Second day of the Battle of the Eastern Solomons: A Japanese naval transport convoy headed

- towards Guadalcanal is turned back by an Allied air attack.
- 1944:** Paris is liberated by the Allies.
- 1948:** The House Un-American Activities Committee holds the first-ever televised congressional hearing, a confrontation between Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss.
- 1950:** To avert a threatened strike, President Harry Truman orders the Army to seize control of America’s railroads.
- 1980:** Zimbabwe joins the United Nations.
- 1981:** Voyager 2 spacecraft makes its closest approach to Saturn.
- 1989:** Voyager 2 spacecraft makes its closest approach to Neptune.


- 1991:** Belarus gains its independence from the Soviet Union.
  - 2001:** R&B singer Aaliyah Haughton and eight others are killed when their aircraft crashes shortly after takeoff.
  - 2012:** Voyager 1 spacecraft enters interstellar space, the first man-made object to do so.
  - 2017:** Category 4 Hurricane Harvey makes landfall in Texas, the strongest hurricane to hit the United States since 2004. The storm will cause catastrophic flooding through much of eastern Texas, killing 106 people and causing \$125 billion in damage.
- Birthdays**
- 1530:** Ivan the Terrible
  - 1819:** Allan Pinkerton, detective

- 1836:** Bret Harte, writer
- 1918:** Leonard Bernstein, composer, conductor
- 1921:** Monty Hall, game show host
- 1927:** Althea Gibson, tennis player, golfer
- 1930:** Sean Connery, actor
- 1931:** Regis Philbin, talk show host
- 1933:** Wayne Shorter, saxophonist
- 1933:** Tom Skerritt, actor
- 1946:** Rollie Fingers, baseball player
- 1949:** Gene Simmons, singer/songwriter, Kiss
- 1951:** Rob Halford, singer/songwriter, Judas Priest
- 1954:** Declan “Elvis Costello” McManus, singer/songwriter
- 1955:** John McGeoch, guitarist, Siouxsie and the Banshees

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## SPORTS

## Soccer draws with Allendale

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

The new soccer stadium was nearly ready for the Lowell varsity boys soccer home opener against Allendale. The timeline would have been an impressive feat, but the team is anticipating having their first home game at the new stadium in mid-September.

Fortunately for fans, Bob Perry Field just down the hill on the high school athletic campus served as the venue for the team's game against Allendale on Monday night. Those in attendance were treated to a thrilling non-conference game that saw a lot of end to end action.

Spanish exchange student Joaquim Sanmarti Comella proved to be a dangerous option up front for the Red Arrows along with sophomore Bryce

Thompson, whose power makes him a threat nearly anywhere in the offensive half. It would be Sanmarti Comella that found the opener in the 39th minute just before halftime by pouncing on a bouncing ball in the six yard box and striking it into the bottom left corner.

Moments before, Lowell goalkeeper Lincoln Homolka came up big for the Red Arrows with a Falcon in behind the Red Arrow defense, he came off his line to intercept the ball, getting the timing just right to avoid a walk-in Allendale goal.

Homolka would deliver more goalkeeper heroics in the second half, when Allendale was given a penalty kick for a Red Arrow trip in the penalty box. Homolka dove left on the penalty attempt struck down

the middle, but delivered a kick save that kept the game tied. Allendale would get on the board on a goal from Reece Meyers with 20 minutes to play, and both sides had chances to break the deadlock, the game ended with a deserving 1-1 draw in what was an evenly played game.

Last week, Lowell also came away with a 1-1 non-conference draw at Cedar Springs. This time it was Cedar Springs getting an early goal within the first four minutes. Thompson equalized for Lowell off a corner by junior David Foster.

The Red Arrows are looking forward to their Pink Arrow game this Thursday, a 3:30 match time against Forest Hills Eastern.



Joaquim Sanmarti Comella celebrates a goal that put LHS in front of Allendale on Monday night. The game ended 1-1.

