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Lowell recognizes 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks with downtown tributes



A group of “ruck walkers,” younger veterans on a 9.11 mile hike, met up with a contingent of older veterans at the Lowell Veterans Memorial on Main St. at noon on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Saturday was the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and there were two memorials in downtown Lowell to honor the occasion.

First, a group of younger veterans did a 9.11 mile “ruck walk” around town, including a stop at the Lowell Veterans Memorial on Main St. at noon for a meet-and-greet with a contingent of older veterans from the Lowell VFW.

The Lowell Veterans Memorial includes a statue of a veteran’s boot, rifle and helmet in honor of Army Sgt. Lucas Beachnaw, a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School who was killed during a firefight with the Taliban in Afghanistan on Jan. 13, 2010. Beachnaw belonged to the 2nd

Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team based at Camp Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.

“I was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, and I was in from 2010 to 2015,” said ruck walker Fritz Ball. “We’re walking 9.11 miles on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, just trying to reflect on and remember the people who died that day, and also the service members who died in war throughout the last 20 years. We are also trying to bring awareness to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Obviously, a lot of firefighters and cops died that day as well.”

Of the 2,977 people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, 412 were emergency workers,

including firefighters, police officers and paramedics.

“I served in the Marine Corps from 2004 until 2008 and got out as a corporal,” said Brad Stinson, another ruck walker. “Sept. 11 is a day of reflection. It changed my life. That’s what made me join. I mean, I didn’t go running right down to the recruiters office, it took me a solid nine months to process everything, but that is what brought me here.”

“This memorial here just shows the dedication that people have and what they gave for our freedom,” said ruck walker Garrett Weaver, a US Marine from 2008 to 2012. “Freedom people might take for granted in their lives.”

“I was an E4 specialist combat medic in the Army

placed 2,977 flags into the ground, one for each of the victims of the attack. The Lowell VFW donated 3,000 flags for use in this memorial. Davenport said he was inspired by similar memorials he observed on college campuses in the past.

“A lot of different college organizations did this on their campuses, and it’s kind of been something I’ve always wanted to do,” Davenport said. “It’s definitely an important day to remember, with so many of our fellow countrymen passing away on that day. I think it’s important that we, as Americans, never forget what happened on that day. Because it was the worst attack on the US homeland in US history, I think we need to remember it. I think



Lowell resident Jake Davenport and a group of volunteers planted nearly 3,000 US flags on the Riverwalk in tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

from 2008 to 2015,” said ruck walker Brandon Murray. “This is not really about the military. There were firefighters there, and first responders who put their lives on the line for people. America has got to stand together now, but it’s falling apart, unfortunately. It seems like it’s always one-sided, left or right, and it shouldn’t be that way. We should unite together every day, in my opinion. If we have political differences, it doesn’t matter.”

On a large patch of grass on the Riverwalk near the Englehardt Library and the Lowell Showboat, Jake Davenport and a group of about 10 volunteers

we also need to remember the bravery, the heroism and the love that was expressed on that day by so many New Yorkers, New Jerseyans and the people of Washington DC and Pennsylvania. They were all coming together to help complete strangers, to help their fellow Americans, on such a dark and tragic day. That’s the most important thing that we should remember about 9/11. When America is at its best, we are an amazing country. I think that’s the biggest takeaway that we should remember from 9/11, how great our country is when we put aside our petty differences and come together as one united country.”



Final mix of David Jones' ArtPrize contribution ready

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell musician David Jones has posted the final mix of his ArtPrize contribution, 'I Want to See the Day.'

"The final ArtPrize version is on Sound Cloud, available through <http://beta.artprize.org/70128>," Jones said. "It has the Ryder Jones guitar work and some other adjustments on the mix. QR codes are on all ArtPrize signage at ArtPrize. Once you are at ArtPrize, access the ArtPrize app on your smartphone. Click the yellow circle at

the bottom and it will bring up the ArtPrize scanner. Allow access to the scanner and scan the code you are near. This will take you to a prize hunt. An amount or award will come up and then you can award that prize to the artist of your choice anywhere in ArtPrize."

Jones still plans to perform live at Peppino's, 130 Ionia Ave SW, during ArtPrize, but the exact dates and the lineup of the band could change.

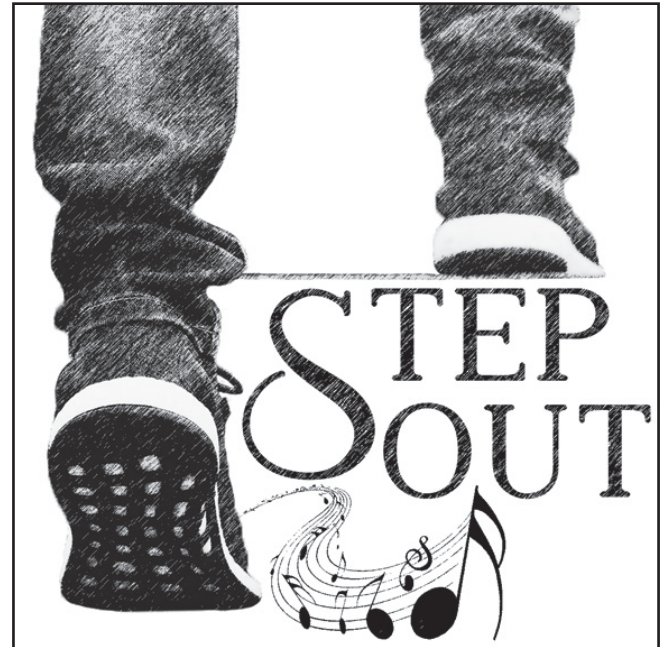
"We still are planning for a set of music at 8 pm on the

17th and 24th," Jones said. "The band may be anywhere from a five piece to a one or two piece. We are in wait-and-see mode currently, as the Delta variant may change the make-up of the band. The 21st and 28th are up in the air based on the situation at hand."

The original plan was to perform as a new band named Step Out that would include some of his most recent collaborators and a few family members. Jones has been a member of Lowell rock groups since the

60s, including the Plague, Stillwater, Alive & Well, the Great Lakes Band, Time Hungry and D Avenue.

"We're going to be doing four or five originals and probably four or five covers, I'd say 40 to 45 minutes," Jones said in an interview printed in the Aug. 25 edition of the Lowell Ledger. "We're doing 'I Want To See the Day,' obviously, and some other originals of mine and one of Jon [Wiedyk]'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 [Benmark] is going to be

running sound for us, Ryder [Jones] will play lead guitar, the drummer is Tom Pickel and my wife Pamela Jones is going to sing a couple songs with us."

Lowellian climbing Mount Rainer to raise cancer awareness



Shane Chidester (left) with master guide Leif Bergstrom. Photo was taken on Mount Rainier in Washington at 11,200 feet elevation. In the background is the Tahoma rock feature and to the right is the normal route up the mountain, unpassable because of warm weather.

"On this day we did crevass rescue," Chidester said. "This was a training trip to get ready for Aconcagua, the second of the seven summits. I plan to carry the flag to the summit on Aconcagua. I was inspired by my nephews Connor and Kyle Rapson of Lowell Middle School to help raise awareness for people in the area affected by cancer."

Chamber awards banquet information announced

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has revealed the details of the Chamber Awards banquet for this year.

The event will take place at the Fairway of Kent County, 13955 Cascade Rd. SE, starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 30. It will include a social hour, cash bar, "epic charcuterie," desserts and live music from the Easy Idle Band. The award presentations will begin at approximately 7:30.

"Epic charcuterie will consist of many different meats, cheeses, assorted dips, crackers, olives, breads, veggies, pitas, hummus and more," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. "Guests will enjoy desserts, mini cupcakes in assorted flavors, mini mousse, lemon bars, brownie bites and stuffed shortbreads."

Bob and Amanda Rogers were named "Person of the Year," an award chosen by the previous five honorees.

In order to qualify for the Chamber's Person of the Year award, one must demonstrate the following qualities: "Over time, the candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school

district, church or humanity; the community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate; the candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action; the candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community [and] the candidate cannot be a Chamber board [or] foundation board member at the time of nomination."

Brick Awards go to businesses that made a significant "capital investment" in themselves during the past year by improving, remodeling or rebuilding their facilities. This year, Brick Awards will go to New Union Brewery, Maple Ridge Manor and Enwork.

This year's other Chamber Awards went to Canfield Plumbing & Heating for the Business Appreciation Award, Meds Café for Most Promising New Business and the Lowell Area Historical Museum for Non-Profit Spotlight.

"The presentations at the annual gathering will cite why each of these award winners were chosen," Baker said.

For more information, call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161 or visit discoverlowell.org.

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Recycle your refuse next weekend at Community Cleanup Day

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There will be an opportunity to dispose of your inconvenient junk during Community Cleanup Day at the Lowell Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 8 am to 11 am.

