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## Lowell Area Fire Department hosting trunk or treat and open house on Oct. 30



by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Fire Department is having a fire prevention open house and a trunk or treat event from 6 pm until 9 pm on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The event will include candy, donuts, games, bike flags, fire truck rides, car seat safety checks and fire prevention information.

“We are going to have stations of games and different fire prevention activities,” said firefighter Brenda Herron. “We will have a smoke trailer, that is where the kids can go inside, and then we’ll fill

it with smoke and they can learn how to crawl low and stay low to get out safely. Theatrical smoke, of course, not real.”

“We’ll do fire truck rides from the fire station down to the fairgrounds and back to the fire station,” said Lowell fire chief Shannon Witherell. “We’re not going out on the public roads and stuff with it, but we’re we’re still taking the trucks back and forth. That’s usually one of our biggest draws. There will be a variety of different little games, and we’re going to have all kinds of candy

bags and gift bags for the kids, including bags for kids with food sensitivities and allergies as well. We’ve also got junior firefighter helmets for the first 500 kids. We’ve partnered with a local car seat installation technician who can check car seats and give some information about car seat safety. We’re going to have donut holes and apple cider from Heidi’s here that night, along with a variety of different handouts and flyers with fire prevention safety information as well.

Lowell firefighters will fasten a special life-saving

yellow flag to kids’ bicycles for free.

“A Cascade firefighter’s son, Ryan Marsman, was unfortunately killed in a bicycling accident a couple years ago while bicycling with his dad,” Witherell said. “The vehicle that hit and killed him couldn’t see him on the bike. One of the things that came out of this was a push for awareness of kids on bicycles. So we’ve got these long yellow poles, they’re about six foot long, with a flag on it that says ‘Riding for Ryan,’ and it goes over the back bolt on the bicycle. It’s a pretty

quick, easy installation for us to throw them on, or for any parent to throw them on, but it lifts the visibility of the kid up to higher level so that it’s easier to see them on their bikes.”

The event is sponsored by Wolverine Building Group, Grand River Orthodontics, Timpson Transport, Red Barn Consignments and Antiques, Canfield Plumbing and Heating, One Ethanol, Riding for Ryan, D&D Truck and Trailer Repair, Heidi’s Farmstand and Bakery, River Valley Credit Union and Impact Church.



## Remaining LowellArts gallery concerts pushed to 2022

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

LowellArts announced last week that the final remaining gallery concerts left on their schedule will be postponed until sometime in 2022. The specific dates have not yet been determined.

Drew Nelson, Kyle Rasche and Sierra Cassidy and FlyLiteGemini (their featured artist for October) were the three upcoming shows that would have been held in the 223 W. Main gallery.

“It is final that we are canceling and moving the concerts

to 2022,” LowellArts executive director Lorain Smalligan said in an email to the Ledger. “Too much concern for indoor singing concerts. So sad.”

For more information about LowellArts programming and events, call 616-897-8545, send a message to info@lowellartsmi.org or visit their website, lowellartsmi.org. The gallery’s regular hours are 10 am to 6 pm Tuesday through Friday and noon until 5 pm on Saturday.



lowellArts GALLERY CONCERTS



# LHS Homecoming 2021



## Roth-Gerst Funeral Homes to match next \$5,000 in donations to Lowell YMCA



by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Through Tuesday, Oct. 12, Roth-Gerst Funeral Homes, 305 N. Hudson, will match the next \$5,000 in donations to the new Lowell Lighthouse Family YMCA.

“Having a nice, brand new YMCA makes Lowell a better community because it helps keep

people healthy,” said Roth-Gerst owner/director Mark Gerst. “We love the Lowell community, it has been very good to our family through the years, so obviously we’re going to support as much as we can. I wish we could support more and give more! We believe it’s a great thing that makes the

community better.”

The new YMCA facility, currently under construction in the former location of Impact Church, is scheduled to open in January 2022. The new facility will include a health and fitness center, group exercise studios, locker rooms, a KidZone activity center, a chapel, multipurpose community rooms and administrative offices.

“The YMCA has been an incredible cornerstone of the Lowell area community for decades, adapting to meet emerging needs throughout the years,” said Lacey Dixon, YMCA vice president of mission advancement. “In order to grow to serve the ever

expanding physical and mental wellness and connectivity needs of our community, an expanded space is needed to welcome more individuals and families into the benefits of improved nutrition, strength, movement, and community engagement. From day camp to drop-in childcare to group fitness classes, the Lighthouse Family YMCA can grow alongside the community to keep pace with where our neighbors need us most. The support provided through today’s pledges ensure tomorrow’s YMCA can continue a tradition of multi-generational service.”

The fundraising campaign will continue



until they reach their \$107,874.83 goal. To make a donation, text “GIVE” to 616.236.2819, visit [grymca.org/Lowell](http://grymca.org/Lowell) for a pledge form or visit the YMCA in Lowell.

“Membership at the Y makes a powerful difference for youth and families of the area,” Dixon said. “Pledge payments toward the project can be made for up to five years.”

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**Some things are worth dying for, but nothing is worth killing for.**

~ Dick Gregory (1932-2017)

### GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Synopsis of Minutes September 13, 2021

#### Motions Approved

1. Resolution 2021-015 Determination to make public improvements and preparation of special assessment district.
2. Resolution 2021-016 Filing of the special assessment roll, notice of public hearing.
3. Ordinance 21-005 Amend the Sewer Ordinance.
4. Increase Zoning Enforcement officer Wages

Our next Township Meeting will be  
**October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at  
[www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

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### The Lowell Rotary Club

is planning to hold an auction on April 22. Local non-profit organizations are encouraged to submit project ideas that the proceeds of the auction can help support. Ideas may be submitted using the grant application which can be found at our website [www.lowellrotary.org](http://www.lowellrotary.org) If you have any questions email us at [info@lowellrotary.org](mailto:info@lowellrotary.org). The deadline for applying is Oct. 20



# Lowell Light & Power celebrates Public Power Week

Lowell Light & Power is celebrating Public Power Week October 3-9, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

“This year, we especially celebrate the employees of Lowell Light & Power—the people behind public power,” said General Manager Charlie West. “These folks work tirelessly to keep our community up and running 24 hours a day seven days a week,” said West. “Our dedicated staff members work in many departments including human resources, administration, accounting and finance, field supervision, and engineering and operations; and pull together with a common

goal: keeping Lowell powered.”

“Our service is reliable and safe and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors,” said Distribution Manager Ryan Teachworth. “Lowell Light and Power is proud to have served Lowell for 125 years.”

Lowell Light & Power invites its customers to participate in a variety of Public Power Week Events. Activities include:

- Free popcorn and LED Nightlight for customers who stop in the office throughout the week (Mon-Fri)
- Enter to Win a Bill Credit drawing—customers can stop in the office during the week or stop by LL&P’s booth at the Lowell Harvest Celebration to enter
- Facebook Contest

with daily prizes (Mon-Fri) and a grand prize—details on LL&P’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lowelllightandpower>

• Cherry Creek 4th Graders Art Contest – drawings will be displayed in the LL&P office lobby and the winning student will receive a pizza party for his/her class

• The Annual Lowell Harvest Celebration at the conclusion of Public Power Week on October 9th from 10am – 4pm on the Riverwalk. Stop by for a fun photo, pumpkin decorating, a spin on the prize wheel, and customers can Enter to Win a Bill Credit. Kids will be able to climb a small pole and snap a selfie with a lineman.

Today Lowell Light & Power has 17 employees

and two primary facilities; an office building at 127 N. Broadway and an Energy Center at 625 Chatham. The Energy Center houses the distribution and generation departments and is also the location of LL&P’s two natural gas fired combustion turbines. LL&P serves approximately 2,500 residential customers and 420 commercial and industrial customers.

