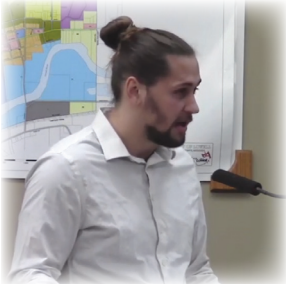


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Dog shot while hiking with owner in Saranac/Lowell State Game Area

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Gail Roderick was enjoying a hike through the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area with her three dogs at approximately 6:45 pm on Saturday, Sept. 18 when somebody shot her two-year-old Australian cattle dog Huck through the chest. In a panic, Roderick called out, so the perpetrator fired two more shots and disappeared. The incident is currently under investigation by Kent County law enforcement officers.

"I was hiking, as I often do, at the Saranac/Lowell State Game Area," Roderick said. "I very commonly take the dogs up there, as do lots of people, and go back to the river, let the dogs swim and enjoy a walk through the woods. I was playing a book on the speaker on my phone, so it's not like I was silently creeping through the woods, I don't know how you couldn't have heard us. When we were on our way back, Huck was up on a log, he loves to walk along logs, and he was shot through his chest. It shattered his upper arm bone. So my dog is screaming, and I yell 'You've shot my dog!' The

person shot twice more. While I was trying to carry my dog, holding pressure so he wouldn't bleed out, I was able to get 911 on the phone. Two Kent County deputies came, a DNR officer came and my daughter came. Huck ended up at the emergency veterinary clinic on Plainfield, and they've been absolutely incredible."

Huck is currently being cared for at the Animal Emergency Hospital located on the northeast side of Grand Rapids.

"I've been in constant contact with the veterinarian about her plan for Huck and, hopefully, saving the leg," Roderick said. "He's had the very best care, they're fantastic. Huck is our pet, but he's so much more than that. He's a phenomenal dog and a very highly-trained dog. He's a show dog and he's a herding competition dog. He's our demo dog for the obedience classes that my daughter and I teach. He just won his first herding trial two weeks ago and we were headed to nationals in two weeks."

Roderick said she hopes the incident will raise

awareness among hikers about hunters.

"My biggest concern is public awareness about these trails," Roderick said. "I've hiked around Lowell all of my life, I was born and raised here. I wonder how much awareness there is that the trail system and a lot of the North Country Trail goes through hunting land, and apparently it's squirrel season. A lot of the places where the trail heads are, they have a sign saying, 'These trails pass through hunting lands' or something. I think anybody who sees that is like, 'Okay, noted, I won't go out in the woods during deer hunting season.' I am scared for people hiking our beautiful, popular trails. I'm not anti-hunter, it isn't that at all, but our lands are multi-purpose lands and we have to share them with hunters. Let's say, for example, you've gotten up there and you did not know squirrel season opened on the 15th of September. If maybe there was a red sign that said, 'Squirrel hunters might be out there,' that might help a little bit. Because you really might run into a hunter."



Huck is in good hands at the Animal Emergency Hospital on Plainfield Ave. in Grand Rapids.

If you have any information about this case, call the Kent County sheriff at 616-632-6100 and refer to incident number 21-143866.

"The officers and I walked back to where the shooting occurred, just to see if we could get any clues as to who

this person was," Roderick said. "We're hoping that somebody knows who did this and turns them in. Just take their hunting licenses away. If you don't know what you're shooting at, don't shoot! It does seem obvious, doesn't it?"

Thousands attend 53rd annual Fallasburg Arts Festival

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The 53rd annual Fallasburg Arts Festival was last weekend. Attendance was slightly down this year compared to pre-COVID crowd sizes, but overall the

event was well-attended and successful.

"It's going really well," said LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan. "We felt like the crowds

were a bit down on Saturday, but they really picked up Sunday. I've talked to the food vendors, they're doing really well and so are the artists. The artists are at

least where they should be with sales, and more, so that feels really good. Because of the children's area being hanged up we couldn't have the hands-on activities, so instead we did a scavenger hunt, and that's been really successful. The kids are loving it. At the end, they get a sucker, they get a coupon for a discount on a class at LowellArts and then they get a free pumpkin that they can take home and decorate."

"The festival is fantastic," said LowellArts board member Mary Kidwell Tobin. "The food is great, especially the grilled chicken over there, and I think we have a really good turnout. The weather has been great. I'm really glad it didn't rain because of the quilt!"

The grand prize in the raffle this year was a quilt handmade by Kidwell Tobin.

"The inspiration was to have the quilt be bright and lively for this event, and have it be a traditional pattern but with a modern feel," Kidwell Tobin said. "I really like bright colors. When I finished it, I wanted to keep it! But I loved making it for LowellArts, they are such a wonderful organization so I was happy to do it. The quilt took about five months time, but not solid. I did babysit and do other things too."

Artists and crafters came from all over the US, including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Florida and Texas, and there was one participant from Belgium, a photographer named Kenyatta Ray. There were examples of jewelry, sculpture, ceramics,

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The festival also marked the 150th anniversary of the construction of the Fallasburg Covered Bridge.

Monday, Sept. 20 Lowell city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 20. The meeting lasted approximately 50 minutes and was attended by 18 people, one of whom addressed the council during public comment.

Area resident Jeanne Green said that a Lowell Light & Power crew left several holes in the siding of her home after performing maintenance work on a meter. LL&P general manager Charlie West was there and, after a brief discussion, agreed to contact Green the next morning so the issue could be resolved to her satisfaction.

Lowell Light & Power and the city received six

responses to a “request for proposals” to sell and develop the building at 115 Riverside Dr., commonly called the “line shack,” for a minimum of \$100,000. The LL&P board of directors already reviewed the proposals, and West said they determined the two “most attractive” offers were from Shabby Chicnagins and Bartkus Engineering. Applications were also received from The Edge LLC, BGR Investments LLC and the Anti-Social Social Club.

The council will meet with each applicant for one hour starting at 1 pm on Monday, Oct. 11. The goal that day is to select the “most attractive” applicant, then



Lowell Light & Power general manager Charlie West.



Lowell public works director Dan Czarnecki.



Local resident Jeanne Green said a Lowell Light & Power crew left holes in the siding of her home.

the city attorney will prepare a resolution in time for a vote at the Nov. 1 council meeting.

The council voted to pay Great Lakes Paving, 830 Bieri Industrial Dr., \$3,980 to pave the turnaround area on the west end of Hillside Ct. The work will use about 26 tons of asphalt and cover approximately 1,600 square feet, including a portion along the edge of the street designed to improve drainage.

The council voted to reaffirm and amend a 1967 easement agreement with the Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative.

“Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. has a transmission line that runs across the city-owned Ware Rd. property,” Lowell DPW director Dan Czarnecki said. “Back in 1967, the city and Wolverine Electric Cooperative, now known as Wolverine Power, entered into an agreement to allow Wolverine a right-of-way easement for the transmission line. This transmission line has been in service for about 54 years. [...] Today, Wolverine Electric would like to confirm, reaffirm and amend the easement to only include specifically

the 100-foot-wide easement for the power line and releasing any remaining encumbrances. The power line would continue to be centered on the easement, with 50 feet being on each side of the power line. In return for amending the easement, the city would receive approximately \$285. This payment is based on a formula that takes into

expensive but essential renovations.