To participate, one must live in the Lowell Area Schools district and bring along a tax bill, voter registration card, driver's license or state ID to prove it to the gatekeepers. There is a limit of one trailer/pickup truck load per household, and everybody must unload

their own vehicle.

"We will open the gates at 8 am and close them at 11 am sharp," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "There is no hazardous waste this year and unloading your items is required. When loading your vehicle keep in mind the layout of the cleanup event. It starts at the boat launch with trash, appliances, metal, tire recycling and electronics. We accept many items, but

it's important to know that we are charging \$.75 cents per pound for all electronics as well as \$25 per item for oversized furniture and mattresses. Tire recycling is back again this year. You are limited to 10 passenger tires per vehicle. No semi, tractor or loader tires will be accepted and tires must be off the rim. We have a very detailed list [of acceptable items] on our website at discoverlowell.org under 'Festivals and Events.'"

Lowell Light & Power customers are eligible for a rebate if they recycle certain items.

"Lowell Light & Power will accept refrigerators, freezers and room AC units only," said LL&P electric distribution and transmission manager Ryan Teachworth. "We often see washers, dryers and dish washers but these items do not qualify for the rebate we offer. You must be a Lowell Light & Power customer to recycle your

appliance with us. Lowell Light & Power staff will be on site to fill out a sheet for each item. Each customer will be asked if they want a rebate check or have the amount credited to their bill."

Cleanup day is sponsored and staffed by the Lowell Area Community Fund, Comprenew, Timpson Transport, the Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Light & Power, Lowell Boy Scouts troop 102, the city of Lowell,

Padnos, the Kent County Department of Public Works, the Lowell Department of Public Works, Roth Construction and the Lowell Rotary.

"As with any event, we are always seeking volunteers to help," Baker said. "Volunteers would start at 7:45 am and work through 11:45 am. We suggest wearing gloves and to dress accordingly for the weather. Call the Chamber at 616-897-9161 or email info@lowellchamber.org."

Harvest Festival, Autumn Marketplace, chili cook-off, 5k, pancake breakfast, more happening Oct. 9

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The annual Lowell Harvest Festival will return on Saturday, Oct. 9 with a downtown sidewalk sale, chili contest, animal swap, 5k run, pancake breakfast, pumpkin decorating and more.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street merchants are planning an "Autumn Marketplace on Main" event for Saturday, Oct. 9, and they're looking for more vendors.

"This is a great way to support our local businesses and outside vendors in a fun, outdoor environment," reads a Chamber press release. "The market will run from 10 am to 4 pm. Vendors will be assigned a spot on the sidewalk adjacent to Main Street or on the Riverwalk plaza. The cost to participate is \$40."

Chili tasting will occur from 1 pm until 4 pm, or until all the chili is gone. The participating restaurants are Backwater Café, Big Boiler Brewing,

Flat River Grill, Keiser's Kitchen, Larkins Fine Food & Cocktails, Main St BBQ, Miss P's and Sneaker's. Visit each location for a taste and then vote for your favorite. Wristbands are \$5 and only 300 will be available. Get them at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Oct. 8 from noon until 5 pm or Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 am until 1 pm.

The Michigan Bird and Game Breeders Association are having a bird and small animal swap at the Fairgrounds from 6 am until noon. Critters will include pheasants, peafowl, waterfowl, poultry, quail, ratites, rabbits and reptiles.

The Harvest Hustle 5k will start on Avery St. by

city hall at 7:30 am. The course is stroller-friendly and open to runners, joggers and walkers of all skill levels.

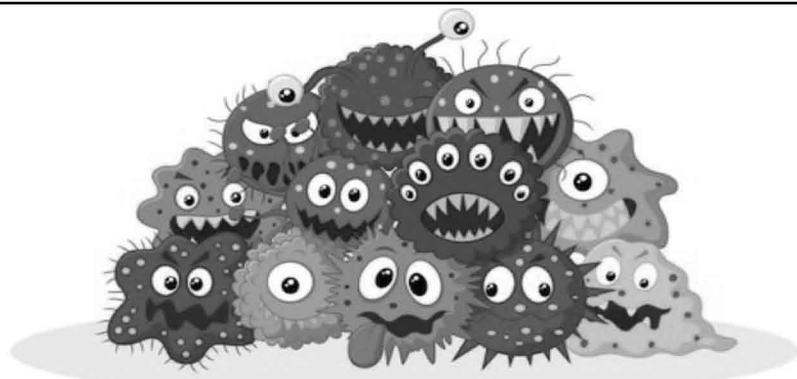
The Lowell FFA is having a pancake breakfast at the Wittenbach Wege Center, and the center is also having an apple tasting and open house. The breakfast will go from 8 am to 11:30 am, and the apple tasting from 9 am until noon. The breakfast is to help fund the plant, animal and natural resource projects that take place at the facility. At the open house, they will provide guided tours of the facilities, gardens and trails.

Lowell Light & Power will conclude their celebration of Public Power

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There will be live music

by Cheater B's Band on the Riverwalk from 1 pm until 4 pm. Kyle Rasch and Sierra Cassidy will perform in the LowellArts gallery

at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Visit lowellartsmi.org for more information or to purchase.

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN SECURED BY THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL (the "City") intends to issue revenue bonds in a maximum amount of not to exceed \$3,500,000.

The bonds shall be used for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of improvements and renovations to the water system along Washington Street and Monroe Street in the City.

The bonds, to be issued in one or more series, shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended ("Act 94").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the bonds shall be payable from the revenues derived from the operations of the City's water system and shall not constitute a general obligation of the City nor an indebtedness of the City within any constitution, statutory and charter limitation.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors of the City approving said bonds unless within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City, shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

Lowell YMCA offering Out-of-School Time programs

submitted by Scott A. Lewis
YMCA president/CEO

At the YMCA, we watch the youth in our communities grow and learn new things each day. We, too, learn with them. In fact, we can likely all agree that many lessons have been afforded to parents and children alike over the past year and a half: how to adapt to remote learning and working, the lack of socialization in school and in the workplace, how to navigate the challenges of virtual work and school and in many cases, a lack of reliable internet and now, how to emerge from that and

find a new routine.

As we test our resilience once again, and return to work and school, we see a critical challenge in the lack of childcare options available for parents and guardians who need that support for their families so they can support and provide for the family as part of the workforce.

Fortunately, we have a robust solution: Out-of-School Time programs at the Lowell YMCA.

Out-of-School Time provides high-quality,

developmentally centric care to kids before and after the school day, as well as on days where school isn't in session. The framework for our school-age programs was developed in partnership with the national models for enrichment programs that focus on arts and humanities, STEM academics, homework support, literacy and character development.

Not only is the care provided by the YMCA, dependable, enriching and tailored to all ages, but it is important that it is provided

at an affordable cost. The positive impact on kids who attend these programs cannot be overstated. For some, it is extra enrichment outside of home and school, for others, it's a renewed connection to our community for those who were isolated by the pandemic.

To continue offering this quality of community care, we have a simple ask for our state lawmakers: prioritize state surplus dollars for OST programs such as ours. Because of American Rescue Plan funding from

the federal government, policymakers in Lansing have an excess of money to spend in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. While excess funding is a great problem to have, competing priorities are jockeying for support now. Few of those priorities meet the same threshold as providing high-quality, enriching OST care to school-aged children in our community.

For many parents, the reality is that quality before-and-after-school care is the difference between a job

and unemployment. While reliable, affordable childcare is critically important, out of school time programs offer much more than childcare. Help us keep kids learning and growing, and parents able to be at work by asking our state's elected officials to prioritize OST program funding in the upcoming state budget.

For more information about the OST program at the Lowell YMCA or to sign up, call 616-855-9571 or send a message to thoffman@grymca.org.

September is Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer are declaring September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and joining with community networks to celebrate recovery and raise awareness of recovery-oriented systems of care working to prevent and treat substance use disorders in

our state.

"Like other chronic and relapsing diseases, such as diabetes, asthma or heart disease, substance use disorder can be managed successfully," said Governor Whitmer. "This Alcohol and Addiction Recovery Month, we recommit ourselves to providing Michiganders struggling with substance use disorders with

multiple points of care, from expanded telehealth services to medication assisted therapies. When Michiganders with mental health or substance abuse disorders seek help, they deserve to be met with the knowledge and compassion that anyone can recover and manage their conditions successfully."

Substance use disorder is

a chronic, often relapsing brain disease that causes compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences to the individual and those around them. The United States is amid an opioid epidemic, with opioid overdoses killing nearly 48,000 people per year. An opioid can be a prescription drug, or an illicit substance, such as heroin. The use of tobacco, alcohol, prescription opioids and illicit drugs is costly to our nation, exacting approximately \$820.5 billion dollars annually, and growing, in costs related to crime, lost work productivity and health care.

In the long-term, substance use disorder may lead to mental and physical effects such as paranoia, psychosis, immune deficiencies and

organ damage that will require treatment to resolve. In 2019, over 1.3 million people in Michigan, age 12 and older, had abused an illicit drug in the past month and 615,000 individuals aged 12 and older in Michigan needed treatment for illicit substance or alcohol use. That is 7.3 percent of the population.