*Public Power Week is an annual national event coordinated by the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The Association represents*



*public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. It advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Its members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power. More information can be found at [www.PublicPower.org](http://www.PublicPower.org).*

# Honor unsung heroes Oct. 14 during Girls Night Out

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Girls Night Out shall occur on Thursday, Oct. 14 from 5 pm until 9 pm.

Held twice a year since 2005, Girls Night Out is a customer appreciation event where local businesses and retailers have special sales, giveaways, drawings and other fun activities. For example, at the April event, there were 36 participants around town, and you could get a \$5 massage, free hand paraffin service, free admission to the Lowell Area Historical Museum, \$1 off a pint from a local brewery, free chocolate and lots more.

Girls Night Out has a different theme every time, this fall it’s “unsung heroes.”

“Unsung heroes is a way to say we recognize those that worked through COVID,” said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. “So many of our special community heroes have stepped up these last months to keep our lives safe and sane - teachers, policemen, firefighters, medical personnel, business owners and more. Here’s your chance to honor them by dressing up as your favorite hero as you walk

and shop Lowell.”

Despite the neverending pandemic, there will be no masking, vaccination or social distancing requirements at Girls Night Out, so attend at your own risk.

“At this point we have not added or subtracted COVID rules,” Baker said. “We are moving forward with the event.”

Baker said the list of participants and their specials will be completed soon and, when it’s finished, it will be posted on the Chamber’s website, [discoverlowell.org/girls-night-out](http://discoverlowell.org/girls-night-out).



## Correction

There was an error in the city council meeting story in the Sept. 22 edition of the Ledger.

The story quoted a local resident’s claim that a Lowell Light & Power crew left holes in the siding of her home after performing maintenance work. Immediately after the meeting, LL&P board chairman Perry Beachum left a voicemail message with the correct information, that the holes were not actually caused by LL&P, but due to a technology error we did not receive this message until after the paper was printed and distributed.

There’s no better time to take care of yourself!



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# \$1.8 million in Children's Trust Fund grants to help prevent child abuse in Michigan

The Children's Trust Fund Board of Directors has approved \$1,865,168 in direct services grants to 10 Michigan community-based organizations to support local child abuse prevention initiatives.

All grantees will be funded over a four-year period. The board selected winning grant proposals through a competitive bid process from among 19 proposals submitted.

"We congratulate these 10 successful grantees that emerged from an extremely competitive process with many more excellent proposals than we were able to fund," said Suzanne Greenberg, director of the Children's Trust Fund that is within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "We will work closely with our new grantees to build protective factors for children and families that will make safe, healthy childhoods possible

for Michigan's children."

The 10 organizations receiving funding are:

Calhoun Intermediate School District, \$200,000 for expanded Parents as Teachers Home Visiting program.

Catholic Family Services, \$200,000 for expanded Parents as Teachers Home Visiting program.

Community Assessment Referral & Education, \$200,000 for Nurturing Parents & 24/7 Dads program.

Flint Odyssey House, \$181,212 for 24/7 Dads program.

Midland Kids First, \$200,000 for Safe Environment for Every Kid program.

MI Health Improvement Alliance, \$180,212 for expanded Making Parenting a Pleasure program.

MomsBloom, Inc., \$106,880 for Gather & Grow program.

Northern MI Mobile Child



Advocacy Center, \$196,86 for Strong Roots program, Fraternity to Fathers & Mom Power.

Lenawee Intermediate School District, \$200,000 for expanded Parents as Teachers Home Visiting program.

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School District, \$200,000 for enhanced Parent as Teachers Home Visiting program.

The purpose of direct services grants is to fund community-based child abuse prevention programs and services. The grants support families that have risk factors or challenges that could impact positive

parenting and optimal child development. The Children's Trust Fund strongly emphasizes assuring that funded initiatives are appropriately integrated into broader community plans for serving children and families.

Through the newly funded initiatives, combined with

other multi-year grant commitments and the statewide network of local councils, the Children's Trust Fund distributed more than \$2.6 million in 2021 in support of child abuse prevention programming across the 83 counties in Michigan. Visit the Michigan Children's Trust Fund website to learn more.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of **Richard Busick**  
Guardianship File No. 21-209933-GA

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** including his relatives: **Isaiah Busick, Kimberly Busick, Joshua Busick, Martha Gosney, Margaret Larrimore, Vickie Busick, Herbert Busick, Christopher Busick, Sarah Busick, and Herbert Busick,** and any other unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:  
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Dated: **September 26, 2021**

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Spanish-speaking customers who need to speak with a representative can call us at 1-800-772-1213. Please share these resources with friends and family who may need them.

*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 [vonda.vantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vonda.vantil@ssa.gov).*



# viewpoint

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

A couple of Fridays ago, my wife and I attended an event in Vergennes Township that totally warmed our old hearts. In a day when everything seems to be questioned or criticized, it made us wish everyone could have shared this simple dedication of a new flag pole at new Vergennes Township Hall

on Lincoln Lake. This informal, unannounced dedication drew fifty people by word of mouth. Included in that audience were Lowell's Fire Department and First Responders, Cub Scouts who raised the flag, Girl Scouts who, with the Cub Scouts, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were parents and grandparents, township

officials and staff and some citizens like my wife and myself including a number of veterans.

My hat is off to the Vergennes Township Clerk, Shantell Ford, who put together a program that included our National Anthem, sung simultaneously as everyone stood and joined in when the music began. It reminded me of my youth some eighty years ago, when pride in our country seemed to play a bigger part in our everyday lives. I was touched seeing the pride swell in those parents and grandparents as they watched the children

participate in the program. I also saw an audience salute our brave first responders as they were introduced and some love for our American flag.

America has been through a rough few years, but from my perspective, she is still the country we love without question and she will survive. Thank you, Vergennes, for reminding us that pride in our country is not out of style nor should it ever be!

*Dave Thompson  
Vergennes Township  
a twenty-one year Navy  
Veteran*

## outdoors

fall

Dave Stegehuis

We all look forward to springtime after a long winter. There are a number of special activities associated with that season like mushroom gathering and steelhead fishing. Summer brings out everyone because the mild weather and long days make being outdoors comfortable for almost anything you want to do at the lake, campground, or on the backyard deck.

Fall is probably the time of the year which provides the largest variety of outdoor opportunities. Most of the hunting seasons occur at this time. Small game, including several bird species, draw hunters to upland habitat as well as lakes and ponds. Grouse and woodcock challenge the hunter and dogs in favorite coverts across the northern lower and upper peninsulas. Determined beagles yip and howl on the trail of a fleeting rabbit heading for heavy cover. Waterfowl are intercepted at resting spots on their journey south. Squirrels introduce the young hunter to the

skills of keen observation and patience. A series of deer seasons take place from September to January. Turkey hunters can seek out the iconic birds in the fall as well as in the spring. These are some of the most popular game birds and animals but not a complete list of hunting opportunities in the fall.

Back on the road there are festivals and celebrations in cities and small towns across the state. On the way there and back, farm stands offer travelers fresh produce, maple syrup, and honey from the bounty of the harvest. All of this happens in an arena of brilliant color and comfortable weather conditions.

Friday night lights shine on football games and well-practiced marching bands in high school stadiums from Houghton to Hamtramck. College games create more excitement on the weekend.

There is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy venturing outdoors during the fall season in Michigan. Don't miss it.



**125 years ago  
Lowell Ledger  
October 2, 1896**

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

**100 years ago  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 6, 1921**

The threatened railroad strike, if it materializes, will be another boost for motor bus and freight by truck service. The strikers will not only win the ill will of the public; but they will deserve it. Prohibitive freight rates made necessary in part by war-time wages, cause enormous waste of perishable products, and help maintain the high cost of living for the millions. One of the greatest causes of the continued industrial depression is the unwillingness of labor to do its part and the situation is one that will not be remedied by strikes.