“You’ve got two years on the library, next year is this building [city hall],” Burns said. “The issue with that building [the library] is the way it’s configured. The way that building was designed, it’s configured very difficult for them to get through, so it’s going to be more costly when they do the

there’s stuff like that, but I’m quite sure you’ll come up with something.”

“I’ll figure it out,” Burns said.

“We’ve all been presented with the numbers and the reports,” said mayor Michael DeVore. “The discussion has to happen, too, about the townships chipping in on that library, because it’s not just city residents who use it.



Lowell city councilor Marty Chambers and mayor Michael DeVore in discussion at the Sept. 20 regular meeting.

account footage, poles and other amenities.”

City manager Michael Burns reported the heating and cooling systems at the Englehardt Library and city hall will soon require some

overhaul. The issue, really, with this building is that we’re replacing compressors and we’re filling it with refrigerant that is not being made anymore. Just to get the refrigerant, it’s like \$4,000 every time. So you could basically be spending \$40,000 a year every year in eternity or just do the overhaul, which is probably estimated anywhere between \$105,000 [and] \$120,000.”

“I know you will look at all the creative ways to come up with funding, whether it’s stimulus money, marijuana money,” said city councilor Jim Salzwedel. “Maybe

The numbers are there, you can see who’s coming from where, who’s using it.”

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 4. They also have a “Coffee with the Council” at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Oct. 2.

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.



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Planning commission denies proposed marijuana retail outlet in old roller rink

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

At their regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, the city of Lowell's planning commission denied a "special land use" application to open a marijuana retail store in the former "Rollaway Family Fun Center" at 805 E. Main, with parking on the adjoining lot at 825 E. Main.

The applicant was Hive Wellness LLC, a company owned by Connor Baker of Belding.

"As far as the site goes, it was not purchased until after it was discussed with the city manager that the property itself is, in fact, eligible, and there wouldn't be a problem," Baker said. "Before I purchased the property, it was told to me by the city manager that it was, in fact, an eligible property."

A Sept. 10, 2021 memorandum written by Andy Moore and Whitney Newberry, engineers with Williams & Works, concluded that the application should be denied for five reasons: incomplete application with insufficient details, poor landscaping on the property, lack of a lighting plan, poor arrangement of parking spaces and traffic safety concerns.

"Irrespective of the above five issues, we question

whether the proposed use is compatible at all, given its location within a completely residential area," Moore and Newberry wrote in the Sept. 10 memorandum. "Even if the applicant adequately addresses, or attempts in good faith to address, the issues identified above, the planning commission may find that no amount of buffering, landscaping and other considerations would make the proposed use compatible with its surroundings. [...] Further, the inability to adequately landscape [or] screen the site [from] traffic, noise and other issues may lead the commission to find that several of the special land use standards are not met, in which case the application should be denied."

There were 11 participants in public comment during the meeting and one email was also received. Seven of the commenters were against opening the store and five were in favor of it.

"Allowing another marijuana store would be deteriorating our neighborhood and also our home values," said area resident Annie Charles. "Lots of teenagers and children live in this area, and we don't

know what the clientele of the Hive Wellness will be. We don't know where those clients would come from or whether they have criminal backgrounds coming into our community. I'm not saying that they would, I'm saying that there's a possibility, such as pedophiles coming there."

"We can't get these pot businesses open fast enough, because we need to get the tax money to get these streets fixed," said area resident Craig Fonger. "I think we should allow them to develop the property the way they want to."

"There is a lot of pedestrian traffic running up and down there all the time," said area resident Clark Jahnke. "I don't think it's a great application for the property. I'd like to see something else there."

"Observe the other marijuana facilities that we already have that are open," said former Lowell mayor Jim Hodges, who also pointed out that Baker and Hive Wellness were the first applicant in Lowell six years ago. "How quiet and well-run they are, how well-landscaped they are, how much they've improved their properties and the property



Hive Wellness LLC owner Connor Baker.

values of our community. I think it's helped the community a great deal."

"I think our value of our homes is going to go down,"

said area resident Pam Rowley. "I wish he'd open a Wendy's, I'd be there every day, but I'm not for it."

The next meeting of the Lowell planning commission will be at city hall, 301 E. Main, at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 11.

Christmas Through Lowell back, seeking crafters

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A local holiday shopping fixture for two decades, "Christmas Through Lowell" was canceled last year due to COVID, just like a million other things. But it's returning this year, and the Chamber of Commerce is currently looking for artists, crafters and other vendors to participate.

The event will take place in area homes and businesses over the weekend of Nov. 19, 20 and 21.

If you're unable to or uninterested in having customers stomping all over your living quarters, more than a dozen homes and businesses around Lowell are opening their doors. This includes several Main Street locations, including All Weather Seal, Larkin's Other Place, Greenridge Realty and the Lowell Area Historical Museum. The complete list is online at [https://www.discoverlowell.org/wp-](https://www.discoverlowell.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Add-Vendors2.pdf)

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The only rule is that participants offer only homemade items, nothing retail.

Christmas Through Lowell was originally conceived more than 20 years ago as a diversion for "deer hunting widows," but has developed into one of the largest events of its type in West Michigan. Many participating homeowners

create elaborate decorations for their property, both inside and out, to attract prospective customers.

"Christmas Through Lowell gives our local crafters and artisans an opportunity to sell their wares in either their own home or local location," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. "Christmas Through Lowell is our largest retail event of the year. When people attend this event, it's to buy."





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Lowell Historical Museum seeking a millage renewal



submitted by Lisa Plank executive director, Lowell Area Historical Museum

At the Nov. 2, 2021 election, citizens of the city of Lowell will be asked to renew the Lowell Area Historical Museum's ten year millage. The museum first received this millage in 2003. Since then, it has

been renewed once with overwhelming support. The millage is now up for renewal again. No increase is being sought. This is the same millage level which Lowell residents have been paying for the past 20 years.

It is not a new tax and will not increase taxes. This is a renewal of 0.25 mills or 25 cents for every \$1,000 taxable value. This provides about a quarter of the museum's operational costs.

The museum's mission is "to educate, enrich, and inspire our community and visitors through the preservation and presentation of Lowell area history." To achieve this, the museum provides Lowell with many services, including:

- Exhibits at the museum exploring local history
- Research and genealogy resource library
- Interpretive boards on Main Street and the Riverwalk
- Ten separate educational programs presented each year to all Lowell Area

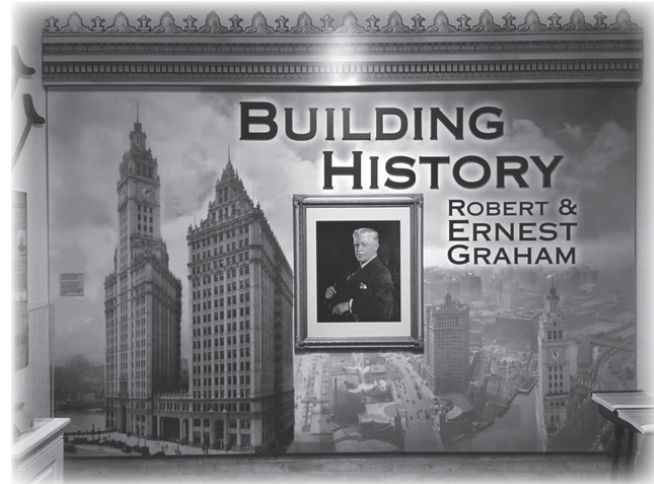


- food booth, Summer Fest fundraiser, Fallasburg Festival booth, Christmas Through Lowell, chestnuts

The museum serves over 30,000 annually through programs and exhibits, and another 80,000 through online content. With community support, the Lowell Area Historical Museum can continue as a cultural attraction, tourist destination and as a symbol of the historic quality of the Lowell area. It will also help to provide educational programs, research material and provide lasting benefits to the next generation.