"Recognizing Alcohol and Drug Addiction and Recovery Month allows us to celebrate those who have successfully been able to manage their disease and also highlight the need to provide resources, dignity and treatment to those who are affected by a substance use disorder," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "It's important to educate Michiganders on

how recovery is possible, welcomed and celebrated not just in the present but for the rest of their lives."

A person's treatment and recovery are built on his or her strengths, talents, coping abilities, resources and inherent values. It addresses the whole person and their community, and is supported by peers, friends, and family members. Support for telehealth services has enabled thousands of Michiganders to engage safely in substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery support services that would have otherwise been inaccessible.

If you or a loved one is seeking care, visit the "MDHHS BH Recovery & Substance Use" link on michigan.gov, or Michigan.gov/Opioids.

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viewpoint

outdoors

recovering America's wildlife Dave Stegehuis

One third of wildlife species in our country is at risk of being threatened or endangered. A species is considered endangered when it is in danger of extinction. Threatened species are likely to become endangered. There are many species that have disappeared and are gone forever.

State and federal wildlife agencies as well as public conservation organizations have recognized and addressed this issue. The Pittman-

Robertson Act which collects federal tax on arms and ammunition sales and the Dingell-Johnson Act which taxes fishing related equipment have annually provided millions of dollars for land, water, and wildlife conservation. This money is allocated to all of the states. States also use hunting and fishing license fees to help support conservation programs.

It took Michigan many years of scientific management to rescue the Kirtland Warbler from the

brink of extinction. There are still many species of plants, birds, fish, bees, butterflies, turtles, and others struggling for existence.

The plight of vulnerable wildlife is recognized, and work is being done with habitat restoration, invasive species, disease, and pollution. Every state has an action plan for supporting wildlife and the habitat where they live. But the effort is not comprehensive enough or fast enough to get ahead of a problem before a species becomes endangered. To help solve the problem, Congress has been kicking around a bill called the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

This bill would provide 1.3 billion per year to state wildlife agencies and 97.5 million annually for tribal wildlife programs for the management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State Fish and Wildlife Agencies and for other purposes. Versions of the bill are currently being reviewed by Senate and House committees. There is strong support on both sides of the aisle. Hopefully any differences will be ironed out and we can aggressively continue to improve the quality of life for ourselves and our wildlife neighbors.

to the editor

Dear Editor and Lowell Community:

September 22 marks the 20th anniversary of founding of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. During these past 20 years the Museum has strived to help young and old alike make connections to their past. Whether a children's workshop, a military veteran's oral history or a historical reader board along the Flat River displaying a facet of our local history we believe these connections are important.

Citizenship and caring for our community are informed by an understanding of our history. Rotary, FROM, Lowell Arts, the Chamber and many other local organizations are driven forward by people who understand and care about Lowell. The Museum is a touchstone for all of these, reminding us from where we have come and inspiring us to an even better future.

The Museum, from its first day, has been the keeper of Lowell history, entrusted with preserving thousands of artifacts, photographs, maps and community records. We not only preserve them but more importantly make them available to the community for education, research and enjoyment. Our continually updated website makes

nearly all this available from your home computer. The Museum's popular ABC's of Lowell history published in the Ledger each week is a direct result of the information and artifacts we receive from community members.

This November 2, Election Day, the Museum will be on the ballot requesting a renewal of its 0.25 mill. This is a renewal, not an increase. The cost to tax payers would remain the same. The Museum has been a great community investment as the small, yet consistent revenue stream from the millage has helped it to maintain a part-time staff. They in turn have written grants, coordinated thousands of volunteer hours and sought private donations. Without a part-time staff this leveraging of the 0.25 mills would not be possible, nor would the excellent programs and exhibits we provide. The millage has been the very important seed from which so much has blossomed. After 20 very successful years and 20,000 donated artifacts the Museum is asking you to renew your support. Please vote YES on November 2.

Sincerely,
Jim Doyle
President
Lowell Area
Historical Museum

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125 years ago
Lowell Ledger
September 18, 1896

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
September 22, 1921

Thomas Renwick, of Potter's corners, 62 years of age, died at 10 o'clock this morning when a heavy roller on which he was riding in a field ran over his head and chest. The tongue of the roller broke and frightened the team and he was thrown from the roller, dying almost instantly.

Mixing booze and gasoline would soon lose its popularity if sentences like that given by Judge Hess, of Grand Rapids, to Peter Brooks were the rule. Peter pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and \$100 fine and 30 days in jail is what he must pay. If law abiding people are to have the use of the highways to which as taxpayers and road builders they are entitled in peace and safety, a way must be found to curb the lawless speedsters and booze peddlers who strew the road sides with wrecks and fill hospitals with injured, and cemeteries with the dead. The way to do it, is not with

little \$5 and \$10 fines which are no sooner paid than forgotten.

The Kent county jail is so crowded that prisoners now have to sleep on the cold stone floors and Sheriff Peter Viergever has placed an order for more cots. There are more than 60 prisoners in the jail.

75 years
The Lowell Ledger
September 19, 1946

Friday, the 13th, was an unlucky day for Carl Havens, who had his right thumb severed by a saw when working for Harvey Callier, on his farm west of Lowell.

The Lowell fire department answered a call last Thursday night about nine o'clock at the Harold Fosburg farm, six miles southeast of Lowell. The Fosburg barn, filled with hay, was destroyed and five calves lost, also the ensilage in an adjacent silo. Spontaneous combustion was believed to be the cause of the fire. The loss was particularly covered by insurance.

The Grand Trunk depot and adjoining buildings have been changed from dark green to a more pleasing wine-colored red with cream trim.

50 years
The Lowell Ledger
September 23, 1971

Three of 11 convicts who fled from a trusty dormitory at the Ionia State Reformatory Sunday were captured in Lowell Monday by the officers of the Lowell Police Department. Three of their partners had been captured previously by officials in the Saranac area, when a concerned citizen brought their presence out by alerting authorities.

Michigan Conservation Officials were contacted Friday, September 17, by Perry Brailey of North Hudson St., Lowell, when a great horned owl was found dead on Howard Street, near the Lincoln Lake Avenue intersection. The bird, a protected species in Michigan, had a magnificent 55 inch wing span and measured 23 inches from head to tail. The owl probably hit the high tension wires, when in pursuit of something on the ground, said conservation officers.

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We love to hear from you!

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

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- 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.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

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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.

W is for Walker Tavern

The Walker Tavern was located along the stage coach route in Vergennes Township, halfway between Ionia and Grand Rapids. Along with being a private home, it also housed a tavern and inn business, served as a town hall, voting location, post office, grange hall and a place for community gatherings, dances and parties.

In 1836, Eliab and Mary (Perrin) Walker left Canada. The family wintered in Kalamazoo County while Eliab built a shanty for their home. The family came to Vergennes in 1837. They crossed the Grand River at the mouth of Flat on a ferry belonging to Daniel Marsac, the fur trader living at that location, and cut their own road through the woods to Section 28, Vergennes. Once settled they built the Walker Tavern.

Eliab served as postmaster of the Flat River (the name predates Lowell) Post Office beginning in April of 1854. As was common then, the post office was in the postmaster's home, and people would go there to pick up mail. Their son Jacob followed in his father's footsteps, he ran the business, served the community and offered



The Walker Tavern.

his home for public use. In 1863, Jacob was elected supervisor for Vergennes Township and held that position for 29 years. Public meetings and elections were held at the Walker Tavern.

The Walker Tavern was for many years a stop on the state route from Ionia to Grand Rapids which came over the hills and crossed the Flat River about three miles north of what is now Lowell at Fallasburg. The first bridge at Fallasburg was built in 1840. Multiple early history records describe that the stage road then went past the Walker Tavern and hit the Grand River about two miles below the Flat River, passing down the river bottoms near the bluffs, then westward along the Grand River. In today's road names, the Walker Tavern was located on the north side of Vergennes Road, just West of Alden Nash Avenue.

The building itself is described as having

dimensions 24 foot by 84 foot with a huge fireplace and two-story porch. Jacob Walker's home is listed as the largest in the township in 1881. The Inn had sleeping rooms, a sitting room and bar across the front on the first floor with living quarters for the help and the post office in the rear. The bar room had a mammoth fireplace where a six foot log could be laid. The second floor was one large ball room with what the dancers of the period called a "spring floor." Over the years, parties, meetings and community gatherings took place in the ball room.

The property boasted a spring fed creek with hundreds of tall pines. Weary travelers came to the tap room to refresh themselves while horses were being changed or put up for the night. The bar was famous for the whisky made on the site, using the ice-cold waters of Cherry Creek to cool the coils. Water for the inn was brought from springs high in the hill behind the

tavern building in hollow log piping.

