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“Spring into the Past” museum tour wins MI Historical Society award

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Tri-River Historical Museum Network has won the Historical Society of Michigan’s State Award for Special Programs/Events for their annual “Spring into the Past” museum tour.

“Our main objective is to be a support group for each other, but also to get our museums out in the public more so that people know that we exist,” said Tri-River Historical Museum Network president Sally Johnson. “We started a few years back doing the ‘Spring into the Past’ tour with like six museums, and we’re over 30. We get a good turnout every year. Someone nominated us when these awards were coming up,

when they were asking for nominations, and we were notified that we had won! We didn’t know that there was going to be a plaque, but we got in the mail this nice big plaque. And so I took it to our meeting the following Tuesday. We’re going to try to get it to all the museums that are involved so everybody has a chance to see what it looks like.”

Among the 32 members of the network are the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Fallsburg Historical Society, the Alton Historical Church Museum and the Bowne Township Historical Commission.

“Museums are usually open different days and



Tri-River Historical Museum Network president Sally Johnson and vice president Judy Gager holding the award plaque at center, surrounded by other members of the organization at a recent meeting in the refurbished Byron Center Depot Museum.



hours, but for this event the first weekend in May, all member museums are open the same time so visitors can map out several to visit on the same day,” read a press release from the TRHMN. “In this way, more visitors can come to the museums and show their appreciation with their donations, often the only funding the museums receive.”

Johnson’s “home base” museum is Bowne Center, a cluster of historic buildings at the corner of Alden Nash and 84th St.

“We’re working hard now, trying to get our museum put back together so we can open up to the public again,”

Johnson said. “Because of the pandemic we had to close, and it wasn’t until this year, this spring or early summer, they told us it would be all right to start opening again. But we had been in there, we had collections of stuff and we were trying to move stuff around. We got a brand new organ, and we had to get rid of the other organ that we had. So we had some major switching around to do. We actually were out there yesterday working on

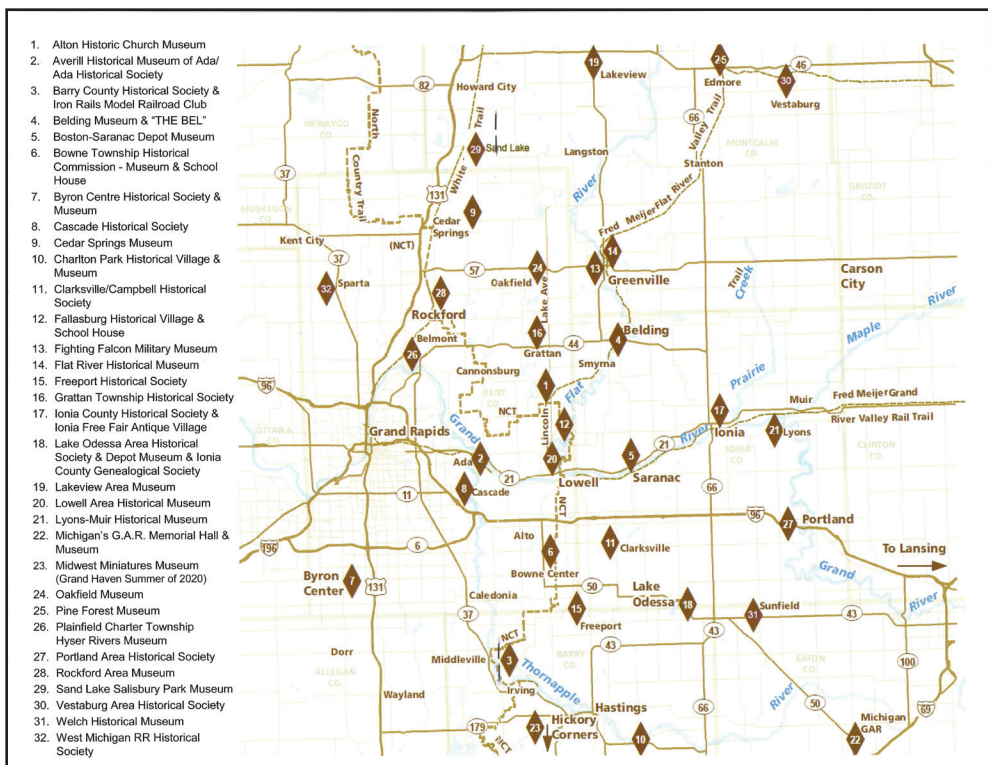
it. We usually don’t open to the public after September unless it’s by request, until we have our Christmas open house in the first part of December. We always have it in conjunction with the Bowne Center Methodist Church’s live nativity. We open our museum up at that time, and that’s what we’re working toward now. Hopefully nothing happens with the COVID thing that forces us to close down. We’re hoping.”