A "yes" vote for the millage ensures that the museum would have the resources necessary to continue its mission into the future.

If you have questions about the museum's budget, operations, or the millage renewal, please visit lowellmuseum.org, call 616 897-7688, send a message to lplank@lowellmuseum.org or visit them at 325 W. Main in downtown Lowell.



- School students in grades 1 through 4
- Preschool "Tots at the Museum" program
- Youth Summer Camp
- Public speaker series
- Participation in community events including Expo, Girls Night Out, Riverwalk Festival, Summer Concerts

- on the Riverwalk
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to the editor

Dear Editor,
History is alive and well in Lowell Michigan! I am writing on behalf of the Fallasburg Historical Society.

We are fortunate to live in a community that values its history and heritage. From centuries of Native American, to German and Swiss immigrants to today's huge mixture of

almost all cultures! The Lowell Museum is one of our greatest achievements. Founded in 1989 by a group of community members anxious to preserve the rich and wonderful history of the Lowell area, the Lowell Area Historical Museum's guiding mission is: "to enrich, delight and inspire the public through the presentation and

preservation of the Lowell area history."

The museum brings us the ABC's of Lowell, Lowellife, Exhibits, Education, events and speaking engagements. No wonder they are revered as one of the best little museums in Michigan!

We, the Fallasburg Historical Society strongly endorse this upcoming millage and we urge you to join us.

*Respectfully sent,
Tina Cadwallader
Fallasburg Historical Society*

To the Editor:

I've been meaning to write and now seems a good time. What a wonderful article about the Girl Scouts' Give and Take stand on the east side of town! I started using the stand the first year it was available and was so happy when they were able to find a new home for it at the Methodist Church. I stop by every time I'm out and often have fresh vegetables, and even fruit this year, for my meal that day. I so enjoy that. My gratitude to the Girl Scouts who built and maintain this stand and to all the others who make

this wonderful opportunity of sharing available. I'd like to acknowledge the Ledger for the great article about this project. All the girls involved really deserve our gratitude and acknowledgment for the hard work and continued upkeep. It is much appreciated.

I've also been very excited about FROM's new Farm Market which recently started at Treasures Thrift Store. It is wonderful and I plan to use it regularly as well. However, as noted in the article, it is so nice to have something with fresh produce on this end of town.

I appreciate the Lowell Ledger for all the interesting articles they provide us with weekly. They are always timely and informative. We are so fortunate to have our own local paper to keep us so well updated on community happenings. I encourage everyone to partake of this wonderful gift so that we can continue to have access to all our local news. Thank you to all involved.

*Peggy Covert
Lowell*



125 years ago Lowell Ledger September 25, 1896

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 29, 1921

Six soldiers of the American army of occupation in Germany were killed when a military lorry was struck by the Dortmund Frankfort express at Coblenz.

The proposition to assess Grand Rapids rental property to accord with the prices charged to tenants will be making the punishment fit the crime in a perfectly just and satisfactory manner. Some property in that city is said to have been paying 40 percent returns on the investment as at present assessed for taxation. Landlords of that stamp have few rights that the public is bound to respect until they mend their ways. As they mete, so let it be measured to them.

The county fair ended in tragedy when Vern Lauman was killed in an auto accident. He and a companion were racing in autos around the oval for pleasure purposes when the cars collided.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 26, 1946

Tuesday's high winds caused a heap of work for the light and power plant crew. Falling limbs put electric lines out of commission for a time at various points and a truckload of waste paper was spilled all over the street.

Frank Stephens reports that Art Wassink of R3, Lowell, ran over a fox on a Boston township road a mile north of US-16 Saturday night and had the foresight to stop and pick up the carcass which was worth \$5 when he presented it to Ionia county authority for the county bounty.

Ben Wolver, who resides on the Egg farm, was critically injured last Monday night when his truck was hit by a sedan car on US-16, a short distance from his home. He was taken to a Grand Rapids hospital.

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 30, 1971

Lowell Fire Chief Frank Baker and Assistant Building Inspector Charles Benjamin have inspected all the known nursing and custodial care homes in the community and found eight of the 14 inspected in violation of city housing or zoning ordinances. The inspection was ordered by City Manager Blaine Bacon after the Planning Commission discussed the increased use of residential property in the community for nursing and custodial care homes.

Showboat President Larry Wittenbach conceded defeat in the effort to close Lafayette Street from the alley north of Main Street to King Street so permanent seating could be built. Wittenbach had requested the Planning Commission in August to consider closing the street; the public hearing was ordered for Monday night.

Whatever happened to the old craftsmen and their crafts? They went the way of the machine. But

recently we've begun to see a revival of some of the old handcrafts, one of the making of harpsichords. Lowell can boast its very own harpsichord maker, since David Coons built one in his basement.

25 years The Lowell Ledger September 25, 1996

When Heather Nauta shows up for work, people have a hard time believing she's in charge. "I have had quite a few people come up to me and say I don't look old enough. I even had one lady pinch my cheeks as she said it," said Nauta, a future United Airlines pilot.

Registered voters said "no" to the Lowell School District's request for an additional 2.79 enhancement mills for one year which were to be spent in the areas of technology and transportation. Of the 12,519 registered voters, 11 percent of 1,383 cast their ballots. In all three precincts, the total number of "no" votes was larger than the number of "yes" votes.

Rose and Harold Ball watched as their home at 513 E. Main was winched and tugged to its new location at 401 N. Division. The lot at 513 E. Main will be used for Softee Crème customer parking. The house was moved by Roll Away Movers out of Grand Rapids.

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:

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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.

X marks the spot - or does it?

It would be easy to see a building and say Ah Ha! And put a big X on the map. X marks the spot! Here is where the Odawa Cobmoosa had a house built.

But is it?

At one time Lowell was called the "moving-est place around!" As early as 1846 we read of houses and buildings being moved. How was a house moved in 1846? With oxen teams of course.

The Odawa had built a building near their village on the northern side of today's city limits, in what is now Oakwood cemetery.



A house being moved in 1957 down Hudson Street.

John S. Hooker recorded that on December 7, 1846, the building was moved with eight pair of oxen teams to what would become the easternmost building of the wooden row. Daniel Marsac used the building as a store, then John Hooker operated his store from it. After that it was used for various purposes including a saloon, shooting gallery,

and it was even home to the Lowell Ledger. Unfortunately, on July 18, 1907, it burned with most of wooden row. Today Big Boiler Brewery and MI Hometown Furnishings are located on that block.