## Tennis action last week



Lowell first singles player Ty Knottnerus hits a forehand back at Lakewood's Clay Dumond during their match at Lakewood High School Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Brett Bremer.



Tennis Lowell's Sam VandenHout and Max Del Rosario close in on a 6-4, 6-4 win over the Lakewood first doubles team of Asher Teigeler and Logan Tefft during a non-conference dual at Lakewood High School Tuesday. Photo by Brett Bremer.

## Golf tees off season

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

A win to start the season is always a good way to start. The Lowell Red Arrows varsity girls golf team had all four scorers break 50 in their opening match on Morrison Lake Golf Club's front nine.

In the match, Lowell

defeated Lakewood by a score of 196-221. The Red Arrows were Stephanie Spinella, Elle Sluss, and Emma Jo McCormick who all shot a 48. Maddie Liley added a career best 49. Sophie Flickinger, Leah Krieger, Hannah Flickinger all established career lows

playing in their first varsity matches.

Most golf matches feature six players, with the top four scoring. Lowell and Lakewood were each able to add several more than six players each to give everyone more experience, something that is typical for non-conference golf duals.

The following day, Lowell took on their first 18 hole tournament of the season at the Kent County Classic on a much tougher Thornapple Pointe Course. The Lady Arrows led by Spinella's 94, placed seventh. Rylee Jannenga and Sluss both shot a 97 and Sophia Flickinger added a career best round to help the Red Arrows finish seventh.

The varsity team is coached by Josh Bruwer and the JV team is coached by Brandon Barber this year. Lowell varsity heads to Middleville for the Thornapple-Kellogg Invitational at Yankee Springs this Friday.



Freshman Elle Sluss putts for birdie on Morrison Lake's par 3 2nd hole

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- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Volleyball kicks off season

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Following up on back-to-back state runner-up finishes is a tall task for any team. Now that Lowell volleyball is settling into what should be a much more normal looking season than last year, they're looking to make yet another deep postseason run.

Unlike last year where the team couldn't even practice indoors for a good stretch due to COVID-19 related restrictions, this year the team had a bit more normal of a summer. The girls have been able to participate in open gyms, lifting, conditioning, and scrimmages in the preseason.

A year after losing three seniors to graduation, Lowell will be looking for some familiar and some new faces to step up. Jenna Reitsma is currently playing at Marquette University, Emma Hall is playing at Gannon University, and Sophie Powell is continuing

her education at the University of Michigan. All three were pivotal pieces in the Red Arrow lineup.

"Obviously it is hard to replace the three seniors last year, Jenna, Emma, and Sophie, but we are a new team and looking forward to new kids stepping up and creating our own identity this year for this team," Lowell volleyball head coach Jordan Drake said.

The Lady Arrows started that run in Grand Haven this weekend at the Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic. Lowell went 4-2 with losses to two perennial powers in Novi and Hudsonville, and victories over DeWitt, Livonia Stevenson, West Ottawa, and fellow conference member Byron Center to win the Silver Bracket.

Youth is a big part of the team with a freshman in the starting lineup, as well as four sophomores. Starting libero, Layna Waselewsky is

a freshman. Taryn Jackson, a sophomore, is the team's starting setter. Sophomores Braxcynn Baker and Piper Risdon are starting outside hitters and middle blockers respectively.

Another sophomore, Ashley Powell, will contribute time as a defensive specialist.

Helping lead those underclassmen are seniors Emily Struckmeyer and Sydney Zandstra.

"Both Emily and Sydney are great offensive weapons that pose a threat to opposing teams. Aubriegh Oswald also returns this year as a junior after starting for us as a freshman two seasons ago but missed all of last season with a torn ACL," Drake added.

Lowell will once again have a schedule that features some of the state's best both in and out of conference.

"The OK White is just as challenging as it has ever been. Grand Rapids Christian is coming off Back-to-Back



Senior Sydney Zandstra will be one of the key returning members For Lowell volleyball this year.

state titles, FHC and Byron Center both finished ranked in the top 10 in the state last year and FHN has a great group of kids over there that will pose a great threat as well. We really will have to play our best volleyball day in and day out to give ourselves a chance to compete for a conference championship," Drake said of the conference.