Lowell Township doctor gets 15 years for sexually assaulting patient

Daryl Wisdom, a former Lowell Township doctor convicted of third-degree sexual assault of a patient, was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in prison in Kent County Circuit Court on Friday, Oct. 1.

On July 17, 2020, the Kent County sheriff was contacted by a victim who said

they were sexually assaulted by their doctor during a medical appointment. The incident occurred on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and involved Daryl Wisdom, who ran the “Wisdom Wellness Center” out of his residence in the 10000 block of Cascade Rd SE, just west of Alden Nash in Lowell Township.



Former LHS coach inducted into Coast Guard Academy Hall of Fame

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Former Lowell High School rowing coach Pete Chittenden was inducted into the Coast Guard Academy Hall of Fame last weekend. The Dad Vail Regatta has

not won the Dad Vail since 1981. It's an international race, there are teams from Ireland and Israel. It's a big deal.

and then on Saturday it's the homecoming game for the football team and they'll

team when it first got started here, and then later on he took over the program and

one year they rowed on Murray Lake because the water is choppy there, it's



The 1981 Coast Guard Academy "heavyweight varsity 8 men's crew" team pictured at their Hall of Fame induction last weekend, and in action back in 1981. [Images courtesy "US Coast Guard Academy Rowing" Facebook page]

into the Coast Guard Academy Hall of Fame last weekend.

Chittenden was a member of the Coast Guard Academy's 1981 "heavyweight varsity 8 men's crew" squad that won some important races that year.

"The 1981 heavyweight crew won the New England and Dad Vail Championships," read a Coast Guard Academy press release about the induction. "The team was 27-3 overall [with] a perfect 27-0 against New England opponents.

been held on the Schuylkill River annually since 1953. It's now the largest regular college rowing event in the US with more than 100 schools participating.

"Pete graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1984 and, during the years he was there, he rowed crew in an eight-man boat," said Karen Chittenden, Pete's wife. "In 1981, his boat won one of the big races they have, the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. It's a big race out east, and all the big schools are there - Temple, Harvard, all the big schools.

The Coast Guard Academy school has always had a really good crew program. They have a huge boathouse there on the Thames River in New London and Groton, CT. They're very established in that area. Periodically, the Coast Guard Academy will induct a group of athletes into the Coast Guard Academy Hall of Fame. Pete's 1981 boat won this year."

The induction took place during a special ceremony at the school's Alumni Center on Friday, Oct. 1, then Chittenden and his seven boat-mates were honored during halftime at the homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 2.

"[Friday] at 4 o'clock is the induction ceremony,

have a celebration for the guys where they walk on the field and things like that," Chittenden said. "During the big homecoming game at halftime they're going to announce all of the players and that they were inducted into the Coast Guard Academy Hall of Fame, and then they'll walk on the field, all eight guys."

Chittenden helped initiate the rowing program at LHS and was its coach for many years. Despite a busy work travel schedule, he remains involved, offering equipment and expertise as needed.

"Pete coached Lowell High School crew two different times, until about six years ago," Chittenden said. "He helped the men's



coached both guys and girls together. He helped move the team so that they were rowing on the Grand River versus on the Flat River north where it's not... You have to be able to row at least a mile, it was too short, so he helped get a better situation for everyone to row. In fact,

windy, and that's usually what happens when you get in a big river when you're rowing. He wanted the kids to kind of feel what that was going to be like. Now and then he still helps sometimes, and we've donated some equipment to the program."



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Trio of middle-aged LHS grads competing in “Iron Man” triathlons



The “Iron Man” is a grueling competition where one must swim 2.4 miles, bicycle 112 miles and then run 26.22 miles, all in one day.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Three 1989 graduates of Lowell High School - Michael Mull, Jeff Zillmer and Rick Stockreef - have been competing in “Iron Man” triathlons.