Also moved was a second building constructed by the Odawa. When

Christiansen Super Market was expanding, the Cobmoosa house on Avery Street was moved in order to make room for a parking lot. William Cobmoosa acquired the Avery St property from Abel Avery on April 23, 1857; his wife is listed as Sophia. We are not sure if this Cobmoosa was the famous headman and orator of the Flat River Odawa or a relative but the house has historically been called the "Chief Cobmoosa House."

There were numerous examples of houses being moved, from 1846 through the present day. One situation helps show the expansion of town. In 1956 the Kroger store left their downtown location over the river in the center of the bridge and built a new building and parking lot at the intersection of West Main Street and Vergennes, now Lincoln Lake. The building was used as a grocery store for years. Today it has houses multiple

businesses including Little Caesars. The three houses that were there, instead of being torn down, were moved. One went further up Vergennes, and two went to the end of Hudson Street, now the 900 block of North Hudson.

One comical tale of a house being moved is found in a 1931 newspaper account that "the George Speaker house...while the Village Council was asleep, was sneaked up Washington Avenue, nearly falling to pieces enroute, then jerked across lots where it was set up as natural as life, opposite Seven Oaks, 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever'."

So you see, one cannot use the current location of a house or building, like Cobmoosa's house in this example, and say 'Here it is, 803 N. Washington, X marks the spot where Cobmoosa had a house built for his wife.' Research shows that 'X' was really on Avery Street!

- bladder cancer

Bladder cancer is about four times more common in men than in women. However, women more frequently have advanced bladder cancer by the time it is diagnosed.

The urinary bladder is an organ in the pelvis. Its main function is storing and emptying urine. Currently, there is no screening test recommended for early detection of bladder cancer. People who smoke have four times the risk of bladder cancer compared with nonsmokers.

The most common sign of bladder cancer is blood in the urine. This can be visible redness in the urine or may be detected microscopically in a urine sample. Blood in the urine requires a thorough diagnostic evaluation, including

special x-rays (CT urogram) and a cystoscopy, a visual inspection of the inside of the bladder, usually done by a urologist.

Bladder cancer is often diagnosed at an early stage, when the cancer is easier to treat. If the cancer is not invasive, it can be treated by removing the tumor from the inside of the bladder by means of cystoscopy. This treatment is often followed by chemotherapy or immunotherapy administered directly into the bladder over a period of time. If the cancer is more invasive, complete removal of the bladder (cystectomy) is recommended. It is important to have regular checkups after treatment because bladder cancer has a high rate of recurrence.

college news

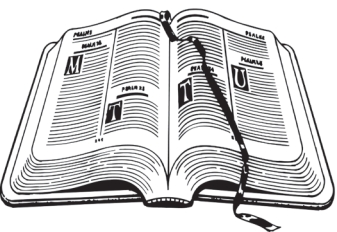
Nicholas Patterson of Lowell has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Ashley Elzinga of Lowell has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.



The Cobmoosa house was moved from Avery St to 803 N. Washington in 1956 to make room for a parking lot.

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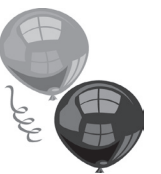
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SEPTEMBER 27
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SEPTEMBER 28
 Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse, Tony Johnson, Matthew Foster.

Light & Power partners with new solar project under construction

Invenergy has completed term and construction financing for the 200MW Calhoun solar project, currently under construction and scheduled to begin commercial operation in 2022.

Located in Calhoun County, it will support approximately 300 jobs over

the course of the construction period.

“Invenergy is proud to achieve construction financing for the Calhoun Solar project, an important step in bringing our first solar project in Michigan to fruition,” said Invenergy senior vice president Anneli Alers.

The Calhoun solar project will provide clean, renewable energy to Michiganders who obtain their power supply from a large group of locally owned and controlled municipal electric utilities that aggregate and share power supply through the Michigan Public Power Agency. The MPPA is a municipal power joint action agency that provides wholesale power supply and related services to publicly owned electric utilities in Michigan.

“The Calhoun solar project is part of a growing portfolio

of renewable resources MPPA has committed to, which is transforming our member power supply and moving us toward a decarbonized future,” said MPPA CEO Patrick Bowland.

As a member of the MPPA, Lowell Light & Power and the local community are proud to be involved in the Calhoun Solar project.

“Renewables are a vital part of Lowell’s energy future,” said Charlie West, general manager of Lowell Light & Power. “We are excited to see new projects



like Calhoun solar come to Michigan and look forward to further opportunities to

reduce carbon dependency as we continue to supply our customers with fairly priced, dependable power.”

Wittenbach Wege Center night hike Oct. 23

The Wittenbach Wege Center is hosting a “night hike” on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 7:30 pm until 9 pm. The hike is free, but there is a \$5 suggested donation if you can swing it.

“As we prepare for bed, the forest comes alive,” WWC director Courtney Cheers said in a press release. “Join us as we venture out into the forest to learn about nocturnal animals and some interesting adaptations they have for navigating in the dark.”

Space is limited to 40 participants and registration is required. To sign up, head to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EAEAF22ABFB6-wwcnight>

Statewide auction to raise funds to prevent child abuse and neglect

Child abuse and neglect prevention supporters can make a difference in the lives of Michigan children and families by taking part in the 19th annual Pam Posthumus Signature Live Virtual Auction Event Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 pm.

People can help fund child maltreatment prevention programming in all 83 of Michigan’s counties by

bidding on sports tickets, concert tickets, travel packages and more.

The event seeks to raise \$500,000 in critical funds for the Children’s Trust Fund, which is within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Money raised from the auction pays for programs such as food pantries, safe sleep, shaken baby syndrome prevention, child development support, adverse childhood experiences prevention and more. Additionally, it supports other targeted services that allow local partners around the state to continue to provide education, training and other child abuse and neglect prevention programs. All private donations and state funding is eligible to be multiplied through Children’s Trust Fund federal funding.

“The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction is a sign of hope for Michigan’s children and families,” said Suzanne Greenberg, Children’s Trust Fund executive director. “The funding raised through this auction helps strengthen families and communities across the state by educating and supporting them on child safety, health and well-being.



Children’s Trust Fund Protecting Michigan’s Children

Child abuse and neglect is preventable when we work together, and I encourage Michiganders to support this crucial event for kids.”

The auction is named in memory of Pam Posthumus, a tireless advocate for preventing child abuse. Posthumus was appointed to the Children’s Trust Fund board of directors in 1997 and became its chair in 2002. The event is made possible by the generosity of the state of Michigan, the Michigan legislature and sponsors such as Cinnaire, DTE, Jackson and countless other organizations and individuals.

To register for the event or donate, visit [https://](https://CTFAuction.cbo.io)

CTFAuction.cbo.io

Created by the Michigan Legislature in 1982, the Children’s Trust Fund is Michigan’s only statewide nonprofit organization solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Children’s Trust Fund serves as a voice for Michigan’s children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding effective local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect.

To learn more about Children’s Trust Fund, its efforts to end child abuse and where the program is near you, visit michigan.gov/CTF.

August LPD statistics

Lowell Police Department made six arrests during the month of August. These arrests included one for drunk driving, one for driving with a suspended license, one drug law violation and three that are described in the police department’s monthly statistics sheet as “other arrests.” There have been a total of 105 arrests made by the

LPD so far this year. LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during August. There were eight disorderly conduct calls, three larceny calls, one dog/animal complaint, one malicious destruction and eight assaults. Lowell police issued 21 citations and notified three residents about ordinance violations. Out of 148 traffic stops in August, they let 129 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 25 times and called other agencies for assistance two times in August. They were also called for assistance by citizens 88 times and motorists seven times. Lowell police were dispatched to 15 accidents during August, one involving injuries.