The Lowell varsity team will be back in action on Wednesday at Northview, Pink Arrow at home on Thursday, and a tournament at Rockford on Saturday where a matchup with district member Rockford looms.

"This team has tons of potential talent and our ceiling is very high. Right now we are getting

lots of experience facing challenging opponents. It is fun to have a young team because I know that we are only going to continue to get better every practice, every point, and every match. It will be exciting to see where we are by the end of the season," Coach Drake concluded.

## LHS cross country starts season

The Lowell boys cross country team opened the 2021 season with a second place finish, 99 points, to Rockford's win with 98 points at the Portage Central Early Bird Invitational. East Grand Rapids followed with a third place finish at 103 points.

Taking top honors for Lowell was Sawyer Fowler with a second place finish of 16.22. Jackson Fowler placed 13th with a time of 17.08. Medaling in the race as well was Ben Bromley, 15th, with a time of 17.18. Completing the final score was Cole Weston, 26th, at 17.52, and Keegan Cater, 43rd, at 18.31. Finishing the varsity lineup were Blake Bennett, 47th, 18.37 and Levi Mills, 49th, 18.39.

The Lowell girls cross country team kicked off the 2021 season by lining up against some of the strongest teams on the west side of the state and came away with a seventh place showing out of the 18 teams attending.

Lowell also achieved the team goal of the day

which was to work hard and look for teammates during the race as that always leads to faster times and a better team finish.

Annika and Katrina Sandman both scored event t-shirts as they finished in ninth (19:42) and 21st (20:47) place respectively out of 300 plus runners. Keira Sandman finished 60th (22:26) leading a pair of young Arrows, Allye Risner 68th (22:42) and Claire O'Boyle 79th (23:04) to complete the scoring.

Freshman Megan Lillie and senior Kaylee Byrne rounded out the top seven as they finished in 112 (24:19) and 162nd (25:40). First time cross country runners Jamara Harper 27:42, Bri Fullerton 30:02, Jadyn Young 31:40, Kiah Burgess 35:35 and Claire Uzarski 37:11 all scored their first high school cross country finish in the hot and humid conditions.

Lowell heads to Hesperia on Wednesday and Benzie Central on Saturday for invitationals.

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## obituaries

### ROE

Alan Dale Roe, age of 74 of Ada, passed away Friday, August 20, 2021. Alan was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Roe; and father, Henry Roe. He is survived by his children, Lisa (Kevin) Homrich, and Ryan (Jamie) Roe; grandchildren, Jordan (Mary) Potter, Brianna Homrich & fiancé, Harper Hotchkiss; great-grandchildren, Easton Potter, and Journee; best friend & partner, Wendy VanDriel; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Al was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving 4 tours during the Vietnam Conflict. Visitation was held from 5-8 PM on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services were at 12:00 PM on Monday, August 23, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, with visitation one hour prior. Memorial contributions can be directed to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



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~ Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

## TRIBUTE TO A BROTHER

### William Henry Wood

February 5, 1931 - August 9, 2021

William Henry Wood, 3rd child of 7 born to George and Dorothy on Feb 5, 1931, in the early years of the depression. As in most American families, jobs, money and food were scarce and times were hard and unforgiving. George and Dorothy managed to buy their first home on N. Monroe in Lowell late in 1941. The depression was lifting and the family was just getting settled when George died on June 27, 1943, plunging the family deeper into poverty. Bill was 12 years old.



Bill took part time jobs anywhere he could find them, on farms, Foreman's Poultry, Kellogg's Vinegar Co., occasional baby sitting and for a few years, The Strand Theatre ushering and operating the projection equipment to name a few, and he brought every dime home to Mom to help keep the family going. He stayed in school and was a good athlete, making the varsity football team in his freshman year. As a sophomore he dropped out of sports so he could hold down more jobs. All thru high school we never knew him to date or participate in any school social activities, attending classes during the day, working varied jobs nights and weekends.