The Iron Man triathlon is a grueling event created by former US military athletes where competitors swim

2.4 miles, bicycle 112 miles and then run 26.22 miles, all in one day. There were 15 competitors in the first race in Oahu, HI on Feb. 18, 1978. Today there are Iron Man events in more than 36 locations around the world that each draw hundreds of participants.

The three men recently completed a half Iron Man in Boulder, CO and, along with Michael’s brother Tom Mull, they will compete in a full Iron Man in Wilmington, NC on Oct. 23.

“My oldest son Michael turned 50 in August, and he just did a half Iron Man in

Colorado about a month or so ago,” said Patricia Mull, Michael and Tom’s mother. “He did that with two classmates from Lowell who are also 50. One just turned 50 last week. On Oct. 23, those three and my son Tom Mull, who is 46, they are all going to do a full Iron Man

in North Carolina. Michael, Jeff and Rick all graduated together. One of them lives in Colorado, another lives in North Carolina and Michael lives over by Hudsonville.”

Patricia said that all of her children were active in Lowell High School athletics.

“All four of my sons ran all that stuff - track and cross country,” Mull said. “Michael had records at the high school and then at Grand Valley State University.”

Food assistance increase takes effect in October

Michiganders who receive food assistance will see a permanent increase of approximately 6.8 percent in their monthly benefits beginning in October, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced.

Due to a larger-than-normal annual increase in benefits from federal funding at the beginning of the new fiscal year, people who receive food assistance will experience an increase even as a temporary 15 percent hike

related to the COVID-19 pandemic expires effective this month.

For example, the maximum monthly benefit for a household of four increases from \$782 to \$835.

“Increases in monthly food assistance benefits have helped Michigan residents feed their families during an international pandemic,” said Lewis Roubal, MDHHS senior deputy director for opportunity. “As the temporary 15 percent hike

expires, we are pleased that our federal partners have acted so that families who need help putting food on the table will still receive a modest increase in their benefits. MDHHS remains committed to helping address food insecurity in Michigan.”

MDHHS administers the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The USDA Food Nutrition Service under the Biden administration reviewed monthly food assistance payments and

determined that an annual increase greater than the cost-of-living was warranted because the amount of SNAP benefits has not kept up with increases in the cost of a healthy diet.

Michigan recipients of food assistance do not need to take any action to receive the increased amount. It will be added to their October benefits. In Michigan more than 1.25 million people in close to 680,000 households receive food assistance.

Household Size	Monthly Increase
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Monday, Oct. 4 Lowell city council meeting report

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 4. There was nothing in new business and nothing in old business, so the meeting only lasted approximately 14 minutes. City manager Michael Burns did not attend the meeting, his absence was not explained.

There were two participants in public comment.

“At the last meeting a woman came up talking about a meter being moved, different things, and talked about a big green box and that information,” said Lowell Light & Power board chair Perry Beachum. “Lowell Light & Power had never been contacted, she was complaining through the city, and I speculate that Lowell Light & Power had never been contacted

because it was known that it was not an issue with Lowell Light & Power meters. That evening, after the council meeting was over with, the [LL&P] general manager Charlie West met with her at her home and she showed that and he verified that the meter had not been moved or anything. [...] He then directed our distribution manager Ryan Teachworth to meet with her the next day and they went over and it was determined that it was not a issue with Lowell Light & Power.”

The next person said that crews doing infrastructure work left a mess of his property.

“Back when they redid Sibley St., the people that put the sidewalks in for ADA compliance tore up the corner of my lot,” said Dick Johnson. “That’s a pretty good size area, and I

will not water it and I will not cut it, because there’s just all kinds of gravel and stones and everything up in there. [...] Last summer, guy says, ‘I’ll be back to redo this.’ Well, he didn’t say when he’d be back, whether it would be this year, next year, next century. He didn’t say.”

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 18. 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, Nov. 6.

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.



Perry Beachum, top and Dick Johnson, bottom, participated in public comment during the Monday, Oct. 4 Lowell city council meeting. [YouTube]

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How to keep children safe during RSV Awareness Month

October is RSV Awareness Month, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging everyone to take steps to prevent the spread of respiratory syncytial virus. RSV is a respiratory virus that usually peaks in the winter, however, this year RSV activity has been higher than expected across the state through the summer and early fall which is also trending across the country.