With all four cell blocks blazing fiercely and apparently doomed to complete destruction, and the main part of the building a fiery wreck, the Michigan reformatory lay in ruins this afternoon. Starting probably from gasoline and blow torches being used during repairs to the room of the main building, the flames which were discovered about 11 o'clock this morning had within a half hour gotten completely beyond control.

Strangers reading some of our newspapers may

acquire the impression that a girl is unsafe on our streets. That isn't true. We are just like every other community, suffering to some extent from a laxness of conduct on the part of some. We have our auto vamp problem, as every community has, only it is being paraded before the public a little more hereabouts than in most cities. But there are only a few of these pestiferous individuals. They can and must be stopped from operating on our streets.

**75 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 3, 1946**

Jim Fahrni, the barber, gave himself a close shave early Tuesday afternoon when he entered Main Street from Lafayette directly in front of an eastbound truck. Luckily, no one was hurt and only damage was to the right front car fender.

Michigan will have a real flying governor should Kim Sigler, Republican gubernatorial candidate, win the November election. His flying is not of the pleasure type. He uses airplanes to cut distance and save time. Mr. Sigler has stated that he expects as governor to make periodic visits to remote parts of the state and that whenever possible airplanes would be used.

When a person learns he has tuberculosis, he faces a complete change in his way of living. The probability is that he must undergo a long period of treatment, usually in a tuberculosis hospital where he will be separated from his family and friends except for the visits which they may make to the hospital.

**50 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 7, 1971**

At the last meeting of the Lowell YMCA Board of Managers held Thursday, Sept. 30, Terry Bambrick announced his resignation as Executive Director. Terry has been an active member of the Lowell Rotary Club, Lowell Ministerial Association, Lowell Jaycees, Lowell Showboat Board, and various activities.

Some mobile homes sold in Michigan may not have enough insulation for Michigan winters, reports Professor William Morrison, chairman of the Michigan Consumers Council. For example, last winter, Mr. B. from Farmington wrote to the Council stating that his furnace did not heat his new mobile home because air was coming in through the walls. Although his heating bill had been running between \$30 and \$35 a month, he insisted "we are still cold."

While investigating a breaking and entering complaint at the Jaycee's New Club House (the old Rod and Gun Club) north of Lowell, Lowell police officers found Dan Biggs, fast asleep in the vacant building. Biggs, a Staff Sergeant with the United States Marines, was found to be AWOL. He was also charged with illegal entry.

**25 years  
The Lowell Ledger  
October 2, 1996**

Michael Hinkley, former owner of Hinkley Drug Store, was arrested and charged with three counts of delivery of a controlled substance. The Michigan State Police made the arrest at Hinkley's warehouse in Saranac on Sept. 19. Hinkley could face up to seven years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. State authorities are also working on having his pharmaceutical and DEA licenses suspended.

Signs and billboards in Vergennes Township may take on a new look following a public hearing on Oct. 7. Officials from the township planning commission will discuss amendments to the current ordinances regarding signs and billboards at the 7pm public meeting. The purpose of the amendments is to regulate the size, number, location and manner of displaying signs in the township.

Lowell Police have recovered the ball cap, ski mask and shirt worn by the assailant who robbed the Admiral Gas Station on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Police officials have also found the safe which was taken. It was discovered along the roadside on Alden Nash near the high school.



# HEALTH

## M METRO HEALTH

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# ABCs of Lowell history

The ABCs of Lowell History was introduced last year as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in part by the pandemic shutdown which led the Museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a third round of the alphabet.

### Y is for Yeiter

The Lowell - Alto area has been blessed by many Yeiter families through the years, but there's only one Betty Yeiter. She's been making headlines for years for her generosity and impact in the community.

Betty Jean Roth Yeiter was the daughter of Ernest and Lena Miller Roth, who were immigrants from Switzerland. Betty married Don Yeiter on August 10, 1947.

Don Yeiter was descended from Jacob Yeiter, who was born in Germany. Jacob was one of five brothers who came to the United States in 1832. After living in Ohio, four of the brothers came and settled in the Lowell area. They are buried in the Merriman Cemetery near Alto. Jacob tried farming on two other farms before settling in 1853 on the corner of Alden Nash and Cascade Road, currently owned by Betty. It became a Centennial Farm in 1953.

Don served in the U.S. Third Armored Field Artillery Battalion during WWII. He was part of this unit holding back an entire German division during the Battle of the Bulge



The Book Ten Club, Betty is seated second from the right.

in December 1944. From December 16 - 22, The Third fired an average of one 105mm artillery round every 40 seconds for six days. They repelled constant German attacks and held the south shoulder of the Bulge, near Luxembourg City. By doing so they earned a Presidential unit citation for "extraordinary heroism for outstandingly responsive and accurate fire of its artillery battalion."

Betty became a teacher and could handle her students by stating her expectations. "When my Uncle Phil Kropf was in the sixth grade, the students were so mischievous that they had one male teacher after another that year until the young 22-year-old teacher, Betty Roth (Yeiter), took the job. She handled them!" Several boys in this class could yodel. They would come in different

doors, yodel and answer the yodel. This may have helped drive the other teachers out. (Family memory of Luanne Kaeb)

Betty is a teacher. She always was and still is. She worked to help kids. In 1971, she started a special program to help students falling behind. She began with two student volunteers who mentored other students. The program was successful and grew to 15 volunteers in its second year. Her motto was "each one teach one."

Don and Betty traveled the world. She had a passion for learning. She loved history and loved to pass on what she learned. If you were blessed to be invited to tea, you were treated to a world history lesson using the artifacts gathered on their travels. You would have heard how they

traveled to Moscow and were able to see the Swan Lake Ballet by Tchaikovsky at the Bolshevik Theatre.

She taught special classes, such as 'College Day' in 1978 sponsored by Barry, Ionia and Montcalm counties. She shared her first hand observations of traveling in Egypt, land of the Pharaohs and the Valley of the Kings.

Betty loved doing genealogical research. She found a third cousin of Don's, and in 1989 they traveled to Washington DC to meet Clayton Yeutter. Yeutter had served in the Nixon administration as Under Secretary in the Department of Agriculture, in Ford and Reagan administrations as a trade representative, and was

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### - caring for baby's teeth

On average, a baby's teeth begin to appear at six months of age. When teeth are about to appear, they can cause pain, fussiness and drooling. Cold teething rings, cold, wet washcloths and infant's Tylenol or Motrin are the best things to use for teething pain. Teething gels can also help, but their effect is short acting and can be harmful if overused. Contrary to popular belief, teething does not cause a fever. A fever is always associated with an illness and should be evaluated by your healthcare provider.

Cavities are holes in teeth that can cause pain and infections. Cavities occur when bacteria in the mouth use sugar to make acid. This acid eats away at the teeth. Cavities are the most common disease in children.

Good tooth care can prevent cavities in your child. Good tooth care begins with brushing your child's teeth twice a day, starting when the first tooth appears. A non-fluoride containing tooth gel should be used until the child is 18-

24 months old. At that point, the child can use fluoride toothpaste, but not more than half the size of a pea at a time. It is also important to begin visiting the dentist twice a year, beginning at age two. Limiting sugary foods (like cookies and candy) and limiting sugary drinks (like fruit juice, kool-aid and soda) can decrease your child's risk of cavities.

Inappropriate or overuse of bottles can increase your child's risk of cavities. Bottles should be replaced with sippy cups by 12 months of age. Bottles and sippy cups should never be left in the crib with a child.

Fluoride is important for the proper development of your child's teeth. Ideally, all water your child drinks should be fluorinated. City water should contain adequate fluoride, but well water may not. If you have a well, it's important to know the fluoride content of the water. If it is less than 0.6 parts per million, you should start your child on a fluoride supplement from your healthcare provider or dentist.