After graduating LHS in '50, he apprenticed as a carpenter and continued to bring his wages home to Mom. On most Friday nights and weekends he would loan his car to his two younger brothers, allowing them to enjoy a more normal life as 50's teenagers. And to further demonstrate his love for his family he gave hugs that almost made the ribs ache. We will miss those hugs. In this manner, Bill sacrificed 18 years of his early life serving our Mother and his siblings. He didn't complain, he just did it. Bill Wood manned-up long before he was a man. Our love and gratitude for what he did for us knows no bounds.

In loving memory of our deceased siblings Ruth, Barbara Jean, Bill, Winnie and Jim.

By Margie Wood Kehrer LHS '57  
and Ron Wood LHS '58

### SCHROUDER

May 26, 1925 – August 6, 2021

John Althen Schrouder, age 96 of Ada, left his earthly home and entered his eternal home on August 6, 2021. He was greeted by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and many loved ones who have gone before him. John was born on May 26, 1925 in Grand Rapids the son of Claude & Gladys (Fleming) Schrouder. After proudly serving his country in the US Navy, he would later share his WWII stories with family and friends. John supported his family working for Hekman Biscuit Company as a Class 1 maintenance mechanic, then he was the building superintendent for the Helmer Building in Grand Rapids, before moving on the maintenance engineer at Grandville Public Schools and finished his working career as the chief engineer for the Marriott Inn in Grand Rapids. In his retirement, John spent many years driving school bus for several local school districts before permanently hanging up the keys from Forest Hills Public Schools. After the war, John obtained his pilot's license through the GI Bill. He loved the sky and owned his own plane for several years. During his youth, he developed his skills at roller-skating and was able to "dance on wheels" the Two-Step, several waltzes and the Jitterbug. Later he enjoyed woodworking and selling his woodcrafts at festivals and craft shows. He also loved spending time with family camping, hunting and fishing. John was a man of great faith and was a member of Evergreen Missionary Church. He loved sharing his faith in God with others as often as he could to all who would listen. John is survived by his wife of 70 years, Beatrice (Evans) Schrouder. He is also survived by his children, Suzanne Arias of Hastings, Philip (Julie) Schrouder of Martin, Mary (Don) Shattuck of Ionia, Jill Bregg of Ada, Steven Schrouder of Lowell and Benjamin Schrouder of Ada; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren as well as many nieces



and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Mella Haggai; and his brother, Lawrence Schrouder. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Evergreen Missionary Church in Lowell.

### YAKES

In Loving Memory of Robert (Bobby) Harry Yakes  
May 13, 1964 - July 29, 2021

He is survived by his wife, Susan Yakes; siblings, Bud (Karlene) Yakes, Susan (Keith) Gillhespy, Michelle (Bob) Young; daughter, Jennifer (Mike) Hale; several nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Ramona Griffith and sister-in-law, Virginia Bremer. Preceded in death by his parents, Ron and Mary Yakes; father-in-law, Joseph Griffith; brother-in-law, Robert Bremer; and sister, Karen Sue Yakes. We will be having a Celebration of Life for family and friends on September 18, 2021, noon to 3 pm, at Lowell Township Park on Grand River Drive.

## college news

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were graduated at the conclusion of the Winter 2021 semester in April.