Each year in the United States, RSV leads to approximately 2.1 million outpatient visits and 58,000 hospitalizations among children under five years of age. There are approximately 177,000 hospitalizations and 14,000 deaths among adults over age 65.

RSV is highly contagious and spreads through droplets in the air after a cough or sneeze. In adults and older children, symptoms of RSV are usually mild and may mimic a cold. RSV can cause severe infection in some people, including infants and young children, older adults, people with heart and lung disease or people who are immunocompromised. Individuals with cold-

like symptoms should not interact with children and other individuals at high risk for RSV.

It's important to call your child's health care provider right away if your child has any of the following signs or symptoms:

A cold and is less than six months of age or at high risk for RSV.

Difficulty breathing: Short, shallow and fast breaths.

Skin between ribs or under the neck pulls with each breath.

Lips, tongue or skin color turns blue or gray.

Trouble eating, drinking or sleeping.

Gets dehydrated (decreased number of wet diapers).

“It is possible to take simple measures to protect your child from RSV,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Avoid close contact with people who are unwell, wash hands often, cover sneezes, avoid touching your face with your hands and frequently disinfect surfaces.”

Take simple steps in addition to those listed above help prevent the spread of RSV:

Keep children home when sick.

Avoid close contact actions like kissing, handshakes, sharing cups and utensils.

Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, toys and mobile devices.

In addition to children, older adults can be at risk for severe RSV infection. Symptoms are similar to those listed above, but can develop into serious conditions like pneumonia.

Most RSV illness goes away on its own and there is no specific treatment for RSV. If you or a loved one becomes infected, it's important to monitor fever and pain, drink fluids and talk to your health care provider if you have any concerns.

This year, it is especially important to take precautions as COVID-19 continues to circulate and shares many similar symptoms of RSV, including fever and breathing difficulties. Michiganders are urged to see their health care provider if symptoms develop for appropriate evaluation, testing and treatment.

For more information about RSV, visit CDC.gov/RSV.

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 9, 1896

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 13, 1921

Accidentally firing a shotgun charge into his body while hunting ducks on Muskrat lake in Grattan township, Jesse H. Daniels, 41, of 816 Adams st., SE, painter and paperhanger, killed himself almost instantly early Sunday in the first local hunting accident of the season.

Seventeen cars went into the ditches along the road between Sand Lake and Grand Rapids Saturday night and Sunday; another half dozen were stranded in various phases of wreckage along the road to Lowell; at least four were partially demolished in the Grand Haven road. Fortunately the list of casualties was low. The record emphasizes once again that driving motor car requires a judgment. Rules cannot be laid down by experts or the state. The speed that is reasonable and safe under others. Undoubtedly those who drove their cars into ditches Saturday were driving well under the state speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

Luzerne Shane, three, son of Ernest Shane, is not expected to survive burns received while playing with matches. His brother, Ernest, eight, was also badly burned.

75 years The Lowell Ledger October 10, 1946

Sgt. Cecil V. Good, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Good of Lowell, writes of his experiences during the typhoon early in September on Saipan. He wrote of having to take to the hills to escape the fury of the storm. Cecil is expected home in the near future.

The Lowell Fire Department now is one of the best equipped departments for a village of this size in the state, with the addition of the new 1,000 gallon per minute pumper. This new equipment, which cost over \$10,000, was paid for out of the earnings of the Lee Fund and thus carries the name of S. S. Lee on the side of the pumper.

Because diphtheria cases in Michigan usually begin increasing in October, Dr. William DeKleine, state

commissioner of health, urges parents, physicians and school authorities to see that all children are protected against this disease.

50 years The Lowell Ledger October 14, 1971

A “pot party” in a converted chicken coop, north of Lowell, was raided Friday night, October 8th, netting eight arrests. Following a tip, Kent County Sherriff’s Deputy Robert Grummet and Policewoman, Rachel Bowman, assisted by the Lowell Police Department embarked on the party at 10 pm. The raid and arrests followed a long and extensive investigation and surveillance of the premises at 538 Flat River Drive.

The Much-publicized and long awaited “soft” contact lens was the subject of a study seminar recently attended by Dr. Herbert R. Mueller, Lowell optometrist. After almost ten years of research, testing and improvement by Bausch and Lomb, the soft lens was approved by the Federal Food and Drug administration for use by the profession in April of this year.