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# Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster recommended for 65 and older, others

Following FDA approval, recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and additional recommendations by the CDC director, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging certain Michiganders to get a booster shot if they received Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people ages 65 and older; individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions; and those at high risk of COVID-19 due to occupational or institutional exposure.

"The safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is already protecting millions of Michiganders from this deadly virus," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at

MDHHS. "With the Delta variant circulating and cases of COVID-19 increasing, CDC and the FDA have determined that a booster dose is needed for some individuals to maintain and increase that level of protection. We urge all eligible Michiganders to get their booster dose six months after their second dose to help protect against COVID-19."

CDC recommends the following groups should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series:

People 65 years and older and residents aged 18 and older in long-term care settings.

People aged 50 through 64 with certain underlying medical conditions.

CDC recommends the

following groups may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series based on their individual benefits and risks:

People aged 18 through 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions.

People aged 18 through 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

Per CDC, occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include frontline essential workers and health care workers including:

First responders (health care workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff).

Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers).

Food and agriculture workers.

Manufacturing workers.

Corrections workers.

S. Postal Service workers.

Public transit workers.

Grocery store workers.

This list could be updated in the future.

This updated interim guidance from CDC follows the Sept. 22 decision by the FDA, following a careful examination of the latest data, and robust and deliberative discussion around booster shots.

The booster recommendation only pertains to individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine. Those who received J&J or Moderna are not eligible for a booster vaccine under the current recommendations, and additional guidance is expected in the coming

weeks.

Michiganders should bring their COVID-19 vaccine card or immunization record with them when getting their booster dose, which is available at any vaccine provider that have Pfizer vaccine.

Immunization records are available online at the Michigan Immunization Portal for many residents and can be downloaded and printed. To obtain their record, 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.

As previously recommended, Michiganders with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of mRNA

COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This additional dose is intended to improve the response of people who are immunocompromised to their initial vaccine series.

To date, more than 67.2 percent of Michiganders - more than 5.4 million residents - have gotten at least their first dose of one of the three safe, effective vaccines. From January to July 2021, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 98 percent of COVID cases, 95 percent of hospitalizations and 96 percent of deaths.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.

For more information about COVID-19 in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

# PFAS health study open to residents of Belmont/Rockford areas

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is enrolling West Michigan residents for the nationwide PFAS Multi-site Study, a project supported by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Residents in the Parchment/Cooper Township and Belmont/Rockford areas may call 877-256-8073 today to check their eligibility and join this important PFAS research.

"Participating in this study will help contribute

to nationwide efforts to learn more about PFAS and health" said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "Study results will guide decisions to better protect public health, including community members exposed to PFAS across the country."

MSS is recruiting adults who are age 18 and older and children ages 4 through 17 (with parent or guardian permission). Study participants will provide blood and urine samples,

as well as their medical histories, and receive up to \$75 in gift cards for their participation. Participants will also receive their PFAS blood test results for free.

Michiganders already enrolled in other local PFAS studies are encouraged to also enroll in this national study.

MSS participants may also be eligible for an additional study, the Birth Outcomes Supplemental Study, which has the goal of learning more about PFAS exposure and the health of newborns and

their mothers.

To learn more about the MSS and BOSS, join MDHHS researchers for a virtual information session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30 at Tinyurl.com/93yn3avj

, Passcode: 2021. To join by phone, call 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 308 970 6780, Passcode: 2021.

Visit Michigan.gov/DEHBio for more information on MSS and other MDHHS projects.





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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTION

On September 20, 2021, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 04-2021 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance. This adopted ordinance amended Section 12.02 to add sports training and physical fitness establishments as a permitted use in the Light Industrial Zoning District and also amended Section 23.07, Schedule of Off-Street Parking Requirements, to provide parking requirements for sports training and physical fitness establishments. These ordinances shall take effect seven days after publication.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Monica Burt, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

## 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 2335 W. Main Street**

An application has been submitted by Five Lakes Farm, LLC for an adult use marihuana establishment (a marihuana grower and processor) at 2335 W. Main Street (PPN 41-20-03-301-033). Adult use marihuana establishments are permitted in the Industrial zoning district only with special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

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

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



Respectfully,  
Susan Ullery  
Lowell City Clerk



# Today: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Wednesday, Sept. 22 is the 272nd day of the year. There are 93 days remaining until the end of 2021.

## Historic Events

**61 BC:** On his 45th birthday, Pompey the Great celebrates his third triumph over pirates and the end of the Mithridatic Wars.

**1011:** Danes capture Canterbury, taking Ælfheah, the archbishop, prisoner.

**1227:** Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II is excommunicated by Pope Gregory IX for his failure to participate in the Crusades.

**1364:** The English defeat

the French in Brittany, ending the War of the Breton Succession.

**1578:** Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras, is claimed by Spain.

**1714:** Cossacks of the Russian Empire kill about 800 people overnight in Hailuoto, Finland.

**1789:** The US Department of War first establishes a regular army consisting of several hundred men.

**1789:** The first US Congress adjourns.

**1829:** Founding of the Metropolitan Police of London.

**1848:** The Battle of Pákozd, a stalemate between Hungarian and Croatian forces, is the first battle of the Hungarian Revolution.

**1850:** The papal bull "Universalis Ecclesiae" restores the Roman Catholic hierarchy in England and

WGPR in Detroit was the first black-owned-and-operated television station in the United States. The channel's first broadcast was Sept. 22, 1975.

Rockabilly piano player Jerry Lee Lewis was born Sept. 22, 1935.

Wales.

**1855:** The Philippine port of Iloilo is opened to world trade by the Spanish administration.

**1864:** The Battle of Chaffin's Farm between US and Confederate soldiers is fought in Henrico County, VA.

**1885:** The first public electric tramway in the world opens in Blackpool, UK.

**1907:** The cornerstone is laid at the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, better known as Washington National Cathedral, in Washington, DC.

**1911:** Italy declares war on the Ottoman Empire.

**1918:** The Hindenburg Line, a German defensive position on the Western Front, is broken by an Allied

attack.

**1918:** Germany's Supreme Army Command tells the Kaiser and the Chancellor to open negotiations for an armistice.

**1923:** The first American track and field championships for women are held.

**1940:** Two Avro Anson twin-engine airplanes collide in mid-air over New South Wales, Australia, remain stuck together, but land safely.

**1941:** Nazis begin the two-day Babi Yar massacre, murdering approximately 33,771 Jewish civilians.

**1954:** The convention establishing CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is signed.

**1957:** The Kyshtym disaster in the Soviet Union is the third-worst nuclear accident ever recorded.

**1972:** Japan reestablishes diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

**1988:** NASA launches STS-26, the first mission since the Challenger disaster and the seventh flight of the Discovery orbiter.