Local students are: of **Ada**: Zachary J. Aboufadel, Bachelor of Science; Jennine J. Aqel, Bachelor of Social Work; Emma R. Bieniewicz, Bachelor of Music; Abigail M. Bradley, Master of Social Work; Hannah G. Clark, Bachelor of Science; Riley R. Coxon, Bachelor of Arts; Stephen M. Deceuninck, Master of Business Administration; Bryce N. Gerondale, Bachelor of Science; Ryan D. Hilbert, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; Nicholas J. Hughes, Bachelor of Science; Brendan D. Hutchings, Bachelor of Business Administration; Isaac C. Leipprandt, Bachelor of Business Administration; Cameron R. McClary, Bachelor of Science; Anne

E. Mcelwee, Bachelor of Arts; Jessilyn A. Mckim, Bachelor of Arts; Ryan T. Merrill, Bachelor of Science; Maggie C. Obermeyer, Master of Social Work; Amrutha R. Patil, Bachelor of Science; Elizabeth A. Pohl, Doctor of Nursing Practice; Mykola A. Prischenko, Bachelor of Science; Emma R. Rupperecht, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Trevor D. Sherman, Bachelor of Science; Ryan M. Skoog, Bachelor of Science; William D. Smeda, Bachelor of Science; Brianna N. Tilton, Bachelor of Science; Ariel M. Verbrugge, Master of Public Health; Noah J. Vroegindewey, Bachelor of Science; **of Alto**: Jason M. Biscorner, Bachelor of Business Administration; Christine I. Byam, Bachelor of Science; David A. Den Herder, Master of Business Administration; Ashley R. Helmer, Bachelor of Science; Griffin T. Knobloch, Bachelor of Business Administration; Peter J. Williamson, Bachelor of Business Administration; **of Lowell**: Amber J. Curtis, Bachelor of Business Administration; Amanda P. Filkins, Master of Public Health; Darby L. Fuller, Bachelor of Science; Lance R. Huber, Bachelor of Science; Joseph D. Kline, Bachelor of Science; Garrett M. Nauta, Bachelor of Science; Lauren M. Penninga, MAT; Mallory N. Vance, Bachelor of Science; Sarena M. Wilterdink, Bachelor of Arts.