Officers of the Lowell Police Department arrested Monty Lewis Tousignaut Sunday night, October 10, for being a drunk and disorderly person. Called to Mel’s Bar on West Main Street, where Tousignaut was reported fighting and using abusive language, the investigating officers arrived at the scene as Tousignaut was fleeing away on foot.

25 years The Lowell Ledger October 9, 1996

Stating it can no longer risk the liability, the city of Lowell agreed to move expeditiously in acquiring and demolishing the Lee’s Landing structure. “We’ve spent a lot of time on this,” Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. “It has been a frustrating process.” The city manager was referring to attaining the deed from Equivest Financial which acquired the property from Hugh Lilley approximately five years ago.

Effect lighting, glowing floor, fog machines and music may cause one to ask whether Jack Thomet is considering turning Lowell Lanes into a boot-kicking dance hall. Not a chance! However, he is riding a California wave that began rolling in two years ago. Thomet introduced his recreational bowlers to “moon glow madness” on Saturday.

After reviewing the planning commission’s revised ordinance on private road construction, members of the Lowell Charter Township Board figured “why fix something that is not broke.” At its workshop meeting, the board did not vote on the commission’s recommendation, but voiced disapproval of its content. The commission revised the ordinance in an attempt to protect the township from possible lawsuits, but board members feel that protection is already in place and the new ordinance isn’t flexible enough for the township to enforce.

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- Do you know someone who is just starting their career? Now is the best time for them to start preparing for retirement. Social Security benefit payments provide only a portion of retirement income. Those starting their careers should begin saving early to have adequate income in retirement. Please share this page with a young worker you know: www.ssa.gov/people/earlycareer.

These are just a few of the web pages tailored to specific groups’ needs. You can check out our People Like Me home page at www.ssa.gov/people to see all of 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 vondavantil@ssa.gov.

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- motion sickness

Motion sickness is a group of unpleasant symptoms that can happen when someone is in a moving vehicle or on a boat or airplane. The first symptom is usually a feeling of fullness in the stomach. You might feel unwell, drowsy or irritable. You may also have a headache, feel depressed or uninterested in what is going on or want to be alone. These symptoms can progress to nausea, dizziness and vomiting.

To try to prevent motion sickness from happening, you should choose the most stable portion of the vehicle and face forward. In a car or bus, this is usually in the front seat. On a boat, try to stand, sit or lie down at the midpoint of the boat and along the centerline. In an airplane, try to sit over a wing. Looking outside a vehicle and at a distant horizon may prevent symptoms or help you feel better. Don't read, look at a computer screen or look

through a camera. If you can't see the horizon, it may be best to close your eyes and rest.

Eating small amounts of soft, bland foods such as canned peaches or crackers sometimes helps motion sickness. Drink small amounts of fluids to stay hydrated. Do not drink alcohol or eat greasy, spicy or acidic foods. Avoid things that have caused you nausea in the past. Get plenty of rest before traveling, wear comfortable clothing and do not get too wet, too hot or too cold. Stay in a well-ventilated area.

There are some medications that help motion sickness. Scopolamine is the most commonly recommended medicine for people who want to stay awake when they travel. Antihistamines (such as Dramamine) also work, but may cause drowsiness. These medications should be taken several hours before you travel.

anniversaries

Craig and Jeannie (Crandell) Green, formerly of Muir, now residing in Palo, will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The couple was married at Easton United Methodist Church in Ionia on October 2, 1971. Their family includes three kids and spouses: Marty Green (Kay) of Lowell, Lindee Lance (Don) of Palo, and Ben Green (Christy) of Greenville plus grandkids: Cody, Tyler, Kassandra,

Lily, Emberlynn and Whitaker. The couple is currently retired and enjoying camping in their RV, restoring old cars and fishing on their pontoon. Previously they owned Lindee's Truck Stop in Pewamo and worked a farming job that took them out east as far as Maryland before returning back home to Muir. They both retired from Magna Mirrors in Alto. Close family had a small gathering to celebrate.



Jeannie and Craig Green

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.