**1990:** Construction of the Washington National Cathedral is completed.

**1990:** First flight of the "YF-22" stealth fighter, later known as the F-22 Raptor.

**1991:** A coup d'état occurs in Haiti.

**1992:** Brazilian President Fernando Collor de Mello is impeached.

**2004:** The 4179 Toutatis asteroid passes within four lunar distances of Earth.

### Birthdays

**1547:** Miguel de Cervantes, novelist, poet, playwright

**1758:** Horatio Nelson, admiral

**1895:** Clarence Ashley, singer, guitarist, banjo player

**1899:** László Bíró, inventor of the ballpoint pen

**1901:** Enrico Fermi, physicist

**1903:** Diana Vreeland, journalist

**1904:** Greer Garson, actor

**1907:** Gene Autry, singer, actor

**1913:** Trevor Howard, actor

**1913:** Stanley Kramer, movie director

**1923:** Stan Berenstain, author, illustrator

**1925:** Steve Forrest, actor

**1931:** Anita Ekberg, model, actor

**1936:** Silvio Berlusconi, prime minister of Italy

**1936:** James Fogle, author

**1942:** Madeline Kahn, actor

**1942:** Ian McShane, actor

**1942:** Jean Luc Ponty, violinist, composer

**1943:** Lech Wałęsa, president of Poland

**1944:** Mike Post, TV theme song composer

**1948:** Mark Farner, singer/songwriter, guitarist, Grand Funk Railroad

**1948:** Bryant Gumbel, sportscaster

**1955:** Gwen Ifill, journalist

**1956:** Suzzy Roche, singer/songwriter, The Roches

**1960:** Alan McGee, record producer

**1963:** Les Claypool, bass player, singer/songwriter, Primus

**1970:** Russell Peters, comedian, actor

**1973:** Emma "Scout" Niblett, singer/songwriter, guitarist

**1980:** Zachary Levi, actor

**1994:** Ashley "Halsey" Frangipane, singer

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Red Arrow

- NEW STADIUM

# SPORTS

## LHS North Athletics Complex nears completion

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Many Lowell residents have noted the extensive work being done by construction crews on the campus of Lowell High School over the summer. A major improvement project is in the process of being completed thanks to the 30-year, \$52 million bond passed on May 7, 2019. Of the \$52 million, a majority went toward non-athletic areas, including a new middle school building, and \$5.1 million was budgeted for athletics. Construction crews, trailers, and machines have been replaced by soccer players, tennis players, and an eager group of LHS teams ready to debut at their new home

this spring.

The new section of the Lowell High School campus, being unofficially referred to as the “LHS North Athletics Complex” is beginning to be finalized. The new tennis courts, all-purpose turf stadium, and softball and baseball fields complete with scoreboards, dugouts, and restrooms were a part of the project. Other areas including drainage were an added expense to the new facilities. The LHS North Athletics Complex represents a huge step forward for the athletics department facilities.

“It is a huge benefit in scheduling, especially

in the spring season, and it provides the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium grass a chance to grow and recover. Previously, the grass field was being overused,” Lowell High School Athletic Director Dee Crowley said.

“It also provides our student-athletes the same benefit as many other schools in being able to practice and compete on a turf field as the majority of opponents are playing their soccer and lacrosse games on turf fields.”

The boys soccer team and boys tennis teams are the two varsity teams to utilize the new facilities



The entrance to the new multi-purpose turf stadium.



While the softball and baseball fields at LHS did exist prior to the construction, major improvements are being made including dugouts, scoreboards, and stands.



View of the multi-purpose turf stadium, set up for soccer.



The new tennis courts at LHS.

this fall. In the spring both lacrosse teams, girls soccer, girls tennis, baseball, and softball will be competing at the new facilities.

Prior to the reconstruction, the tennis courts were in significant need of repairs including cracks in the court, old netting, and warped fencing. The new facilities bring Lowell’s facilities on-par with other OK White conference schools.

For several sports, the new facilities allow Lowell to host playoff events for lacrosse and soccer, which bring in funding. Lowell served as one of the hosts for the MHSAA soccer state finals briefly in the early years of Red Arrow Stadium. The multi-purpose turf stadium opened earlier this month in a ceremony

before the Lowell-Byron Center boys soccer game.

While a majority of the work is completed, there are items still to be finished. “At the tennis courts, the pavilion/gazebo needs to be installed which will be at the center of all the courts. There are also some benches installed on the west side of the tennis courts. The baseball and softball fields will continue to have work over the next few weeks with fencing, field prep, dugouts, and batting cages,” Crowley noted.

For the baseball and softball teams, it means that home events and practices will now happen on the LHS campus instead of having to go to the Cherry Creek fields housed near the bus garage behind Cherry Creek Elementary

on Foreman Road. The Cherry Creek fields will still remain heavily utilized by JV and freshman teams. Tournaments will also utilize the Cherry Creek facilities.

“The student-athletes, coaches, and school district are very appreciative of our community and supporting the bond vote, which made all the improvements at our schools and the athletic upgrades possible,” Crowley concluded.





Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

## SPORTS

## Volleyball adjusting to tough schedule

by Justin Scott  
sports reporting

One consistency with Lowell volleyball under head coach Jordan Drake, the Red Arrows are not afraid to take on the best teams in the area and the state.

When faced with unranked opponents, Lowell has cruised to victories. Unfortunately for Lowell, those matches have been few and far in between early in the season. LHS has played 11 matches, with 10 unique opponents due to playing Byron Center twice, and a current 3-7-1 record. The wins for Lowell? Northview (2-0), South Christian (2-0), and Grand Haven (3-0). None of those teams were featured in the state rankings. Lowell's losses? Byron Center (0-2) and (2-3), Lakewood (1-3), GR Christian (0-3), FHC (1-3), Lake Orion (2-3),

Farmington Mercy (0-3). Byron Center is the only unranked squad, which could be changing soon, Lakewood is No. 3 in Division 2, GR Christian No. 2 in Division 2, FHC No. 10 in Division 1, Lake Orion HM in Division 1, and Mercy is No. 6 in Division 1. Lowell also has a tie against No. 2 in Division 1 Hudsonville.

In the losses to Byron Center, FHC, and Grand Rapids Christian, Lowell got a look at not one, not two, but three Miss Volleyball finalists. Those finalists were Brooklyn Connor (FHC) a Clemson commit, Evelyn Doezema (GRC) a Michigan State commit, and Taylor Humphrey (Byron Center) a member of the Far-Out Volleyball Club that has been a pipeline for talent in the Grand Rapids club volleyball scene. Lowell had

a Miss Volleyball finalist in Jenna Reitsma last year.

So with that in mind, Lowell's record certainly reflects the powerful schedule it received this year. A byproduct of a strong OK White and intentionally challenging out-of-conference schedule.

Last week was a busy week for the volleyball team with losses to FHC and Byron Center, then hosting the Lowell Invitational. The Byron Center match took place at home being 56er night where youth participants and parents received free admission and a varsity team poster. The Red Arrows took set one 25-22 before the Bulldogs stormed back to take set two and three 25-14 and 25-21. Lowell forced a tiebreaking fifth set by winning 25-17 in the fourth before the

Bulldogs won the clinching fifth set 15-10. In their invitational this weekend Lowell cruised through Grand Haven (25-15, 25-14, 25-10) before losing a five-set thriller to Lake Orion and losing 3-0 to Farmington Mercy.

The Lake Orion matchup was the first win for the Dragons in the team's five-game series, with Lowell beating them in recent years, including the Division 2 semifinal in 2019. Though a loss, the result was proof that the Red Arrows can continue to go toe-to-toe with the state's best.

The Red Arrows faced Forest Hills Northern this week at home, with East Grand Rapids and the Lakewood Invitational on tap for next week.



Taryn Jackson sets the ball against Byron Center. Photo courtesy of Lowell Athletics Dept.

## Arrows place fifth place at OK White Jamboree and claim first at the Autumn Sunrise Invite

### STATE OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05

#### AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOISE ORDINANCE

THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, COUNTY OF KENT AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance to Repeal the Township of Vergennes Noise Ordinance.

Section 2. **Repeal.** The Township of Vergennes Noise Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-0815), as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

YEAS: Gillette, Ford, Rasch, Wittenbach, Mork  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Shantell Ford  
Township of Vergennes Clerk

Fall weather and fast times met the OK White cross-country teams as they raced at the second jamboree held at Riverside park last Wednesday.

The Arrows met the team goal of the varsity bettering their cumulative personal records (PR) by 40 seconds and the JV bettering theirs by a minute as the varsity improved by 4:25 and the JV improved by 5:37. There were two other major highlights as the varsity top five average time of 20:07.4 was number three all time on the Lowell record board and Annika Sandman set a new school record of 18:22.50 earning her a third place finish. The new top time betters the 19:02 set by Hillari Kirsch in 1990.