Along with passengers and regular supplies, the stage coach line also delivered emergency cargoes, such as medicines. In a speech given to those gathered at the second annual picnic and reunion of the Hooker Pioneer Society in June of 1894, a story was told about Dr. Arba Richards. When in a desperate need for Quinine to treat his patients suffering from malaria, he had some ordered from Grand Rapids that was to be delivered to the Walker Tavern.

Jacob Walker died in 1907 and joined his parents and family in the Krum-Blanding Cemetery just down the road from where he lived. The old inn suffered from the ravages of time was torn down in 1926. It was said in 1956 that traces of the old foundation remained but it is believed that it has since been removed in order to be farmed.

- bed bugs

Bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius*) have been around for thousands of years. They are a human parasite which thrives in temperate and tropical regions worldwide. Bed bugs feed exclusively on blood. They are small but visible to the naked eye, wingless, yellow to reddish brown in color, oval shaped and have prominent eyes. They can hide in the cracks and crevices of mattresses, in box springs, on the backboards of beds, and they can travel in furniture, luggage, clothing and other belongings. Bed bugs are predominantly night feeders, attracted to warm-blooded animals, including humans. There is currently no scientific evidence that these blood-sucking insects spread diseases such as HIV.

results in inflammation and swelling at the bite. Rarely, asthma occurs as a systemic type of an allergic reaction caused by bed bug bites and may be accompanied by more extensive swelling and anaphylaxis.

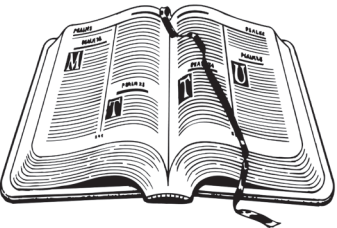
There is no definitive treatment for bed bugs. Symptomatic relief for itchy bites can be obtained using over-the-counter topical antihistamines or corticosteroids. Urgent treatment with intramuscular injections of medicines may be required for some individuals who develop a systemic allergic reaction.

Bed bugs can be difficult to eliminate. Vacuuming mattresses and box springs and covering mattresses and box springs with encasements may help. Inspect bedding at hotel rooms and other unfamiliar locations. Insecticides have been moderately effective, but bed bugs are developing resistance to these and there is some concern about the health effects of these insecticides on humans. A professional exterminator should be considered.

The most common reaction to a bed bug bite is the development of small, itchy bumps where each bite occurred. In many cases there is no reaction and barely any visible evidence of a puncture from a bite. An allergic reaction to the bed bug bite can cause a complex skin reaction that

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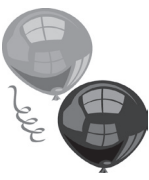


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Kent County statement on pre-K-6 school mask public health order

On Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, the Kent County Health Department issued a public health order requiring masks be worn by students inside pre-kindergarten through sixth grade schools. We have subsequently heard from thousands of concerned residents regarding the topic of masks in schools. At a recent Board of Commissioners work session, more than 150 community members provided comment on COVID-19, the value and concerns of facial coverings, the rights of parents, and the role of government.

Since this meeting, the Kent County Board of Commissioners has been working to further understand the authority of the Kent County Health Officer. Our in-house legal team engaged in exhaustive research into this question and provided a comprehensive opinion to the administration. Next, we

took the extraordinary step of seeking a second opinion from outside counsel, Warner Norcross & Judd. Both opinions concluded that neither the Kent County Board of Commissioners nor the County Administrator/Controller have the authority to intervene in the health officer's performance of his statutory duties under Michigan's Public Health Code.

The Michigan Public Health Code was established by the Michigan State Legislature in 1978 for the protection and promotion of the public health. Specifically, the law states that health officers "may take actions and make determinations necessary or appropriate to carry out the local health department's functions under this part or functions delegated under this part and to protect the public health and prevent disease." [MCL 333.2428(2)].

Under his statutory duties and authority established by this law, Dr. Adam London issued a local public health order requiring masks be worn in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade educational settings. When the public health order was issued on Aug. 20, all epidemiologic measures of COVID-19 in our community were trending in the wrong direction and continue to do so.

The surge in positivity rates, new cases, and hospitalizations closely matched the early days of the Delta variant-related surge in other states. Therefore, Dr. London determined a school mask order was necessary to protect access to in-person learning for those students who do not yet have access to the vaccine, to slow the rate of transmission, and to keep students and teachers healthy.

Some members of the community have since

called on the Kent County Board of Commissioners to rescind the public health order, remove our local health officer, or defund the health department. However, the Board of Commissioners is prohibited by State law from taking any of these actions. Our legal opinions concluded that:

The Board does not have authority over local public health orders

The Board may not remove a health officer for adopting a mask mandate

The County Administration and Commissioners may face legal action if the Commissioners interfere in the public health order or remove the health director for issuing the public health order

The Board of Commissioners may not defund the health department to change or negate a public health order

If the Board defunds the

health department, the State may take over the health department

If a local health department fails to meet state requirements, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has the power to resume those functions itself, removing them from the local health department. Those requirements include:

Prevention and control of diseases

Prevention and control of health problems of particularly vulnerable population groups

Further, public health orders issued by local public health officers are not personal orders of the individual. Rather, the orders are issued in the Health Officer's official capacity and remain in effect even after the individual leaves the office.

A frequently-asked-questions document can be found here. It provides

additional information on these findings.

In conclusion, the local public health order requiring masks be worn in pre-K – 6th grade schools has the full force of law and the Kent County Board of Commissioners have no legal authority to intervene in this action. Residents are encouraged to voice their concerns over the authorities granted to local public health officers under the Michigan Public Health Code to state lawmakers.

We appreciate all the comments we have received on this topic, and we trust this statement clarifies the role of the Kent County Board of Commissioners. We encourage everyone to remain steadfast in helping to keep our community healthy and in supporting the dedicated Kent County Health Department team that has worked diligently over the past 20 months to do the same.

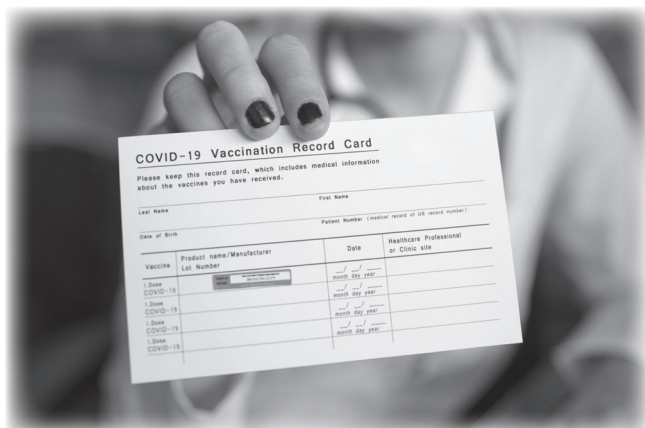
MDHHS launches online access to immunization records

To help Michiganders ages 18 and older more easily access their immunization records, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has launched the Michigan Immunization Portal.

Michigan adults with immunization records posted in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, including COVID-19 vaccination, will be able to locate their own record online and download, save or print this information. The portal was funded through CDC grant dollars and was officially launched in mid-August.

"We want to make sure Michiganders are able to access their vaccination records as easily as possible as this is important health information," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "The Michigan Immunization Portal allows them to find their record from their computer or smart phone and save a copy for their records. This will also allow anyone who has misplaced their COVID-19 vaccination card to print a record of their vaccination."

To ensure privacy and that individuals are only able to access their own immunization records, Michiganders must create a MIlogin account at Michigan.gov/MiImmsportal and



upload a valid government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, state ID or passport. There is no cost to access the portal.

Immunizations provided in another state or country may not be included in an individual's record in the portal. If an individual's immunization record can't be found, records can still be requested from a

physician's office or local health department.

As the portal is only available for those 18 years or older, parents won't be able to download their child's immunization records. Parents may contact their child's physician's office or local health department to get a copy of their immunization records.

EXHIBIT A CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL (the "City") intends to issue revenue bonds in a maximum amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000.

The bonds shall be used for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of improvements and renovations to the sewer system along Washington Street and Monroe Street in the City.

The bonds, to be issued in one or more series, shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended ("Act 94").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the bonds shall be payable from the revenues derived from the operations of the City's sewer system and shall not constitute a general obligation of the City nor an indebtedness of the City within any constitution, statutory and charter limitation.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors of the City approving said bonds unless within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City, shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant applications for 2021. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

Grant applications should be submitted to Susan Ullery, City Clerk, 301 East Street, Lowell, MI 49331. The deadline for submitting 2021 applications is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021.



Thompsons donate brand new US flag to brand new Vergennes Township hall



Jan and David Thompson at the dedication ceremony for the new US flag they donated to Vergennes Township.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A brand new American flag was donated to the new Vergennes Township hall, 69 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, by David and Jan Thompson. The flag and its new flagpole were officially dedicated at a public ceremony on Friday, Sept. 10.