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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.



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Fallasburg Festival, continued

glass, fiber, mixed media, wood, painting, drawing, photography, floral, basketry and more for sale.

Laurie Zientek from "Baskets by Laurie" of Hudsonville was the sole source of handmade, hand-dyed baskets at the festival. Zientek, a 20-year Fallasburg Festival veteran, said she sold out of her first batch of merchandise and had to go home and double her stock of rattan baskets.

"It's been a good year for us," Zientek said. "There are probably fewer people here, but it's still been pretty good."

If you liked her baskets but didn't end up buying one, Zientek said to contact her at BasketsbyLaurie@yahoo.com if you have regrets about that decision.

There was live music all weekend from Eli Roe Music, Hawks and Owls, the Weatherheads, Paddy's Cure, the Bruce Matthews Band, the Easy Idle String Band, the Blue Water Ramblers, the B-Side Growlers, the Adams Family and the Wild Honey Collective. Food booth operators included Lowell Women's Club, Lowell First United Methodist Church, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Lowell Historical Museum, Fallasburg Historical Society, Lowell Rotary Club, Alto Lions Club, Lowell Area Fire Department and Lowell Music Boosters.

"We are selling pulled pork sandwiches, delicious corn on the cob from Bos Greenhouse, chips and pickles," said Holly Hopkin, a volunteer with the First Congregational UCC of Lowell's food booth. "We've been moving through a lot of food, more than historically, however, it's been a little bit slower in terms of the number of people. But we're still doing well, we keep selling out of stuff! The church has been doing this for, I think, as long as the festival has been going on. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year."

Representatives from the Lowell Area Fire Department were out there all weekend grilling hundreds of chickens.

"It was a little slow to start yesterday," said Lowell fire chief Shannon Witherell. "Usually on Saturday we sell out probably around 2:00, and we were actually here until 5 yesterday, but we did end up selling out. Sunday has been a little slower than usual, but consistent, so we're still moving birds. We'll cook and sell about 800 halves in two days. Typically, we have about 10 or 15 volunteers at a time out here, keeping 10 or 15 back at the city to cover calls."



The demonstration pavilion was closed this year, but Eric Bartkus from Ability Weavers was able to demonstrate his skills with a portable loom.



Laurie Zientek from "Baskets by Laurie" of Hudsonville ran out of merchandise and had to go home and replenish her stock.



Lowell firefighters spent the weekend grilling chickens.





The Showboat Garden Club provided floral centerpieces for the picnic tables in Fallsburg Park.



Mary Kidwell Tobin with the grand prize quilt she created to give away in the LowellArts raffle.

**NOTICE
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**Accuracy Test of Voting
Equipment**

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 2, 2021 Special General Election will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall and Offices located at **69 Lincoln Lake Ave NE, Lowell, MI 49331.**

Shantell Ford
Vergennes Township Clerk

**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, October 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing will be:

**Proposed Adult Use Marihuana
Establishment at 2384 W. Main Street**

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

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

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

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Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Rangers too much for Red Arrows in conference matchup

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

It was youth night for the Lowell football program as the Red Arrows took on the 2-1 Rangers of Forest Hills Central. The annual event has Lowell youth football players run onto the field during halftime and Lowell youth cheerleaders participate in cheers with the varsity program.

The Rangers started off the scoring after holding Lowell to a punt. A 12-yard pass gave FHC the early lead. Trailing 7-0, Lowell was able to execute an impressive drive using a sustained rushing attack that found the endzone. Josh Rau punched it in for the second time in two weeks with a two-yard touchdown

success through the air going 11 for 15 for 70 yards with no interceptions. "He is progressing within our system, and has invested many hours this past offseason for an opportunity to play varsity football. Dawson has an attention to detail, he leads his teammates to have the same focus," Lowell football head coach Jacob Henige said.

Lowell added 119 yards rushing, with Josh Rau, Carter Blough, and Carson Crace combining for 76 yards on the ground. The only turnover of the night was a Red Arrow fumble.

Late in the second quarter, the Rangers came up with 16 points in a short span that would end up being the difference in the game.

as time expired in the first half, with a 23-7 lead.

The football program wore all-black uniforms to pay homage to the 32nd U.S. Army Infantry, the "Red Arrow" division for which Lowell got their nickname.

From the Lowell Football Historical Program put together by Fred Lenger, "The 32nd Infantry gained fame for their fighting heroism during World War I and World War II, and included a number of men from western Michigan, including Lowell and the surrounding communities.

"The unit recorded more combat time than any other army division and received numerous commendations for bravery, courage and valor. No battleground territory defended by the 32nd was ever lost, and every attempt by the division to break through the enemy lines was successful. The words "never yield" from the original fight song accurately characterizes the spirit of the Red Arrow Division. The unit won fame under three names: Officially it was the 32nd Division; to the people of Michigan and Wisconsin it was the Red Arrow Division, and the French who fought alongside these midwestern Americans, they were known as "Les Terribles."

From May to November of 1918 (nearly seven months) the division was under constant fire, with only 10 days rest. The Red Arrow fought on five fronts and took a leading role in three great offensives which meet and vanquished 23 German divisions. The division suffered more than 14,000 casualties, captured more than 2,000 prisoners, never yielded a foot of ground to the enemy, and was the first American division to set foot on German soil."

In addition to the black uniforms, Lowell wore the Red Arrow infantry insignia on their helmets.

"Our military always deserves recognition for their service. However, I wanted our players to be educated about why we are named the Red Arrows. How many other high school football programs and school systems have a mascot that represents actual community members that served and sacrificed in multiple World Wars for their country? Student-

athletes within the Lowell football program have a special opportunity to do that everyday," Coach Henige added.

Starting off the second half down 23-7, the Red Arrows were able to move the ball, but were unable to find points in the second half. The Rangers added a score to finish off a 30-7

FHC victory. FHC moved to 3-1 with the victory, while Lowell fell to 1-3. The Red Arrows maintain an all-time series lead over the Rangers with a 21-16 record.



Lowell's offensive line lined up ready for a play. The Red Arrow Infantry insignia and black uniforms honoring the 32nd Infantry for which Lowell got their nickname.



Josh Rau finds the corner and the endzone against FHC.

run. Todd Parcheta hit the extra point to even things up at seven a piece midway through the second quarter. The possession included a fourth down conversion that kept the drive alive.

Quarterback Dawson Hugh was able to find

An immediate response to the Lowell touchdown, FHC quarterback Hunter Robinson found Jacob Bonnett for a 55-yard touchdown pass. Bonnett added another touchdown with 2:55 to play, then the Rangers added a field goal

Lowell will take on Grand Rapids Christian this Friday. The Eagles started out the season with back-to-back losses to South Christian and Unity Christian, but have since bounced back with a win over EGR and Greenville.

Lowell harriers compete at Ottawa Hills Invite

Warmer temperatures greeted the Lowell boys cross-country team on Friday at Riverside Park for the Ottawa Hills Invitational, yet they were able to persevere and run to a second place finish with 91 points to Grand Haven with 82 points. Rockford completed the podium with 102 points.