Katrina Sandman ran 19:32 (PR) finishing 12th, Keira Sandman ran 19:49 (PR) finishing 16th, Claire O'Boyle ran 21:25 (PR) finishing 47th, Megan Lillie ran 21:26 (PR) finishing 48th. The varsity was closed out by Jamara Harper running 21:41 (PR) and Kaylee Byrne running 23:14.

The JV team saw their PR's drop as Anna Forney ran 25:55, Kiah Burgess ran 26:05, Bri Fullerton ran 27:10, and Claire Uzarski ran 31:13.

At the Autumn Sunrise Invite last Saturday, the Arrows worked on matching up to the other team's line-ups and came away with a first place finish.

Matching up to other teams was a common practice back in the dual meet days but with jamborees and invites has become a lost art. Saturday the Arrows were assigned the goal of finishing better than the same number runner from the other team which should help pay dividends later in the season.

Annika Sandman kicked off the day by taking medalist honors with a school record time of 18:18 which bettered her 18:22 set last Wednesday. Keira Sandman finished ninth with a 20:19, Claire O'Boyle finished in 16th with a 25 second PR of 21:00, and Megan Lillie closed out the scoring taking 26th place

in 21:32. Harper and Byrne completed the varsity squad finishing in 34th and 54th place respectively. In addition to the trophy the varsity top five average time of 20:13 is the number four team average time on the LHS record board.

The JV runners closed out the day with solid times on the two lap course. Anna Forney ran 26:03, Burgess ran 26:19, and Bri Fullerton capped a busy homecoming weekend with a time of 27:45.

Lowell harriers travel to compete at the Allendale Falcon Invitational on Saturday.



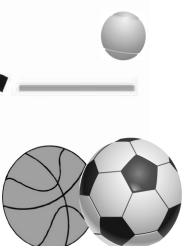
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Red Arrow

FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Red Arrows lose heartbreaker to GR Christian

by Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Michigan sports fans had to deal with the agony of watching Baltimore Ravens' kicker Justin Tucker's 66 yard field-goal hit the cross bar and then pinball over in the latest of the Detroit Lions' "how can we lose in a more traumatizing way" series of losses over the last few years. Two days prior, Lowell's varsity football team suffered a similar heartbreak against Grand Rapids Christian.

The return of the homecoming parade, the halftime crowning of the king and queen, the upcoming dance, and a 20-0 lead headed into the fourth quarter had the Red Arrow crowd excited late Friday night. Grand Rapids Christian had other plans though scoring three fourth quarter touchdowns in a come from behind 21-20

victory over Lowell last Friday.

Lowell was on a mission early on, using a ground game which totaled 199 total yards to exert their dominance in the first half. Ethan Krieger got the scoring started on a five yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Carter Blough punched in a touchdown run from two yards out early in the second quarter. Connor Lixie's 9-yard TD catch from Dawson Hugh late in the second quarter topped off what was a phenomenal first half of football. Lowell took a 20-0 lead into the third quarter and maintained that lead in the third.

The Eagles though, would own the fourth quarter striking early to cut the lead to 20-7 with 11:04 to play. Lowell maintained that 13 point lead until Alec Koval scored on a 9-yard pass from GRC quarterback

Alek Wickstrom. With the extra point missed, with 3 minutes to play, Lowell led 20-13. GR Christian would get the ball back and score a third touchdown. Still though, Lowell led 20-19 as the Eagles, coached by one of the few co-coaching duos in the country, opted to line up for the two-point conversion. With momentum on their side, the Eagles broke the plane on the two-point conversion run and with under a minute to play completed the 20-point comeback and a 21-20 win. The comeback for the Eagles was unlikely not only given how well the Red Arrows were moving the ball in the first half, but the manner in which it happened. For example, Lowell's coverage of the Eagles first touchdown, a 43-yard TD pass, was seemingly perfect. A double covered receiver



Carter Blough scores a touchdown against GR Christian.

that happened to go up and make a big catch. That spark gave the Eagles all the momentum they would need.

Hugh broke the 100-yard mark for the Red Arrows with 105 yards rushing on the ground, outgaining the entire GR Christian team.

The Lowell defense held the Eagles to just 83 yards rushing on the ground. The Eagles air attack had 211 yards and accounted for all three of their touchdowns. Todd Parcheta hit two of three extra points for LHS. Carson Crace and Aiden Fitzpatrick led the defensive unit with six tackles each.

The win was the third straight for the Eagles. Lowell fell to 1-4 on the season despite their highest offensive output of the year.

Lowell is at East Grand Rapids this Friday. The Pioneers are 1-4 on the season with narrow losses the last three weeks by a combined 13 points to

Byron Center, FHN who Lowell beat earlier this year, and Grand Rapids Christian.

*Photos courtesy of Madison Liley and Aanna Doyle*



Ethan Krieger is pulled into the endzone by two Red Arrow teammates

Lowell vs FHC		
	LHS	GRC
Score	20	21
First Downs	13	15
Rushing Attempts/Yards	49/199	17/83
<i>Hugh 22, Blough, 10, Crace 6, Rau 5, Lixie 3, Krieger 2</i>		
Passes Attempted	10	33
Passes Completed	5	17
<i>Krieger 13, Lixie 10, Fitzpatrick 6, Crace 1</i>		
Total Offensive Yards	224	294
Penalties/Yard	8/81	12/108
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	2/20	2/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	4/258	4/125
Possession Time	26:17	21:31
Third Down Conversions	5/13	3/10
Fourth Down Conversions	3/5	2/3

## Arrows take two first places

The Lowell boys cross country team was given the task to improve on their outstanding races from last Saturday at Riverside Park and they did just that, winning the OK White Conference Jamboree No. 2 at Riverside Park with 43 points. Grand Rapids Christian was second with 46 points followed by Forest Hills Central with 77 points.

Eighteen members of the Lowell team earned personal records (PRs) or season bests (SB). Cole Weston placed third with a time of 16.01 (PR) followed by Sawyer Fowler, fourth,

16.03 (PR). Jackson Fowler finished 11th, 16.48 (SB) with Ben Bromley right behind him at 12th, 16.51 (PR). Keegan Cater wrapped up the score with a 13th place finish at 16.56 (SB). Finishing the lineup for the varsity harriers were Levi Mills, 21st, 17.14 (PR) and Alex Weber, 36th, 17.49 (PR).

In action last Saturday, the boys took advantage of cool temps to win the Autumn Sunrise Invite hosted by Heritage Christian High School with 37 points. GR South Christian was runner up

with 94 points followed by GR Covenant Christian with 96 points. Medaling first for the Red Arrows was Weston, second, with a time of 16.06 followed by Sawyer Fowler, fourth, 16.28.

Cater placed eighth with a PR of 16.41 while Bromley and Jackson Fowler completed the score with 12th and 13th places at 17.07 and 17.07. Mills and Weber also earned medals with of 14th and 20th place, at times of 17.28 and 17.42 (PR).

The JV team dominated their race with a score of

15 points, followed by GR Covenant Christian, 56 points, and Unity Christian, 81 points. Evan Klein took top honors with a time of 18.10 with Antonio Casarez behind him at 18.16, Dannon Simmet, third, 18.28, Rhys Sandman, fourth, 18.31, and Zach Boehr, fifth, 18.41 (PR). Braylon Iakiri also medaled with a 14th place finish in 19.30.