Cub Scouts from troop 3188 and Girl Scouts from troops 4129 and 4694 were on hand for the unveiling, along with a delegation from the Lowell Fire Department, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach, Vergennes Township clerk Shantell Ford, a crowd of about 30 people and one small dog.

"I just really appreciate all the residents of Vergennes Township," Wittenbach said. "They voted in a fire millage recently, and we're just really happy to have them behind us, and allowing us to have the new building and everything as well."

The Thompsons previously donated a new flag to hang outside the old Vergennes Township hall. When the township moved to their new office building, a new flagpole was placed outside as part of the landscaping. Because the new flag pole was substantially taller, the Thompsons thought it would look better with a larger flag, so they decided

to spring for a larger model.

"It needed one," Jan Thompson said. "We put many, many of them on the old Showboat. One evening, we went to a meeting at the old Vergennes Township office, and when we came out I looked at the flag and I said, 'We've got to get a new one,' so we got one a new one for there. Then we heard this was going to be done, so we got this one for here. We have to have nice flags. It's very important. Right now we have to do everything that's patriotic."

"I can't tell you how pleased we are to be able to do this," David Thompson said. "We decided to do it when we saw the flag at their old location on Bailey Dr. looking tattered and worn. It looked terrible. Being an old retired Navy commander, I did not like to see our flag looking tattered and worn. It's something I grew up with as a kid. We were patriotic about the flag and that sort of thing. When I see one worn out, it just doesn't sit right with me. Even on a house sometimes! We went to a [Vergennes Township board] meeting one night and I questioned them about the flag. They were a little embarrassed, they said, 'Yeah, you're right.' I said, 'I tell you what, we will buy you a



Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach and two Cub Scouts attaching the new flag to the new flagpole.

new one.' Which Jan and I did, from Flags Unlimited. The new building on Lincoln Lake has a new pole - instead of a 15 foot pole, it is a 25 foot pole - so it takes a much larger flag.

I told them that when they got the new building ready we would provide a proper-sized flag for the new pole. The old one was three feet by five feet, the new flag is a five by eight."



Approximately 30 spectators attended, plus representatives from the Girl Scouts, the Cub Scouts and the Lowell Fire Department.



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Fallasburg Historical Society celebrates 150th anniversary of covered bridge

submitted by Ken Tamke
Fallasburg Historical Society

The Fallasburg Historical Society will be joined by the Kent County Road Commission this coming weekend at the Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19 from 10 am to 5 pm on the south porch of the Fallasburg Park pavilion. We'll be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the

their "Fall Color Tour." The color tour is a collection of different routes one can choose that guide color tour enthusiasts on a variety of roads in Kent County to soak it all in at their own pace. This year, one of the routes will include a visit to the Fallasburg Covered Bridge and historic Fallasburg Village. Don't forget to



Fallasburg Covered Bridge, built in 1871.

To commemorate this sesquicentennial milestone, both organizations, FHS and KCRC, have collaborated to create activities and memorabilia, as well as share pictures and artifacts that pay tribute to this iconic structure, arguably one of the most visited and photographed landmarks in Kent County. The Fallasburg Covered Bridge is also listed on the State of Michigan and National Register of Historic Places.

KCRC, on Fridays in September, will feature on their social media websites "Fun Facts" about the Fallasburg Covered Bridge, a "Trivial Pursuit" of everything you ever wanted to know from behind the scenes about the bridge.

This weekend at Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts, KCRC will be announcing

ing 'Happy Anniversary' when you go! Additionally, KCRC staff will be on hand at the festival with pictures and information about the monumental bridge rebuilding in the 1990s, and the nuts and bolts that are

literally necessary to keep the bridge open to automobile traffic to this day.

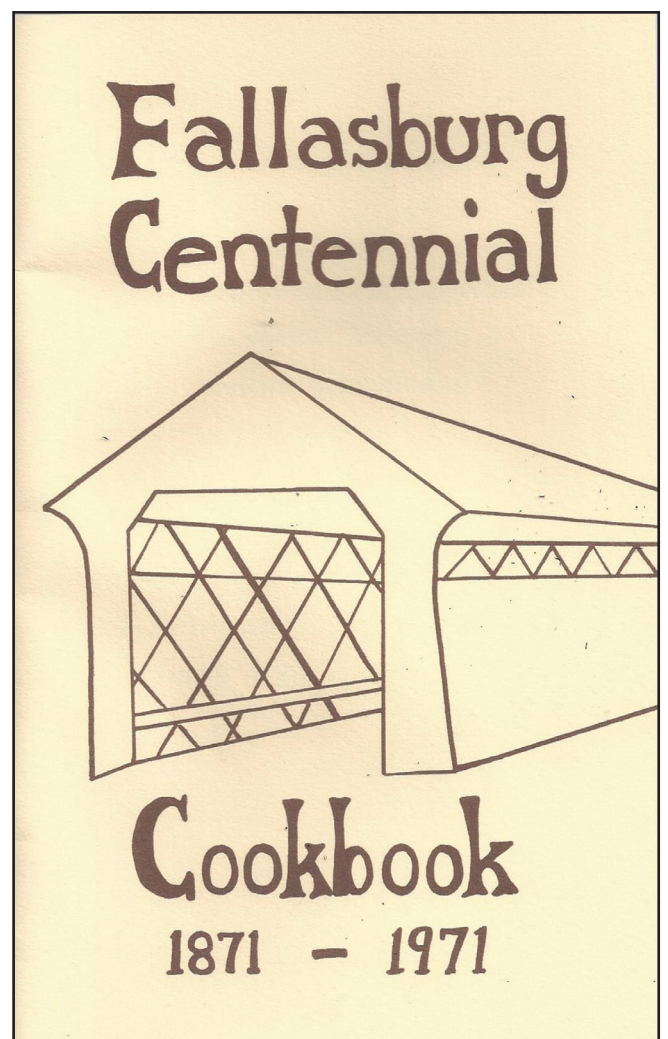
The Fallasburg Historical Society will be making their 53rd appearance at the 53rd Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts and have reprinted and newly minted a couple nuggets that date back to the Fallasburg Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration in 1971 that will be for sale. The reprinted "Fallasburg Centennial Cookbook" is an assortment of recipes contributed by members of the community in and around Fallasburg that reflect what Ellura Frost McPherson described as, "used many, many years ago by our ancestors" in her dedication of the book. You'll find recipes from the likes of Tower, Richmond, Rogers, Fallas and Ford, just to name a few. The cookbook has generated many a chuckle when leafing through the pages.

My late Grandmother, Mrs. C.A. Bradshaw, holds the distinction of the prize-winning recipe of 1970, "Vinegar Pie", a favorite of lumbermen for many years, so she claimed. Ghastly, is what it looks like me to me. I can't imagine eating such a thing. Food is not the only topic of the

cookbook. There are recipes for "Grandpa's Salve," "Hand Lotion," and even a remedy for "Inflammatory Rheumatism."

The new minting is of a "Fallasburg Covered Bridge Centennial" coin from 1971. The original has been updated and now features not only a rendering of the bridge on both sides of the coin, but an Buick automobile emerging from the portal on one of the sides, in keeping with our car manufacturing heritage here in Michigan. Covered bridge aficionados, Fallasburg Villagers past and present and local history buffs will all appreciate this collectable trinket.

Please make plans to visit the Fallasburg Historical Society and the Kent County Road Commission on the south porch of the Fallasburg Park pavilion this weekend and help us start the party for our beloved Fallasburg Covered Bridge. Browse our respective collections of pictures and memorabilia and shop our commemorative merchandise, then take a step back in time and venture just across the Historic Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park and visit the Fallasburg schoolhouse, with free admission both weekend days.



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- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Arrows finish 5th at Jamboree #1 and top 10 at West Ottawa

Cooler temps greeted the OK White cross-country teams as they opened the conference season at Calvin College Gainey Field. The Arrows continue to come together as a team as they used a solid one thru seven effort to finish fifth in the jamboree won by EGR.

Lowell's 1:5 split was 3:46 and the team will need to drop that by a minute to move up in the standings. Lowell was led by Annika Sandman and Katrina Sandman as they finished fifth with a time of 19:20 and

12th with a time of 20:32. Scoring for the varsity was Keira Sandman in 23rd (21:21), Claire O'Boyle in 51st (22:46), Megan Lillie in 55th (23:06), Jamara Harper in 60th (23:24) and Kaylee Byrne in 69th (24:01).

The day was also highlighted by five personal records. Kiah Burgess, Anna Forney, Bri Fullerton, Millie Groenlund, and Megan Lillie all ran career best times.

Perfect weather, a smooth course and stiff

competition worked to help the Arrows run some fast times, as six girls either ran a personal best or matched their previous PR at the West Ottawa Bredeweg invitational last Saturday.