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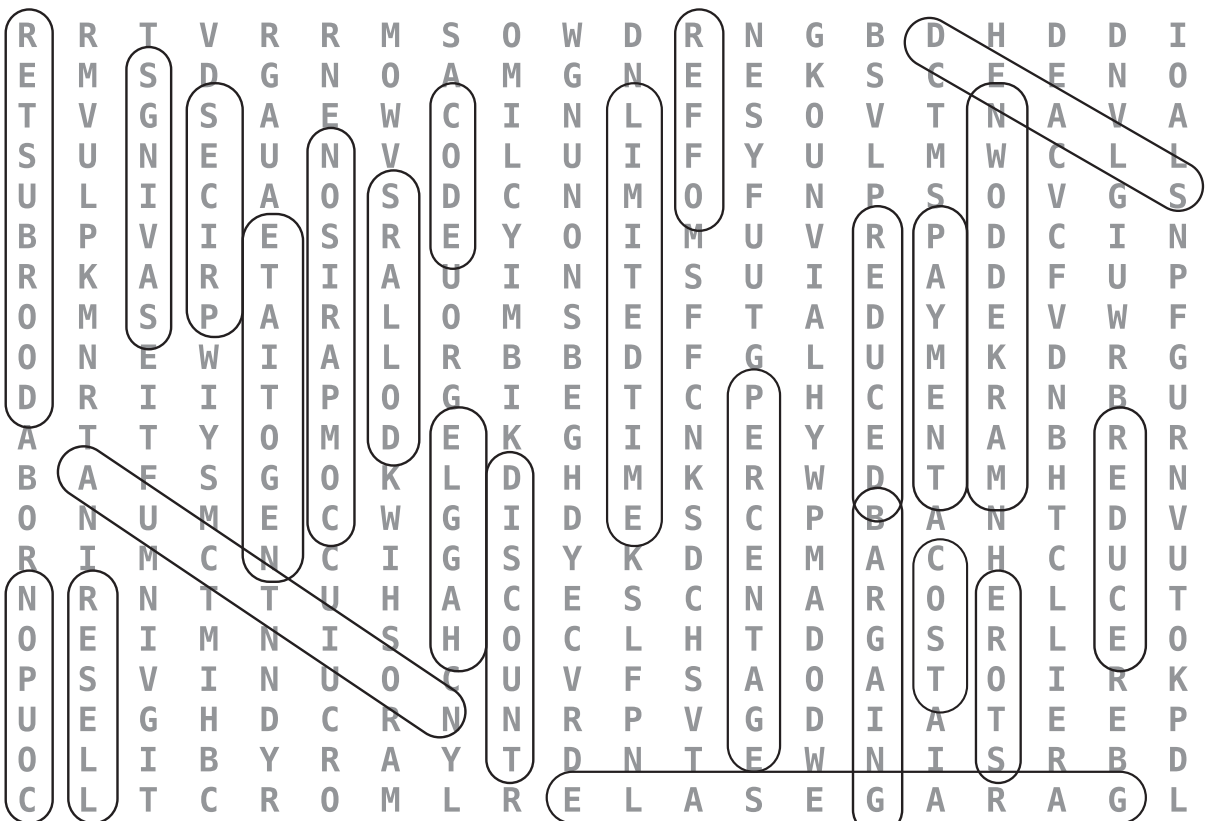
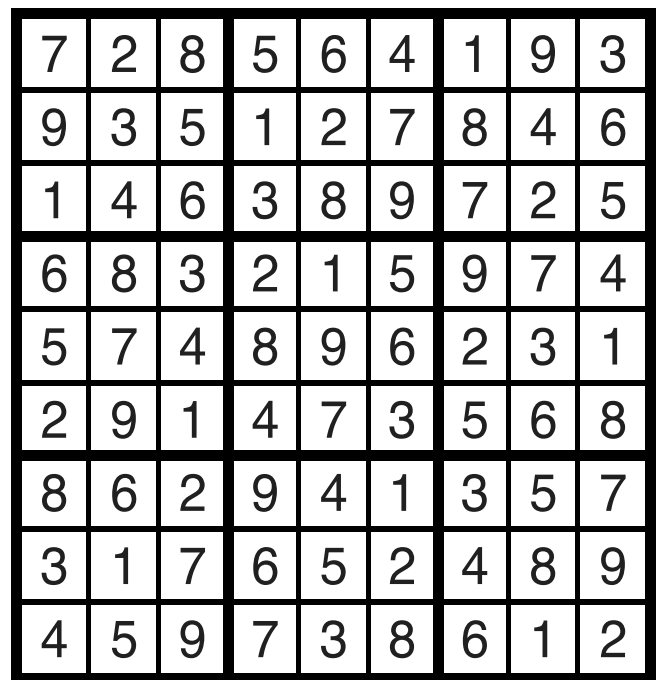
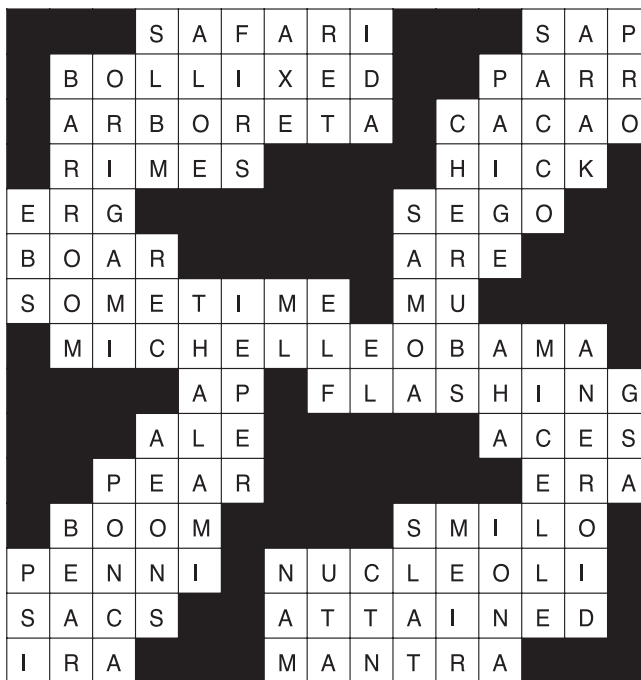
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~ cadillac ranch

by Martha Hayden

The Texas dust blew in the wind as we approached The Cadillac Ranch along Route 66. We walked by a tour bus parked crookedly along the side of the road. It was nestled between haphazardly placed vehicles along the street. Looking out into the field at this random roadside feature I could hear an old man voice in my head, “Ya know what a guy could do?” This was quite an inventive display.