# Community Appreciation Day

## Friday, Oct. 1

### 12-3 pm

Stop by for a FREE lunch

**Goggins Insurance Agency**  
505 W. Main Lowell






## obituaries

### FOSS

Steven Arthur Foss, age 70, fought his final battle, on Thursday, August 26, 2021. He took his last breath at home surrounded by his loving family. Steve was born February 15, 1951, to Iris (Foss) Hoekstra and Kenneth Lett. He grew up in Ada, MI, and graduated from Lowell High School in 1969 where he was a phenomenal wrestler. He continued throughout his life to be an avid supporter of the Lowell Wrestling team and enjoyed going to all the wrestling meets. After high school, he served honorably in the United States Marine Corps and later went on to start his own family. Steve was a friend to many. He was a hardworking man of the highest integrity. He was



loyal and trustworthy with a heart of gold. You knew he was always in your corner. He never asked for anything, but was always there when you needed his help. He had a great sense of humor, and always had a joke to tell. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. They looked up to him and loved him dearly. Steve left a big footprint on so many hearts, and made a difference in the lives of many. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Steve is survived by his daughter, Jerrica Foss; son, Trevor

Foss; grandchildren, Kyleigh Foss, Landon Foss and Maverek Foss; aunts, Dian Thomas, Lesley Verlin, Linda (Aaron) Putnam, Ardenna (Dale) Verlin; uncle, Mike (Penny) Foss and numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Norma (Rhoades) Inman; grandfather, John H. Foss; mother, Iris (Foss) Hoekstra; father, Kenneth Lett and uncles, John N. Foss and Kurtis Inman. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held in Steve's memory at the Tri-Town Conservation Club, 5616 Dunn Ave NE, Lowell, MI 49331, on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Food and drinks provided. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to help with final expenses or online through the SpotFund link: <http://spot.fund/xvcuDw>

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**It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.**

~ Germany Kent

*In memory of  
my beloved wife*

**BARBARA**

2/13/55 - 10/2/13

All my love,  
forever  
and a day

~ Jeff

### RASCH

Julia Elizabeth Rasch, age 92 of Lowell, passed away September 27, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Carl Sr. (2014); son, Tom (2019); her parents; six siblings; and grandchildren,



James Rasch and Becky McDaniel. She is survived by children, Carl Jr. (Roxanne), Kenneth (Sally), Marilyn McDaniel, Larry, Diane Rasch, Duane (Debbie), Janice Dollen, and Ed (Judy); 25 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and special friends, Erma Armock, and Pamela Leiter. Julia and Carl married in 1950,

moved to Lowell, bought a farm, and raised her family on the dairy farm and apple orchards. She enjoyed being a homemaker, mom, and grandmother. Julie loved to play euchre and cribbage. Visitation will be held 4-8pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, September 30, 2021, 11am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. SE, Lowell, MI 49331 with visitation one-hour prior. Fr. Aaron Ferris presiding. Interment St. Mary Miriam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, or the family would appreciate Masses to be said.

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### VANVEELEN

Rachell Courtney VanVeelen, age 44, of Lowell, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 23, 2021. She is survived by her husband Brian of 23 years; her sons Carson and Spencer VanVeelen; her mother Charlene (Lansing) Timmer; father James



Lyon; mother-in-law Shelly VanVeelen; father-in-law Bill (Judy) VanVeelen; sister Sara Guile; brother Dirk (Kryсна) Timmer; brother-in-law Scott (Lisa) VanVeelen, and also aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews. Rachell was a dedicated nurse her entire life. After acquiring her RN degree, she went to pursue her BSN degree from Ohio University all

while battling cancer. She loved traveling and making memories with her family, and spending time with her boys. A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11am at Roth Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service. Pastor Brad Brillhart will be officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331 or Spectrum Health Hospice 100 Michigan St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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### WIESE

Dallas Ray Wiese ascended into Heaven on September 11, 2021, to be joined by loved ones preceding him in Glory. father, Leroy F. Wiese, mother, Aletha M. Wiese, and brothers, Leslie and Darwin. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Bonnie Ward-Wiese; son, James Wiese/MacLaren (Pamela); daughters, Kristi (John) Davis, Elesha (Scott) Foy; along with grandchildren, John Davis, Kimberly (Christopher) Smith, Scott Foy, Stacia



Foy, and Jade Lowe; also great-grandchildren, Levi, Lillianna, Pantera, Adalyn, Malaya, and Ava. He is also survived by his brother, Leonard; sister, Francine, of The Dalles, Oregon; along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Great Northwest and Iowa. Dallas was loved by our very large family who never wore the title of "in-law" as he was their brother, uncle, and cousin

in every way. He loved traveling, gemstone mining, rockhounding, nature, fishing, casinos, and yard sales. We thank God for the Blessings he poured upon our lives and the beautiful memories he created for each one of us. As a 100% Disabled VietNam War Veteran, he lived his life as a fully committed soldier and was forever prepared to defend our country and fight for our freedom. A full honors Military Ceremony will take place at the Committal Shelter at The Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan (near Battle Creek, MI) on October 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., at 11541 Fort Custer Drive. Please join us as we honor him with love and appreciation for his service. The Ceremony will begin promptly so please arrive a few minutes early. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or a charity of your choice in Dallas' name.

### WOLBERS

Robert "Bob" Lee Wolbers, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Bob was born on January 23, 1937, the son of Benjamin and Francis (Stocks) Wolbers in Grand Rapids. On November 19, 1983, he married the love of his life, Carol. Bob enjoyed restoring John Deere tractors and his 1950 chevy truck. He also loved camping, car



shows, tractor shows and going over the Mackinac bridge on tractors. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol, of Saranac; children, Rachelle (Ron) Hammons of Texas, Robert Wolbers Jr. of Texas, Sonja (Troy) Dedonado of Lowell, Steve Donovan of Battle Creek and Michelle (Richard) Bush of Saranac; siblings, Gordon (Linda) Wolbers of Lowell, Gaylord (Sue) Wolbers of Clarksville

and Marilyn Ulferts of Minnesota; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saranac. Visitation will be from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Lemon Holton Cancer Center. Online Condolences can be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com).



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# TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

### Round Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to proceed with the Township to make certain public improvements consisting of the application of herbicide treatments for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake (the "Improvements") in the Township, has made its final determination of a special assessment district which consists of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and against which all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall be specially assessed:

#### Round Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District No. 4

Lots and Parcels Numbered:

41-12-21-400-003, 41-12-21-400-007,  
41-12-21-400-008, 41-12-21-400-011,  
41-12-21-400-012, 41 12 21-400-013, 41-  
12-21-400-014, 41-12-21-400-016, 41-12-  
21-326-002, 41-12-21-326-006, 41 12 21  
326-012, 41 12 21-326-013, 41-12-21-326-  
014, 41-12-21-326-015, 41-12-21-326-018,  
41 12 21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020, 41  
12 21-326-021, 41-12-21-200-005, 41-12-  
21-200-008, 41 12 21-200-011

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Township of Grattan has made and certified a special assessment roll for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district. Pursuant to the resolution of the Township Board adopted on September 13, 2021, the costs of the Improvements are to be periodically redetermined on a yearly basis in accordance with the resolution.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MICHIGAN, IN SAID TOWNSHIP, TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

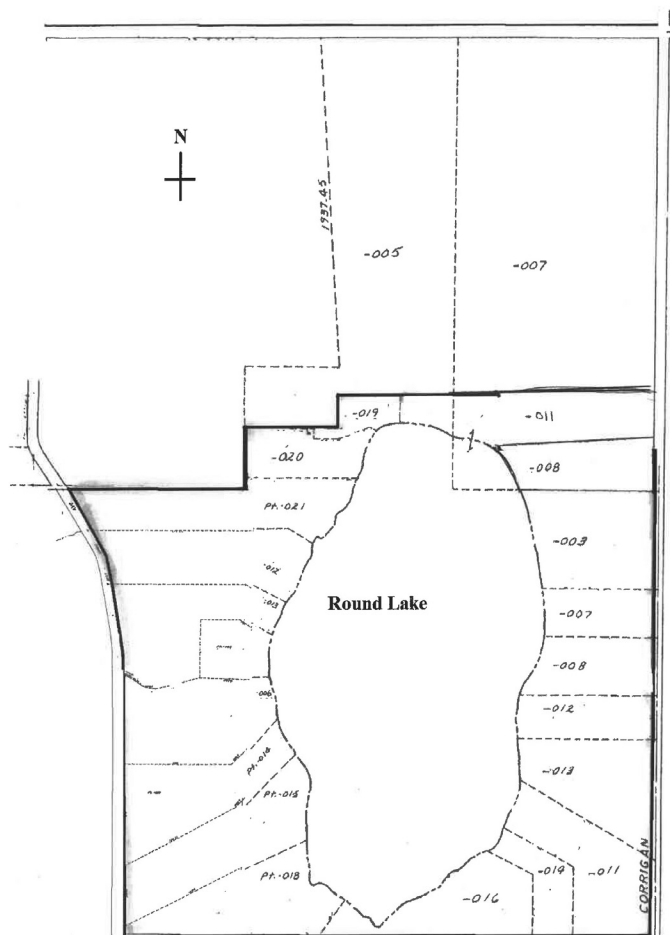
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: September 13, 2021

Michelle Alberts, Clerk  
Township of Grattan

#### MAP OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT



## ABCs, continued

Agriculture Secretary under President George Bush.