In addition to setting personal records Lowell achieved the team goal of a top-eight finish by taking eighth place. Annika Sandman was the lone medalist as she ran her best race of the year with a fourth place finish. Katrina Sandman finished 19th (20:35), Keira Sandman

finished 38th (21:11), O'Boyle finished 66th (22:06 PR), Lillie finished 76th (22:15 PR), Harper finished 94th (22:47 PR), and Kaylee Byrne finished 121st (24:14).

In the JV race the Lowell harriers scored two PR's and matched one. Fullerton ran a 60 sec PR going 27:21, Forney ran a 1:47 sec PR going 28:08 and Claire Uzarski matched her season best time running 34:17.



Katrina Sandman

Soccer earns a pair of victories and a loss last week

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The boys soccer team earned a pair of victories last week sandwiching a 4-0 loss to Grand Rapids Christian.

The first win came against Ottawa Hills, where Lowell beat the former OK White member by a score of

7-0. Avery Miller (2), Nate Ryan (2), Quim Comella (2), and Jason Korzen. Assists were contributed by Jack Schaedig (2), Danton Goulet, Noah VanLaan, and Jason Korzen. Ryan Baker recorded the shutout in net for Lowell. In their final

game at Bob Perry Field, before moving to the LHS North Athletic Complex, Lowell extended their advantage in the all-time series to a flawless 18-0 record.

Anytime Lowell can get a win against Forest Hills

Central, it's a good win. A victory on the turf of Forest Hills Central made the win all the sweeter as Lowell took down the Rangers by a score of 3-2. Sophomore Bryce Thompson opened the scoring in the first half on an assist from Nate Ryan. The Rangers would even things up to hit halftime on level terms. Thompson would net two more goals in the second half, one on an assist from Quim Comella and the other on a penalty kick after Nate Ryan was tripped up in the penalty box.

Lowell lost their game at Grand Rapids Christian 4-0. Their overall record sits at 2-2-2 on the season. The Red Arrows host Byron Center and Forest Hills Northern this week on the new turf soccer fields at the LHS Athletics North Complex.



Bryce Thompson scored a hat trick in Lowell's 3-2 win over FHC.

Harriers begin conference play

Lowell boys cross-country took advantage of cooler weather to place second in the OK White Jamboree at Gainey Athletic Complex last Wednesday. Grand Rapids Christian took home the win with 44 points, followed by Lowell, 51 points, and East Grand Rapids, third, 84 points.

Taking top honors for Lowell was Sawyer Fowler with a third place finish at 16.29. Right behind him was Cole Weston, fourth, 16.32. Jackson Fowler came in tenth, with a time of 17.00. Ben Bromley and Keegan Cater completed the score with 11th place, 17.17 and 23rd, 17.46 respectively. Wrapping up the varsity lineup were Levi Mills, 27th, 18.06 and Alex Weber, 31st, 18.11.

The Arrows placed second at the West Ottawa Invite last Saturday.

Sawyer Fowler came in first for the Red Arrows with a ninth place finish and a time of 16.28. Weston was right behind him with tenth and a time of 16.33. Bromley was 16th at 17.01 and Jackson Fowler, 19th, at 17.09. Completing the score was Mills, 42nd, 17.48. Contributing to the varsity race were Cater, 45th, 17.56, Evan Klein, 54th, 18.08, Weber, 62nd, 18.16, Antonio Casarez, 73rd, 18.30, and Dannion Simmet, 75th, 18.40.

Lowell's next meet will be this Friday at the Ottawa Invite, Riverside Park at 5 pm.



Jackson Fowler and Benjamin Bromley.

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FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Dominant defense propels Lowell football to first win

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell-Forest Hills Northern football series has had some compelling and unique results over their years since FHN and Lowell first competed in the mid-70's. In 1979, Lowell upset defending state champion FHN 28-22. The Huskies gave up three touchdowns eight games prior, were ranked number one, but Lowell was inspired that night, perhaps because coach Gary Rivers announced his intention to step away from football after three years at the helm. Carl Kloosterman (2 TDs), Paul Brandt, Jeff Quiggle on a 19-yard pass from Mike Kaye, found the endzone that night as Lowell stunned the Huskies.

In 2000, Lowell's 22-10 win over the Huskies took two days to complete as fierce winds and lightning forced the game to finish on Saturday. In 2016, an upstart FHN team led unbeaten Lowell 21-7 after the first quarter. David Kruse led the Red Arrow comeback to win 41-34 and clinch the OK White that night.

None of those games however, may have been more unique than the game that unfolded last Friday night at Forest Hills Northern.

The Red Arrows picked up their first win of the season, winning an 8-7 defensive battle that saw the team's defenses outscore the offenses by a score of 9-6. The oddity of a game included a safety, fumble return for a touchdown, and a late game-winning touchdown run for the Red Arrows.

Lowell got the scoring off with a first quarter safety as Carter Blough blew past the Husky offensive line untouched, picking up the 9-yard sack safety. That safety gave the Red Arrows a 2-0 lead. Lowell's last safety came on October 21, 2016 in a 51-22 win over Northview.

The Red Arrows were on the move following a Connor Lixie pass from quarterback Dawson Hugh. Lixie reversed field on the short pass and went the long way around for a 31-yard gain to midfield. Husky defender Jamie Le

two plays later broke up a designed quarterback run, stripping the ball which popped up into his arms and ran the other way for a 54-yard fumble returned for a touchdown.

That score would put the Huskies in great position to win the game, despite a stat sheet stacked in Lowell's favor. Lowell had 302 yards of offense to Forest Hills Northern's 56. The Huskies racked up 133 yards of penalties to Lowell's 9. Lowell's offense kept the ball for two-thirds of the game. Yet in the fourth quarter, Forest Hills Northern led Lowell 7-2 with the Red Arrows facing a fourth down.

Needing a score, on a 4th and 2, Josh Rau broke out a 32-yard touchdown run to put the Red Arrows up and score the only offensive points of the game for either side. Lowell failed to convert the two-point conversion, but as they had all game, the Lowell defense came up with a stop to secure the victory. The Huskies, facing a 4th down on their 41 converted, down to the Red Arrows 20, however penalties hurt the Huskies significantly in this game. An illegal man downfield penalty nullified the conversion, and forced an FHN punt.

From there, Lowell churned down what little was left on the clock before the Lowell offense took a kneel down in the Husky redzone to finish off the win.

"It was a great team win. Our players didn't get frustrated when we were controlling the game, but still down by five points in the fourth quarter. We kept our composure," Lowell football Head Coach Jacob Henige said after the game.

The Red Arrow defense was stout, shutting out the Huskies, with FHN's only points coming from a defensive touchdown and extra point. Ethan Krieger led the charge with three sacks during the game, as well as six total tackles. Josh Rau added on a sack and six tackles of his own.

The defense certainly deserves the well-earned headline, but the Lowell offense took great strides this week as well. Lowell churned out 232 yards of rushing offense, a run game



Coach Henige speaking to players after their Pink Arrow Game. Lowell returns home this Friday to face FHC.

that helped keep the time of possession battle well on the Red Arrows side. Blough had 82 yards on the ground for Lowell followed by Hugh (56), Rau (41), and Carson Crace (30). QB Dawson Hugh with the solid rushing attack added in 70 yards passing, 40 of which came on a pass play to Aidan Fitzpatrick.

Standing out to Coach Henige was what set up the final Red Arrow scoring drive. "The 25-yard punt return by Connor Lixie that set up the game-winning scoring drive was big for us. It gave us great field position from the FHN 40 yard line. On the return, Carson Crace and Nolan Jannenga gave great effort to pick

up two key blocks. Both players could have went for blindside blocks that would have drawn penalties, instead they played smart football and shielded the defenders to open up a running lane for Lixie."

As strangely as the game unfolded, the end result was exactly what the Red Arrows needed, a victory amidst a grueling schedule to start the season and a 1-0 record in conference. Lowell sits at 1-2 on the season, and the win will be a big boost for Lowell's playoff hopes. The Red Arrows will get a lot of help from strength of schedule come end of season, the first non-COVID shortened season where

six wins is not required to make the MHSAA playoffs. Not to be outdone, Lowell's 8-7 win was matched by an equally odd scoreline in the OK White as Grand Rapids Christian beat East Grand Rapids by a score of 13-11. Lowell has never won a football game in their history by a score of 8-7 until the victory over FHN on Friday. They did lose a game 8-7 once however, the 1935 season opener against Edmore.

Both the JV and freshman teams defeated FHN last week as well. FHN leads the all-time varsity series at 11-10. Lowell hosts Forest Hills Central next Friday at Bob Perry Field, kickoff is at 7 pm. The Rangers are 2-1 and are coming off a 45-0 win over fellow conference member Northview last week.

"Proud of how our team competed against FHN. Our focus is on improving every week," Coach concluded.

Golfers hit midpoint of season

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

Lowell had a strong placing in last week's varsity girls golf invitational hosted by Unity Christian. Rylee Jannenga paced the Red Arrows with a 39 at Pigeon Creek. Also contributing to the finish was Stephanie Spinella who shot a 47. Elle Sluss, Sophia Flickenger, and Sedona Bonter followed.