Numerous personal records (PR) and season bests (SB) were obtained during the race. Cole Weston took top honors for the Red Arrows with a seventh place finish at 16.13 (PR), followed by Sawyer Fowler, ninth, 16.26. Jackson Fowler soon followed up with a 21st position at time of 16.57 (SB). Ben Bromley and Keegan Cater wrapped up the score with a 24th place, 17.01 and 31st place, 17.12 (SB), respectively.

Levi Mills brought home a season best time of 17.32 while Alex Weber hit a new PR with a time of 17.55. Antonio Casarez also had a PR of 18.06 in the varsity race and Evan Klein, 18.14, and Blake Bennett, 18.23 completed the varsity lineup.

The lady Arrows used heart and PR's to notch another top eight finish. A giant accomplishment as the girls work towards meeting a season ending goal of a top five finish at the MHSAA regional meet.

Lowell was led by medalists Annika and Katrina Sandman as they ran to an eighth and 15th place in times of 19:12 (SB) and 19:49 (PR) respectively. The energy did not stop there as Keira Sandman took 39th (20:48 PR), Megan Lillie took

86th (22:06 PR), and Claire O'Boyle took 95th (22:28), Jamara Harper 105th (22:42 PR) and Kaylee Byrne 134th (24:08) completed the varsity scoring.

The JV runners were not going to be outdone and threw down some giant PR's as Kiah Burgess ran 28:16 (3 minute PR), Claire Uzarski 32:15 (2 minute PR), and Millie "Copenhagen" Groenlund 32:27 (2 minute PR).

The Red Arrows will be back at Riverside Park this Wednesday for their second OK White Jamboree.



Lowell vs FHC

	LHS	FHC
Score	7	30
First Downs	11	16
Rushing Attempts/Yards	38/119	36/176
Passes Attempted	15	13
Passes Completed	11	11
Total Offensive Yards	189	365
Penalties/Yard	5/29	5/53
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	5/29	5/53
Number of Punts/Yard	4/140	3/111
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	1/0	1/20
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	2/120	5/288
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	5/97	2/25
Possession Time	23:25	23:12
Third Down Conversions	3/11	5/9
Fourth Down Conversions	1/3	0/1

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

History made as Lowell soccer takes to the turf

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The boys soccer team hit a tough stretch of results with back-to-back losses against Byron Center and FHN. Lowell fell to the Bulldogs by a score of 3-0, and the Huskies by a score of 1-0.

The results were secondary to what was a historic week for the soccer program. Lowell played their inaugural game last Tuesday at the new all-purpose turf stadium on the north end of the Lowell High School campus.

“The surface of the “pitch” (field) can dictate how the game is played. Spectators in the new facility will be able to see a more attractive brand of futbol (soccer). The game will be faster, more skill, better ball movement, it should attract more fans and players to the game,” Lowell varsity boys soccer head coach Dan Lipon said.

At Tuesday’s soccer opener at the new stadium, an honorary ribbon cutting

will be able to host post season games in the district or regional tournaments. The MHSAA selects sites based on the facility and surface of the field. Both the boys and girls soccer programs have not hosted a district tournament in over two decades. Home field advantage really helps,” Lipon noted.

The stadium is a welcome and long-awaited addition to the facilities at Lowell High School. In past years, Lowell officials had to juggle the needs of multiple sports programs at Bob Perry Field, specifically the football team and boys soccer team during the fall and the boys and girls lacrosse programs and girls soccer teams in the spring. This high usage over decades has made the natural grass at Bob Perry Field particularly tricky to maintain, though behind the scenes Lowell’s grounds crew has done impressive work with this over the years.

Now, the lacrosse



Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the new multi-purpose stadium on the LHS north campus. Photo courtesy of Anna Doyle.

programs and soccer programs will have a new home, only a few hundred yards to the North.

The artificial turf is used by a majority of schools in lacrosse and soccer particularly because of its flexibility, and the ability to use it in almost any weather. The frequency of this phenomenon is highlighted in the statistic that of all the Division 1 collegiate lacrosse programs in the country, the number with natural grass fields are in the single digits. In past springs, Michigan winters and field conditions at Bob Perry Field have forced Lowell to play lacrosse matches at nearby schools with artificial turf, including Davenport University. This new stadium will eliminate that additional expense. The artificial turf will also be easier to maintain and take off some of the wear that is inflicted on the natural grass at Bob Perry Field each year. Artificial turf aside, the

stadium is built with both sports in mind. On Friday night prior to the football game, members of the Lowell varsity boys soccer team were taking practice shots at the goals at the new stadium. Previous soccer practices had soccer nets with no nets behind them, meaning that when a shot went in wide of the nets they

would fly 20, 30, 40 yards or more past trickling as far as the LHS parking lot. The same can be said for lacrosse. Now, with netting and walls installed beyond the goals, these balls will stay contained within the stadium, making practice much easier on student-athletes and coaches.



The entrance to the new all-purpose turf stadium at LHS and a view of the field and stands (below).

ceremony took place where members of the Lowell boys and girls lacrosse and soccer teams joined members of the LHS administration. Those administration members included superintendent Nate Fowler, athletic director Dee Crowley, LHS principal Steve Gough, athletics secretary Kimberly Perry, director of human resources Dustin Cichocki, Lowell Athletics Booster president Ginger Noll, and assistant principal Patrick Russell.

“The best part, Lowell



FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

LHS Play for the week of Sept. 23- 29

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
* Denotes a meet at LHS
9/25 at 9 am Autumn Sunrise Invite at Heritage Christian

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/24 at 7 pm GR Christian (Homecoming)

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
* Denotes a home game
9/23 at 6 pm Bryon Center*
9/25 at 10 am Lowell Varsity Quad at Cornerstone University
9/28 at pm FHN*

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/23 6:45 pm at Greenville
9/28 at 6:45 pm Northview

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
9/23 at 3 pm at OK Jamboree at Quail Ridge Golf
9/27 at 3:30 pm Ok White Jamboree at Boulder Creek

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
9/23 at 4:15 pm Kenowa Hills*
9/27 at 4:15 pm Northview*

obituaries

ALDRICH

Aldrich, William Ernest (Bill), age 86 of Grand Rapids, passed away on Friday September 10, 2021. Born and raised in Lowell, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Bill lived his adult life in Grand Rapids and retired from the Keebler Company. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean (Chorman). He is survived by children, Linda (Karry) Bogue, Mike (Tina) Aldrich, Steve (Wayland McKenzie) Aldrich; grandchildren, Cassandra (Jason) Swartz, Brandon (Amanda) Aldrich, Justin (Liz) Aldrich, Jason Bogue, Korry Bogue and Robert (Brianne) Bogue; great-grandchildren, Matilyn, Anya, Eliza, Emmett, Owen, Nickole, Brayden and Levi; his brother, Tom Kehoe; in-laws, Don (Darlene) Chorman, Mary (Jerry) Sherwood and Dave Olsen; and many nieces and nephews. There will be a funeral mass Wednesday, September 22 at 11 am at St. Alphonsus Parish, 224 Carrier St NE, Grand Rapids. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the USO or Faith Hospice would be appreciated.