The first time I heard about The Cadillac Ranch was three years ago. My friend, Carmen, came to my second grade classroom with cans of spray paint. (I was the appointed collector of Route 66 gifts for our fellow teacher’s retirement party.) I raised my eyebrows as Carmen fit the cans into the gift basket. “Oh,” she noted



The Restless Viking symbol being laid in red paint on the trunk of this Cadillac.

my wonderment, “there are Cadillac cars half way buried in a Texas field. You can spray paint them.” Carmen nodded at her explanation.

Retired teachers creating graffiti. Huh? I had difficulty making a mental picture, but it brought a smile to my face.

Three years after learning about this monument, of sorts, I was ready for an up-close look-see! From here we could smell the spray paint fumes drifting over the plains.

Out in the middle of a soil packed field stood ten Cadillac automobiles, fin side up. There were no gift shops, bathrooms or even lined parking spaces. It was strangely desolate, yet these vehicles had sunbaked layers of paint sliding off their exterior. This provided evidence that MANY ‘artists’ have visited the display.

The History of The Cadillac Ranch

Stanley Marsh III, an Amarillo millionaire, was a silent partner in this array. He owned the land and wanted

a piece of jaw dropping public art placed at the site. Stanley hired a group to



1963 Sedan de Ville.

The ten ‘monuments’ represent America’s desires for commerce and materialism through the post war era. The 1950’s was a decade of fun and folly. Overtime visitors have helped themselves to “souvenirs:” fins, bumpers, gears, switches and tires.

Stanley Marsh III and The Ant Farm group tolerated the destruction of their display. In 2011 Marsh had some legal issues and gave up this land. I was unable to find out who owns it now, but the traditions continue. . .

I learned that there was a 1996 comedy film, “The Cadillac Ranch” featuring three sisters’ trip to the ranch to find the money their father had hidden for them.

On September 9, 2019 someone lit one of the cars on fire. News reporters interviewed a local commissioner, Leon Church, who was thankful that it had rained recently otherwise the fire could have spread. Brian Thomas, the Potter County Sheriff, encouraged anyone with knowledge of the incident to report it to

the Sheriff’s Department. I couldn’t find any resolution or arrests made. When we had been there I hadn’t seen any evidence of a burnt automobile, as it has been covered with paint.

Graffiti Time

With my color, silver, in hand I was prepared. I surveyed the line of autos, ready to choose my spot to create graffiti when I saw Chuck. He was already standing where a back window used to be. So,

I decided to snap a photo as his design would soon be covered by other tourists’ markings.

I found another finned Cadillac, which was easier to climb. I smudge my leg on some wet paint. (Why was I surprised at bumping into the wet pigment? I don’t know. I shake my head at myself.) The red stain on the knee of my favorite jeans is now ‘a memory’ that makes me smile.

As I pressed the canister, I was surprised at how erratically the mist of silver spread into the air and over the



The layers of spray paint were sliding down like a slow motion wave.

metal surface. I suddenly had an affection for the graffiti artists’ compositions. I continued to outline an umbrella and fill it in sloppily with the stream of metallic. I noticed that my fingers were now silver.

Chuck came up behind me and offered his red paint can so I could outline my depiction. Which I gladly did.

After an interesting descent we realized we hadn’t taken a photo of my crude composition. Chuck coaxed my position for this photo.