In the second jamboree of the conference season, Lowell headed to the home course of Forest Hills Northern. Emma

Jo McCormick paced the Arrows, shooting a career-best 45 at the always challenging Egypt Valley course. The team placed fourth for the second consecutive conference jamboree.

The Red Arrows have a home jamboree on Wednesday followed by a non-conference dual match at Gracewil against Kenowa Hills.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

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* Denotes a meet at LHS
9/17 at 5:30 pm Ottawa Hills Invitational at Riverside Park
9/22 at 5 pm OK White Jamboree #2 at Northview

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/17 at 7 pm FHC*

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
* Denotes a home game
9/16 at 6 pm at GR Christian

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/16 at 6:45 pm FHN*
9/21 at 6:45 pm at EGR

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
9/16 at 3:30 pm Kenowa Hills at Gracewill CC
9/22 at 3:30 pm GR Christian at Cascade Country Club

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/20 at 4:15 pm EGR at Canepa TC
9/22 at 4:15 pm at Greenville

SWIM & DIVE
9/22 at 6 pm at Thornapple-Kellogg

obituaries

DEWEERDT

Douglas John DeWeerd, age 57 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 11, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Corinne DeWeerd; brother, Dennis DeWeerd; and father-in-law, Carl Peters. Doug is survived by his wife, April DeWeerd;



children, Brandon DeWeerd, Heather (Dan) Cimoch, Ariel (Trevor) Topper, Christopher DeWeerd; grandchildren, Brandon, Zach, Josh, Ava, William, Aria; mother-in-law, Patricia Peters; sisters, Deb (Kevin) DeForest, Danette (Mike) Giddings, Diane (John) Enders; sister-in-law, Andria (Tony) Peckham; many nieces and nephews; special

friends, Nick Strieder, Pamela Lein, and many others; and pets, Ruger, and Remington. Doug was born and raised in Muskegon, MI. He worked for the Lopez family at El Milagro of Michigan for 12 years, where they treated him like family. Doug loved spending time with family, taking quad trips, kayaking, and just being outdoors. His pride and joy was his '51 Chevy pickup truck that he restored in his father's memory. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 1-2pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 with service at 2pm. Pastor V. Glenn Smith officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, 8935 Thompson Rd, Lake Odessa, MI 48849, or Paws with a Cause, 4646 South Division Wayland, MI 49348.



HALL

Anthony "Tony" Hall closed his eyes for the last time Sunday, September 5, 2021. Finding himself opening them again on the golf course in Heaven. Jesus is now his life golf partner. If you were lucky enough to have known this man, you are truly special yourself. From April 6, 1958, he had grown to be a strong and thoughtful "Superman", as a son, brother, uncle, father, and husband. Tony has left his life lessons and traits to his son, Taylor Milstead and Kaitlin Shepard; step-children, Katie Milstead, Lucas Levi Milstead; wife, Mary Kay Milstead Hall. Tony honored his only brother, Robert Hall (Erika); nephew, Mark Hall (Tiffany); and niece, Regina Tefteller (Jarom); and their children, Crockett, Bonnie, and Bowie. There was not a kinder, or more thoughtful person out there. Tony was the kind of man to walk up to a stranger and hand them a \$100 bill just to make their day or pay for the car behind him in a drive-thru. In honor of Tony please pass the kindness, whether you let someone go in the traffic line or open the door for someone. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 5, 2021, location will be announced on the Larkins Marquee.



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O'DELL

Darline E. O'Dell, age 92 of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, September 10, 2021. She was preceded in death by parents, Douglas and Florence O'Dell; brother, Eugene (Dolores) O'Dell; and significant other, Carl Sebolt. Darline is survived by son, Don (Judy) O'Dell; grandchildren, Melissa Mier, Douglas (Kristy) O'Dell, Kelly (Mike) Wernet; great-grandchildren, Molly, Drew, Griffin, Paige, Ryan, Hannah; and niece, Elizabeth (Adam) Hartley. Darline loved to travel and read and will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 27777 Franklin Rd. #1150 Southfield, MI 48034. Interment Rosedale Cemetery.



Looking Back, continued

Michael Dahlke of Cascade Road celebrated his 100th birthday, Wednesday, September 15. Mr. Dahlke was born in Manistee, Michigan, and has lived in the Lowell area for the past 55 years as a farmer. At present, he is living with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swanson.

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City history books credit Ed Lee as the "Father of the Power Plant," and as the man who provided the energy behind starting and operating Lowell's very own electric company. Some 100 years later, Lowell Light & Power has grown beyond what even Lee may have imagined.

Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 will host a ceremony celebrating the setting of a cornerstone at the Harold and Mildred Englehardt Library. This is the same cornerstone ceremony used by George Washington when he laid the cornerstone for the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. on Sept. 18, 1798.

Vergennes Township officials will clear the first hurdle in getting their township hall renovated when the deed to the property is officially conveyed to the township. Officials expect that conveyance to take place sometime this week. Township supervisor Jim Cook has been in contact with the building's owners Margaret VanHouten, of Massachusetts, and Barbara Wulff, of Connecticut, and said the duo have agreed to donate the deed to the township.

Do you know these Social Security terms?

Some of the terms and acronyms people use when they talk about Social Security can be a little confusing. We're here to help you understand.

We strive to explain your benefits using easy-to-understand, plain language. The Plain Writing Act of 2010 requires federal agencies to communicate information clearly in a way "the public can understand and use." This can be particularly challenging when talking about complicated programs like Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare. If there's a technical term or acronym that you don't know, you can find the meaning in our online glossary at www.ssa.gov/agency/glossary.

Here are a few examples. If you're considering retirement, you may want to know your FRA (full retirement age) and your PIA (primary insurance amount). These terms determine your benefit amount based on when you when you start getting requirement benefits. The PIA is the amount payable for a retired worker who starts his or her benefits

at full retirement age. If you start your retirement benefits at your FRA, you'll receive the full PIA.

Most years, your benefit amount will get a COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment), which usually means extra money in your monthly benefit.

What about DRCs (delayed retirement credits)? DRCs are the gradual increases to your PIA that occur the longer you delay taking retirement benefits after your full retirement age. Every month you delay taking benefits, up to age 70, your monthly benefit will increase.

If one of these terms or acronyms comes up in conversation, you can be the one to help clarify the meaning, using our online glossary. Learning the terminology can deepen your understanding of how Social Security programs work for you.

Vonda Van Til is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vondatil@ssa.gov.

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Can your relationship survive an affair?

This is a difficult subject not just because of the emotional turmoil an affair can cause but also because for many, they are relationship enders. Yet, some relationships can survive an affair. Before going further, let's define cheating. According to Wikipedia, infidelity is "a violation of a couple's emotional and/or sexual exclusivity that commonly results in feelings of anger, sexual jealousy, and rivalry. What constitutes infidelity depends on expectations within the relationship. In marital relationships, exclusivity is commonly assumed."

I think this definition is

outdated, but we'll go with it for the purpose of this article. In general, there are two main types of affairs, physical and emotional. I'm not going to get into all the subtypes as there are too many.

This is part three in the series. The first article in the series focused on why partners cheat. The second article was about types of cheating and the signs. This third article focuses on potentially surviving an affair.

Feelings Associated with an Affair

Affairs can result in feelings of mistrust, betrayal, shame, guilt, anger, embarrassment,

heartache, anxiety, and sadness just to name a few. Some will blame themselves for not seeing the signs, for trusting their partner, or even because they should have known better. The partner that was cheated on may take a hit to their self-esteem/self-worth and feel that the affair happened because of something they did or didn't do. Don't buy into this. If there was a problem in the relationship that you didn't see or ignored, your partner did the same. It's much easier on everyone to discuss relationship concerns instead of having an affair.

Surviving an Affair

Cheating is one of the top three reasons people give for divorce. If one study can be believed, then 70 percent of all Americans get involved in some kind of affair during their marital life. Just because the partner being cheated on confirms an affair, it doesn't have to mean an end

to the relationship. There are several key factors that can help determine if the relationship is survivable.

- Is the affair within the boundaries you agreed upon for your relationship? If yes, then both of you may be okay with the situation. Even if you agreed to an open relationship, knowing your partner was with another person may have you changing your mind about this type of relationship. You may have to redefine the boundaries of your relationship. If you can't both agree on how to continue moving forward, the relationship may not be able to survive.

- Is there an emotional connection or attachment? Or is it just physical? Even if the partner that is cheating has an emotional connection/attachment to the other person, your relationship is still survivable but it's going to be more difficult. Some find it easier to forgive

their partner for cheating if it's only a physical release and doesn't include an emotional attachment. Additional considerations are young children, finances, how entwined your lives are, if you both want your relationship to continue etc. Maybe the cheating partner wants to move on with the other person or you want out.