BARNES

Lynn Marie (Owens) Barnes passed away September 13, 2021. She traveled peacefully with her two cherished daughters, Nicolle (Mark) Smith and Cynthia (Joel) Vermetti, and beloved husband, Tom by her side, under the care of hospice. Lynn was the centerpiece of our family, always had kind and supporting words, and occasionally words we didn't want to hear, but we are better for them. She gave her horses and dogs equal care and attention. Lynn was a life-long social worker, including marching in Birmingham in 1963, working on difficult children's cases for Wayne County Social Services, a member of the first brain injury team at Mary Free Bed, building school rooms, providing desks, and coordinating drilling water wells in Africa, assisting Katrina victims, and responding to cases when various non-profits requested help. Most recently she volunteered at the Flat River Outreach Ministries. She was a champion for the underdog. Her expressed wishes were that no service take place, instead a private family gathering will be held. Memorial contributions can be directed to ASPCA, <https://www.asPCA.org/> or African Wildlife Foundation, <https://www.awf.org/> or a charity of one's choice.



DEGROTE



Lester Dean DeGrote, age 85 of Lowell, passed away on September 18, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reinder and Lydia DeGrote; brothers, Rhinard, Anthony, Wayne, James, Henry, Merle, LeRoy; sister, Pearl (Jacobson); and great-granddaughter, Faith DeGrote. Lester is survived by his children, Dean (Deb) DeGrote of Lowell, Mark (Robin Baker) DeGrote of Smyrna, Beth DeGrote of Grand Rapids, Chris (Selena) DeGrote of Lowell; grandchildren, Anthony (Stacy) DeGrote of Hudsonville, Hailey (Jacob) Seaman of Lowell, Justin DeGrote of Lowell; great-grandchildren, Julia Kelly, Kristin Viss, Skyla and Ryan DeGrote; sister, Lois (Curt) Erickson of Slayton, MN; sisters-in-law, Rosella DeGrote of Fulda, MN, Dolores DeGrote of Pipestone, MN; and many nieces and nephews. Lester graduated class of '54 from Ruthton High School. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy where he served with the USS Saratoga stationed in Brooklyn, NY from 1955 to 1957. Lester went on to work for several propane companies spanning over 60 years, including Dependable LP Gas in Lowell in 1986. He was a member of Moose Lodge 809 in Lowell, the Michigan Propane Association and was an avid life-long Minnesota Vikings fan. Visitation will be held 2-5pm, Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Roth Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Interment Ellsborough Lutheran Cemetery, Murry County, MN at a later date.



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BRICKEY

Ann Marie Brickey, age 70 of Lowell passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at home surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elaine Rader; and brothers, Leon and David Rader. Ann is survived by her husband of 19 years, Herb Brickey; her daughters, Shannon (Ron) Whitney, Heather (Ryan) Hooper; stepchildren, Jason (Jenny), BJ, and Heather Brickey; 4 grandchildren; 8 step grandchildren; 1 step great-grandchild; brother, James Rader; along with many nieces and nephews. She was a true lover of the outdoors. Ann cared for any animal big or small. Her heart and hands were always open to anyone in need or of help. She touched the lives of so many people. Ann's love, support, and smile were a blessing to each of us. Her request was to have no service and to remember her in the way she was. We ask instead of sending flowers to kindly donate to Wildlife Rehab Center, 1504 Union Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.



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FOY

Donna Jean (Clemenz) Foy, passed away at age 85 on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Donna was born on July 15, 1936, in Grand Rapids Michigan to the late Theodore and May (Scott) Clemenz. She is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Gerald Foy, and is survived by her children, Daniel Clark, David Clark (Aveva Yufit); Gerald's children, Jeanette Gee (Winston), John Foy, Howard Craig Foy (Siiri), Susann Luper-Foy (David Duff), Karl Foy (Julie), and Nancy Foy; as well as the father of her children, Richard Clark (Theodore), and numerous cousins who served as surrogate siblings. As a single mother in the 1960's, she was able to support her family and earn the credentials necessary to become a teacher; she taught second grade in the Thornapple Kellogg school system for a number of years before retiring to work with Gerald on their income property business. Donna loved the outdoors, taking her mother and young children on camping trips out west, followed by bicycle camping trips with Gerald all across Europe as well as frequent visits to Utah. A dedicated family history enthusiast, she wrote detailed histories of members of the Scott and Clemenz families. Later in life, as a beloved resident of Clark Retirement Community on Franklin, she managed the greenhouse and organized the Spiritual Life Library. Visitation took place from 5-7 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021, at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Funeral services took place at 11 AM on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the funeral home. Rev. Steve Manskar officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Field Office, 101 East César E. Chávez Ave., Lansing, MI 48906; or The Clark Foundation, 1551 Franklin Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.



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Grid of numbers for a crossword puzzle solution.

Large crossword puzzle grid with words highlighted in black.

Red Arrow

-TENNIS

SPORTS

Tennis team takes two from defending State Champions

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

While it wasn't a win, small victories are typically the only victories schools get when matched up against the Forest Hills Northern High School tennis team. Why is that? The Huskies are also two-time defending state champions, and they came into the season ranked number one in division two. FHN Head Coach David Sukup is in his 35th year coaching and coming off a National High School Athletic Coaches Association Tennis Coach of the Year award in 2018. The program at FHN continuously is loaded with talent top to bottom each year, even having a JV A and JV B team some seasons.

Lowell fell to the Huskies in a tri-meet last week at the new Lowell High School tennis courts. The good news? Lowell took the most points from

FHN since the spring of 2007, which was also a 6-2 loss.

Both points for the Red Arrows came in singles. Lowell was trailing 3-0 in set one, FHN coaches called Lowell No. 3 singles Winton Garrelts and his opponent to the side of the court. The Husky player who picked up an injury, would have to retire, tennis lingo for forfeit, to avoid potentially aggravating the lower leg injury. The other winner for Lowell was No. 2 singles Patrick de Voest, who dropped the first set 1-6 before coming back to win in three sets.

Losing their matches, but picking up games were Ty Knottnerus at No. 1 singles (1 game), Noah LaMore at No. 4 Singles (1 game), Cam Sluss and Sam VandenHout at No. 1 Doubles (1 game), Gavin Stewart and David

Kaczanowski at No. 2 Doubles (2 games), Aidan Dennings and Max Del Rosario at No. 3 Doubles (2 games), and Jacob Kissinger and Zach Bannon at No. 4 Doubles (1 game).

The day also saw Lowell hosting Mona Shores, where in the tri each flight played two other teams. In the tri, Lowell also fell to Mona Shores by a score of 8-0, while the Sailors lost to FHN 6-2. The Red Arrows tennis team will face another challenge with East Grand Rapids before competing in duals against Kenowa Hills, Greenville, Hastings, and Northview over the next couple of weeks.

In the JV team's loss to FHN, the team of Dustin Richardson and Hayden Burt were the only ones to pick up a point for the Red Arrows.

In earlier losses the



Lowell No. 3 singles Patrick de Voest returns a serve against Forest Hills Northern.

previous week to FHC and Byron Center, Lowell debuted their season at the new LHS tennis courts.

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Are your loved ones prepared to be caregivers?

Once you're retired and your children are grown, they are likely "off the books," as far as your financial responsibility for them is concerned. Yet, you're probably still prepared to do anything to help them – but are they ready to take care of you if the need arises?