Carrying our canisters we headed toward the precariously parked cars. I noticed a teenage girl walking with her arms crossed and her head down. She was flanked



The silver paint caught the sun’s rays creating a shine that really stood out.

by her middle aged parents who were empty handed. I thought I would spread some cheer. “Would you like some spray paint?” I held out my can. “It’s silver and shows up well!” The teen mumbled something and took my can. The mother raised her hands to her shoulders and wiped the air in front of herself, “I’m not going to paint anything.” Chuck followed suit and handed his red container to the dad.

The Cadillac Ranch is a destination for travelers from around the world. Usually (without a global pandemic) one would hear a variety of languages at this site. There’s an RV park nearby so Route 66ers can relish in the artform for days. I would enjoy watching people and their creativity as they stream toward the stationary automobiles to leave their artistic mark.

Then we climbed back into the Jeep. I was careful to grasp the handle with my clean hand. The one not marked with silver paint. We were off toward New Mexico on our way to Arizona. Stay tuned for more stories from Route 66.



The Cadillac Ranch , West of Amarillo, Texas.







# FallFest Bluegrass Festival at Fairgrounds in Sept.

The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association will have their annual FallFest Bluegrass Festival at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds in Lowell on the weekend of Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11.

Bluegrass, a genre of country music, originated in the Appalachian Mountains in the late 19th century. The word “bluegrass” was first used by Bill Monroe in the 1930s. Bluegrass goes in and out of style and has been riding a wave of

popularity ever since the soundtrack to the 2000 film “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” was a surprise hit. That CD has sold 7.9 million copies.

The Williams Family, Schlitz Creek, Calabogie Road, the Deadwood Bluegrass Band, Easy Idle and the Crofoot Family Band will be among the performers.

The Williams Family from Byron Center has been playing together for more than 50 years. Schlitz Creek are from Kalamazoo, they enjoy

sneaking songs by people like the Monkees and Cheap Trick into their traditional bluegrass sets. Calabogie Road formed in West Michigan in 1983 and have never stopped. Deadwood Bluegrass formed in southeast Michigan in 1978 and have proclaimed St. Joseph County as “the Bluegrass Capital of Michigan.”

At the FallFest, there will be a potluck dinner on Thursday, Sept. 9 to kick it all off, plus workshops, a silent auction, a band scramble, 50/50 drawings



## THE LOWELL SHOWBOAT VI

Lowell Showboat VI 501C3 Board is looking for qualified people in the Greater Lowell Area to serve a minimum of a two-year term to help support and see the future of the Lowell Showboat VI continue to grow and support our community.

**Seeking the following positions to be filled:**

- \* **TREASURER:** Duties include handling financial obligations, maintain checkbook, and help balance the budget.
- \* **SECRETARY:** Duties include taking meeting notes, record keeping of meetings and posting the date for our next meeting.
- \* **DIRECTOR:** At-large member who is willing to role up their sleeves and assist with fundraisers, take an active interest in operations, and enjoy giving back to the Greater Lowell Area.

If you feel you are qualified for one of the positions on the Lowell Showboat VI Board, please visit our website to fill out the application(<https://www.discoverlowell.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/application.pdf>) and return to City Hall by Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Questions, please contact Liz Baker at the Chamber via email([info@lowellchamber.org](mailto:info@lowellchamber.org)) or Jim Salzwedel at (616-260-3922).

**Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce**  
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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, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

**Proposed Adult Use Marihuana Establishment at 805 E Main Street**

An application has been submitted by Hive Wellness LLC for an adult use marihuana establishment (a marihuana retailer) at 805 and 825 E Main Street (PPN 41-20-01-302-001 & 41-20-01-302-005). 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

and jamming in the campground.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the gate. If you just want to go on Friday, it’s \$15, a Saturday-only ticket is \$20. Kids 15 and younger are admitted free with an adult.

Camping will be available, with bathrooms and showers on site, for \$15 a night.

For more information, including a schedule of events, visit [wmbma.org](http://wmbma.org), call 616-806-8561 or send a message to [president2018@wmbma.org](mailto:president2018@wmbma.org).

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