- Did your partner fall out of love with you? If so, this is a difficult obstacle to overcome because it would mean staying in a loveless relationship and one where affairs will most likely continue.

- Is there a pattern? Some studies show that a partner who has cheated in the past is three times more likely to cheat in a future when compared to those that have not cheated before. The kicker is that often these types of cheaters tend to blame their partner for their infidelity and take little to no responsibility.

For many, being able to trust their partner after an affair proves to be something they just can't do. If trust is gone, it's difficult for the relationship to survive.

Are you both still truly in love with one another? If so, then it may be survivable if you both commit to working on the relationship issues.

Every couple is different and you both have to agree to the norms and boundaries within your relationship. Communication and honesty are essential. Deal breakers need to be discussed and if they can't be agreed upon it will be tough for the relationship to survive. Not everything can be a deal breaker so you need to know which issues and behaviors are essential to you in a relationship.

I hope you found this information helpful but as always, I have to add the disclaimer that this article is not intended as advice, or to diagnose or treat. It is for information purposes only.



Financial Focus

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Plan ahead before joining the "Great Resignation"

It's been called the "Great Resignation" – the large number of Americans voluntarily leaving their jobs. If you plan to be part of it (ideally with another source of employment lined up), you'll need to make the financial moves necessary to keep making progress toward your long-term goals.

Here's some background: After a year in which the pandemic

caused so many people to lose their jobs, the economy is opening back up, but the "quit rate" – the number of jobs people have voluntarily left – has been breaking records. Some economists say this high quit rate is because people are confident of getting better jobs, with higher pay and more flexibility to work at home, or because they are preparing to start their own business or join the gig economy.

If you're thinking of joining this temporary migration from the workforce, how can you help ensure that you'll be financially stable and can continue to make progress toward your long-term goals?

Your first move is to look clearly at your financial situation. As mentioned above, it's best to have new employment in hand before you quit your job. Alternatively, perhaps you have a spouse or life partner who earns enough to sustain the two of you, or you've built up an emergency fund that gives you a cushion.

However, if your short-term income is less than you previously earned or you need to go without a paycheck for a while, could you still pay your bills? If you are strapped for cash, you might be tempted to tap into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But this move will generally result in taxes and, if you are younger than 59 ½, a 10 percent penalty as well. Because of this, and because your retirement accounts are designed to be a financial resource after you retire, think twice before dipping into these funds if you leave your current employer.

If your employer allows it, you can leave your money in the 401(k) so you'll still be accumulating resources for retirement. You also have the option to roll those funds into an individual retirement account (IRA) or a new employer's retirement plan.

And if you plan to work for yourself as a freelancer,

consultant or business owner, you'll still want to save toward retirement. Possible retirement plans for the self-employed include an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA or a SIMPLE IRA, all of which may be relatively easy to establish and offer tax benefits. A financial advisor can help you find a retirement plan that's appropriate for your needs.

Here's something else to keep in mind – an emergency fund. As mentioned above, if you already have one, you'll have some breathing room if you're thinking of leaving your job and might have a temporary gap in income. But as the name suggests, an emergency fund is there to help cover unexpected costs, such as a major home repair, without forcing you to take out a loan, or cash out part of your longer-term investments. So, if you are planning to tap your emergency fund, work to restock it as soon as possible.

If you're participating in the "Great Resignation," it means you're feeling positive about your future employment prospects, which is great. But you'll want to support that optimism with a strong financial foundation.

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Letters, continued

To the editor:

There is no constitutional right to make another person sick or die.

On the American Medical Association's website dated July 26 and August 9, 2021 I quote: "The CDC is also recommending that children, teachers and staff in K-12 schools across the nation wear masks in the coming school year."

"As the healthcare community leads the way in requiring vaccines for our employees, we hope all employers across the country will follow our lead and implement effective policies to encourage vaccinations. The health and safety of U.S. workers, families, communities and the nation depend on it."

Signed: The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Academy of Family Physicians, The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, The Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, The American Academy of Nursing, The American College of Surgeons, The American College of Clinical Pharmacy, The National League for Nursing, The Society of Hospital Medicine, The Texas Nurses Association, The American Pharmacists Association, The

American Nurses Association, The American Society for Clinical Pathology, The American Public Health Association, The American Medical Association and 30 additional professional signatures.

If you disagree with the community standards embracing the accepted health care associations recommendations to end this historic pandemic, you must accept the responsibility of homeschooling your children.

Jack Misner
Vergennes Township

To the editor:

Before the Enlightenment embracing the scientific method, mysticism ruled the world. Above the clouds and blue sky was considered heaven, below hell and the earth was flat. Copernicus calculated mathematically that the earth was not the center of the universe and Galileo turned a nautical instrument, the telescope, to the sky to observe not angels and other heavenly creatures but the universe that God created. In 1633 the church's inquisition condemned Galileo to torture yet 359 years later agreed that he was right. I pray it does not take that long to end this horrific pandemic.

Nancy Misner
Vergennes Township



FUN PAGE

SUDOKO

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

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!

WILDERNESS WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

WILDERNESS WORD SEARCH

BOOTS
CAMPSITE
CARABINER

GIARDIA
GROUNDSHEET
HYPOTHERMIA

ORIENTEERING
PEAK
RIVER

ACCESSORY
BACKCOUNTRY
BACKPACK
BIVOUC

CORD
FIELD
FOOTPRINT
GEAR

LANDSCAPE
LANTERN
LAYERING
NAVIGATION

RUCKSACK
SKI
TRACKS

Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in Ireland on September 13, 1993. I performed with my church choir as a youth and listened to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin at home. I found success with a boy band for several years and later signed as a solo artist.

Answer: Niall Horan

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the wilderness.

R W F E O L

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Answer: Flower

			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11							12				13		
	14							15					16	17	
18						19				20		21			
22					23				24		25				
26					27				28		29		30		
		31	32						33		34				
35	36										37				
38					39				40						
41				42		43		44					45	46	47
48			49		50		51						52		
53				54		55							56		
57			58		59					60	61	62			
	63	64							65						
		66							67						

CLUES ACROSS

- Religion native to some in China
- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors

CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL's Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with
- Popular literary form __ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- "Final Fantasy" universe character
- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
- S. American plant
- Domesticated animal
- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
- One's interests
- Identify the existence of
- Partner to "oohed"
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- Hammerin' Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files

**GREATER
LOWELL
COMMUNITY VISION**

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Charter
Township, Vergennes Township, City of
Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

Community Cleanup Day Saturday September 25

Cleanup AND Recycling

8 am to 11 am

Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, MI – enter at the Grand River
boat launch and follow the signs!

*You must live in the Lowell Area School District. Please
present a tax bill and/or voter's registration card plus
driver's license. One trailer/pickup truck load per
household. Load your items in the following order of stations below.*

Trash - Appliances - Metal - Tire Recycling - Electronics

We WILL NOT Be Unloading Your Items From Your Vehicle

Station Order - beginning at boat launch

(South end of the Fairgrounds)

Trash Dumpsters - Lowell Community Vision - Furniture, carpeting, wood, clothing, glass etc. No paint, liquid, gasoline, motor oils or antifreeze. No liquids of any kind are accepted.

Fee Charged for large furniture (anything larger than a recliner) & mattresses, \$25 each item - Cash Only.

Appliances - Lowell Light & Power

Metal Recycling—Boy Scouts

Sheet metal, auto parts and engines (liquid drained), aluminum, copper wire, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, fencing (must be flattened & folded), mattresses, appliances and anything metal.

Tire Recycling - Kent County DPW - Limit 10 tires per vehicle

Passenger tires only (car, SUV or pickup truck), no semi, tractor or loader tires, tires must be off the rim.

There is NO HAZARDOUS WASTE this year.

Electronics Recycling - Comprenew - FEE CHARGED

Air cleaners, humidifiers, batteries (Alkaline, Lithium, Lithium-Ion, Ni-Cad, lead acid, etc.), cell phones and mobile devices, copiers, DVD players and VCR's, fax machines, gaming systems, GPS units, iPods, MP3 players, ink and toner cartridges, microwaves, medical equipment (non-hazardous), power tools (electric only), projectors, radios, stereos and CD players, televisions (complete sets only), various media (floppy disks, CD's, DVD's, memory sticks), small appliances, circuit boards, computers (desktops, laptops, main frames, tablets), docking stations, routers, hard drives, internal, external disk drives, keyboards and mice, modems, CRT, LCD TV's and monitors (any size), networking equipment, PDA's (Blackberrys, Pam Pilots), power cords, cables, wires, printers, scanners, ram/memory, Servers, server racks, tape back-up, optional refrigerants (No larger than dorm size fridge.)

There is a recycling fee for all Electronics .75 per pound - Cash Only

**Cleanup Day
Partners:**



Lowell Boy Scouts
Troop #102



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For more information contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161 or visit www.discoverlowell.org

For more information on items that are not listed visit reimaginetrash.org for other recycling/disposal questions.