Betty lost Don in 1992. Later she sold off 100 acres of land to the Kent County Parks as a way to honor him. "He loved the farm and nature." This way she knew part of the farm and land would be preserved. Betty unexpectedly lost her son David in 2006. That same year, she was awarded the

her community for funding of the new interpretive fur trader's cabin at Lowell Township's North Grand River Riverfront Park. She humbly explained that the gift was fueled by her love of history. The cabin was to be used to educate adults and children about Lowell's fur trade history with exhibits by the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



Betty Yeiter.

Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. She was still assisting her community by tutoring kids, helping with spelling bees and helping out wherever she was needed.

Just two years later, in 2008 Betty was honored as Lowell's 'Person of the Year.' The committee chose her because "she never stops giving of her time and talent to make the community a much better place." Besides her volunteer work in her hometown, she also volunteered as a docent at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. She has long been considered a community booster. She told the assembled audience when she was honored that her favorite quote is "Hitch your wagon to a star" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

In 2018, Betty again accepted appreciation from

She also explained that she would rather support community efforts than buy new things for herself.

In early 2020, at the Yeiter Learning Center ribbon cutting, Betty told the Lowell Community, "I never wanted to be anything but a teacher. They say if you like what you're doing you never have to work, and I never have worked in my life." This center is on Amity Street and is dedicated to early learning opportunities.

At a young 97 years, perhaps the Lowell Community can look forward to more headlines from this generous hometown girl. Whether through her hours in the classroom, or the donation of her time or funds, the Lowell community has benefitted from Betty Yeiter's giving spirit.

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# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

3	4		5	1	6			
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	9					7		

Level: Beginner

### 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!

# FARM SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

FARM SAFETY WORD SEARCH

ENTRAPMENT EQUIPMENT

HELMET LIFELINE

REFLECTORS ROLL BAR

ACCIDENT AUGER CHEMICALS DANGEROUS

FARM FLAGS FLIGHT ZONE GRAIN BIN HANDLER

LOCKS LOCK-OUT PANIC PRECAUTIONS PTO

ROLL OVER SAFETY SEATBELT TRANSPORT

## Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in New Jersey on September 29, 1994. I began my singing career when I released a parody of a Taylor Swift song. I have released notable singles and several collaborations. My stage name is an anagram of my name Ashley.

Answer: Halsey

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to farm safety.

A C R T O R T

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Answer: Tractor

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Numbers cruncher
- Creator
- A type of center
- About spring
- Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
- Precursor to the EU
- Something that can be cast
- Gold-colored alloy
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- A hard coating on a porous surface
- A type of detachment
- Filmmakers need them
- Promotional material
- \_\_\_ Blyton, children's author
- Short, sharp sound
- Feeling of intense anger
- Popular TV network
- Island entry point
- Disfigure
- College army
- One who's revered
- Long, winding ridge
- Football stat
- Stealing
- Hawaiian island

### CLUES DOWN

- More raw
- In one's normal state of mind
- Daniel LaRusso's sport
- Tropical American monkey
- Measures heart currents
- Midway between south and east
- Knotted again
- Born of
- Value
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Hardens
- Ancient
- Advertising gimmick
- Subatomic particle
- Not fresh
- Loosens
- Religious symbols
- Film
- Orthodontic devices
- Grilled beef sandwich
- Journalist Tarbell
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Japanese social networking service
- Romantic poet
- Dorm worker
- Poor grades



# Michigan Retailers Association's Annual Buy Nearby Weekend is Oct. 1-3

**Shop local, enter photo contest, get deals at participating retailers**

Many businesses, including Michigan Retailers Association members, across the state will celebrate Buy Nearby Weekend on Oct. 1-3, offering special merchandise or sales and the chance for one lucky shopper to win a \$500 gift card by posting a photo while shopping local with the #buynearbymi hashtag.

It's all part of the Michigan Retailers Association's (MRA) year-round Buy Nearby campaign that encourages shoppers to keep their money in Michigan!

Michigan Retailers Association members were supplied with free materials to promote the annual celebration. MRA also offered non-members access to a digital media kit, including social media images, videos and banner photos, a new perk for 2021.

Buy Nearby Guy, the 8-foot-tall mascot depicting a shopping bag in the shape of Michigan, visited more towns and events over the summer. In 2020, the mascot was unable to attend the few events held across the state as the pandemic wore on. He's back and ready to share the importance of keeping shopping dollars local.

Michiganders typically send \$23.7 billion to out-of-state retailers, according to a 2021 economic study by Public Sector Consultants. But if they changed just one in 10 of their purchases to a Michigan store, our economy would get a \$1.9 billion boost and add nearly 14,000 jobs.

"Coming out of the pandemic, local businesses need our support," said MRA President and CEO Bill Hallan. "Keeping your money in Michigan

can make all the difference in your local downtown, especially as those same businesses hire your friends and family."

As an extra incentive to buy nearby, one shopper will earn a \$500 Visa gift card. How to enter: take a selfie shopping at a local store or a photo of your purchase during the weekend; post it to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #buynearbymi and you're automatically entered.

The winner will be chosen the following week in a random drawing. (Must be 18 or older to win; be sure your post is "public"). For a complete description of contest rules, visit our photo contest page.

With 122,000 stores, Michigan's retail industry employs about 758,000 workers and pays nearly \$23 billion in wages each year. Indirectly, retailers purchase goods and services, hire

cleaning services, security staff, accountants and more. And their employees spend money as well, the 2021 Public Sector Consultants study noted.

Additional information is available at [buynearbymi.com](http://buynearbymi.com) and [facebook.com/BuyNearbyMI](https://www.facebook.com/BuyNearbyMI). You can also follow the campaign on Twitter @BuyNearbyMI and Instagram @mibuynearby.

The Michigan Retailers Association is the unified voice of Michigan's retail industry, representing nearly 5,000 members and their 15,000 stores and websites. You can get more information at [retailers.com](http://retailers.com).



## Buy Nearby Weekend Oct. 1-3

Support your local stores as they come out of this pandemic.



Shop local on Buy Nearby Weekend and you could win \$500!

Post a selfie on FB, Twitter or Insta while shopping. Use hashtag #buynearbymi to be entered.

## Buy Nearby weekend photo contest

We love to see people shopping locally and supporting their downtown. Encourage your customers to enter our Buy Nearby Weekend photo contest for a chance to win a \$500 gift card to utilize on a future shopping spree!

How to enter is simple: Shop local during Buy Nearby Weekend, Oct. 1-3, take a photo of yourself shopping, or what you've purchased and post the photo on social media with the hashtag #buynearbymi.

### ENTER TO WIN \$500!

- 1- SHOP LOCAL
- 2- TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR PURCHASE OR A SELFIE IN THE STORE
- 3- POST TO FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, OR TWITTER WITH #BUYNEARBYMI
- 4- MAKE SURE YOUR POST IS PUBLIC FOR YOUR ENTRY TO COUNT