Consider this: Almost half of retirees say that the ideal role in retirement is providing support to family and other loved ones, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave study

titled Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes – and a slightly earlier version of the same study found that 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their family members.

So, if you are recently retired or plan to retire in the next few years, you may need to reconcile your desire to help your adult children or other close relatives with your concern that you could become dependent on them. You'll

need to consider whether your loved ones can handle caregiving responsibilities, which frequently include financial assistance. If they did have to provide some caregiving services for you, could they afford it? About 80% of caregivers now pay for some caregiving costs out of their own pockets – and one in five caregivers experience significant financial strain because of caregiving, according to a recent AARP report.

One way to help your family members is to protect yourself from the enormous expense of long-term care. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is now over \$100,000 a year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare won't pay much, if any, of these costs, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest possible ways of addressing long-term care expenses.

Even if you don't require a long stay in a nursing home, you still might need some assistance in the future, especially if your health or mental capacities decline. So, start talking to your loved ones about their possible roles if you should ever need caregiving. You may want to create a caregiving arrangement that specifies payment for caregiving services and outlines the expenses to

be reimbursed if paid out of pocket by a caregiver. Also, you may want to create the appropriate legal documents, such as a durable power of attorney for health care, which enables someone to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to make your financial decisions if you become unable to do so yourself. A legal professional can help you make these arrangements and incorporate them into your overall estate plan. A financial advisor can suggest ways of preparing for the costs involved with caregiving and can direct you to relevant resources, such as social services provided by your city or county.

Clearly, there's much you can do to help shield your family from the financial strain of caregiving. But you are not alone: By drawing on other resources and outside help, you can ease the burden on your loved ones. And everyone will feel more secure when you have your arrangements in place.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

PAYCHECK WORD SEARCH

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

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Guess Who?

I am an actor born in England on September 22, 1987. I was a talented choir singer as a child, but movies are where I ended up. I won an MTV Movie Award for Best Villain for my portrayal of a bad guy in the Harry Potter film series.

Answer: Tom Felton

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to employment.

Y P L O A L R

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Answer: Payroll

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| CLUES ACROSS
1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent to
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake | 57. Pearl Jam's debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of | 29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
54. At some prior time
55. Red, swollen mark |
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- CLUES DOWN**
- Crease
 - "Honey" actress Jessica
 - Broad volcanic crater
 - Product safety watchdog
 - Southern Colombian city
 - Part of a church
 - Perceptible by touch
 - Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
 - Hairpiece
 - Variety acts
 - "Mystic River" actor Sean
 - Remove salt
 - Went out with
 - Type of bread
 - Popular Eagles song
 - Philosophy degree
 - Yes vote
 - Passports and licenses are two

Emergency food assistance benefits to be issued

All Michigan families who are eligible for food assistance benefits are receiving an additional monthly payment in September in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced on Thursday, Sept. 15.

"No Michigander should go hungry during a pandemic, and I am grateful to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for working hard to keep our communities safe and healthy," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "This additional federal funding from the

Biden administration will help us provide additional dollars to feed 1.25 million Michiganders in close to 700,000 households. If we continue working with our federal partners and putting Michiganders first, we can continue delivering real change that makes a difference in people's lives and help usher in a new era of prosperity for our families, communities and small businesses."

Eligible clients will see additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card from Sept. 18-28. Additional benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate

payment from the assistance that is provided earlier in the month.

"MDHHS remains committed to continuing to help families affected by the pandemic put food on the table," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "Addressing food insecurity is one of the department's top priorities and becomes even more important during a pandemic."

Some Michiganders began receiving additional food assistance in April 2020 after the beginning of the pandemic that started the month before. In May 2021, all eligible households

began getting extra monthly benefits. Federal approval is necessary every month.

All households eligible for SNAP receive an increase of at least \$95 monthly, even if they are already receiving the maximum payment or are close to that amount. Households that received over \$95 to bring them to the maximum payment for their group size will continue to receive that larger amount.

Below are the maximum allowable benefits for SNAP customers based on their respective household size:

One person: \$234
Two persons: \$430
Three persons: \$616

Four persons: \$782
Five persons: \$929
Six persons: \$1,114
Seven persons: \$1,232
Eight persons: \$1,408

The federal government is providing additional funding to states for food assistance under House Resolution 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or calling a consumer

service representative toll-free at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker.

Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish and Arabic service is available. If you are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing or speech-impaired, call the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Today: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Wednesday, Sept. 22 is the 265th day of the year, it's the autumnal equinox and in the United States it's American Business Women's Day. There are 100 days remaining until the end of 2021.

Historic Events

1692: Eight people are hanged for witchcraft, the final hanging of those convicted in the Salem witch trials.

1711: The "Tuscarora War" between the native Tuscarora people and European settlers begins in North Carolina.

1776: Nathan Hale is hanged for spying during the American Revolution.

1789: The office of the US Postmaster General is established.

1862: A preliminary

version of the Emancipation Proclamation is released by Abraham Lincoln.

1892: During the Lindal Railway Incident, a locomotive disappears into a hole in the ground and is never recovered, inspiring the TV series "Lost."

1914: A German submarine sinks three British cruisers over a 70-minute period, killing almost 1,500 sailors.

1919: A steel strike led by the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, begins.

1941: Nazis murder 6,000 Jews in Vinnytsia, Ukraine, the survivors of killings that took place a few days earlier when approximately 24,000 Jews were executed.

1957: François Duvalier is elected president of Haiti.

1960: The Sudanese Republic is renamed Mali after the withdrawal of Senegal from the Mali Federation.

1965: The Indo/Pakistani War of 1965 between India and Pakistan ends after the United Nations calls for a ceasefire.

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1975: Sara Jane Moore tries to assassinate President Gerald Ford, but the attempt is foiled.

1979: A bright flash resembling the detonation of a nuclear weapon is observed near the Prince Edward Islands, the cause is never determined.

1980: Iraq invades Iran.

1991: The Dead Sea Scrolls are made available to the public for the first time.

1993: A barge strikes a railroad bridge near Mobile, AL, killing 47 passengers,

the deadliest train wreck in Amtrak history.

2013: About 75 people are killed in a suicide bombing at a Christian church in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Birthdays

1515: Anne of Cleves, queen consort of England

1694: Philip Stanhope, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland

1885: Erich von Stroheim, actor, director

1902: John Houseman, actor

1920: Eric Baker, co-founder of Amnesty

International

1920: Bob Lemon, baseball player

1924: Rosamunde Pilcher, author

1927: Tommy Lasorda, baseball manager

1930: Joni James, singer

1936: Art Metrano, actor

1943: Toni Basil, singer/songwriter

1946: King Sunny Adé, singer/songwriter

1951: David Coverdale, singer/songwriter, Whitesnake

1956: Debby Boone, singer

1957: Nick Cave, singer/songwriter, the Birthday Party, the Bad Seeds

1957: Jannet Napolitano, singer/songwriter, Concrete Blonde

1958: Andrea Bocelli, singer/songwriter

1958: Neil Cavuto, author

1958: Joan "Jett" Larkin, singer/songwriter, guitarist, the Runaways

1959: Tai Babilonia, figure skater