Z is for Zoom
Foot Trails to Automobiles

Lowell has experienced many changes in transportation since its founding. The Odawa people walked on narrow foot trails and made canoes for the waterways. American settlers traveled by waterways and brought ox carts and wagons. With the coming of horses, wagon and sleigh activity increased. People were able to zoom about wherever they wanted. Lowell's Cutter



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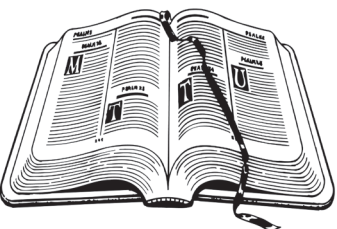
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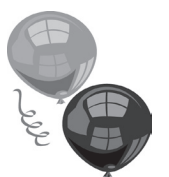
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Gov. Whitmer flags around 40 unenforceable pieces of boilerplate

Roughly 40 directives the legislature added to the state budget were flagged by the governor as being unenforceable, including the withholding of state funding to health departments that keep mask mandates in place.

As for withholding money from universities with vaccination mandates, Whitmer said universities are autonomous entities and legislatures can't institute restrictions on them through legislative boilerplate.

House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Albert (R-Lowell) disagreed with the governor on this point.

"Language preventing state and local governments from mandating vaccines as a condition for receiving government services or government employment is enforceable and remains in the budget," Albert said.

As for the universities, Albert agreed the schools were autonomous, but that "autonomy is not limitless."

"These student protections do not violate the constitution in any way,"

Albert said. "The legislature has the power of the purse and, within constitutional bounds, has broad discretion to make its appropriations conditional."

While boilerplate language on vaccinations and masks were top of mind, the legislature attempted to make several pieces of reforms within state through a budget bill, which the governor flagged as not constitutional.

For example, if the legislature wants to create an incentive for Department of Corrections employees on how the state can spend money, it needed to pass stand-alone legislation.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer cited constitutional language that backed up her contention that the legislature is not allowed to micromanage departments with specific requirements.

The governor also said the following provisions wrapped into SB 0082 were unenforceable:

- The administration cannot discipline an employee for meeting with

a member of the House or Senate unless it's prohibited by law for some reason.

- A requirement giving the legislature the power to move money around that the State Administrative Board had transferred previously.

- The creation of an initiative that recognizes Department of Corrections employees for their suggestions on how to save the state money.

- A goal that the Department of Corrections hire at least 800 new correctional officers.

- Allowing the Auditor General to charge state departments for the costs of conducting a follow-up audit if that department doesn't report back to the House and Senate within six months after the Auditor General's initial recommendations.

- Limiting to \$250 an hour the amount of money the Attorney General can spend on outside counsel working on the prosecution of Flint water crisis cases unless certain reporting requirements are met.

- A requirement that the

Secretary of State provide "adequate" in-person services for drivers needing to conduct business at a branch office.

- Forcing the Unemployment Insurance Agency to use a third-party vendor to assist in putting together the request for proposal on a new unemployment benefits system.

- A statement that sanctions against private service providers within the Department of Health and Human Services can't be more severe than those of public entities providing the same service.

- Detailed reporting on how federal Temporary Aid for Needy Families money is being spent within the welfare-to-work initiative.

- Requiring a supervisor to read a caseworker's report on child abuse within five days after a report is submitted.

- Specific procedural requirements on what children's protective services is allowed to do in cases.

- Banning DHHS from contracting with a company

that was involved in "contributing to the opioid crisis in this state."

- The creation of a new program designed to connect veterans with Medicaid services.

- Mandate that the state's veterans homes meet or exceed federal standards.

- Ban the Department of Natural Resources from impeding the certification process for water control structures on Michigan waterways.

- Prevent the Michigan

State Police from requiring its troopers to write a specific number of traffic tickets.

- Setting a minimum of 455,200 hours that State Police must dedicate to traffic control with 40,000 of that committed to "distressed cities in this state," among other requirements on the number of hours state police must spend on various functions.

- Requirement that the Department of Transportation pays its contractors promptly.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Public Notice

Hydrant Flushing and Waterline Maintenance October 11th – October 22nd

You may notice the Lowell Township Water Department working at fire hydrants and see water running down the street. Normally in the fall, we flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and allowing us to ensure the hydrants are in proper working order. Hydrants that are found to not be in working order are tagged and submitted for repair. As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line and hydrant preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home.

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Q. What should I do if my water pressure or volume seems low after flushing?

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If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Lowell Charter Township Water Dept. at (616)897-7600

SFA head Harkins named next budget director, new DTMB director appointed

Chris Harkins, head of the Senate Fiscal Agency, will move across town to be the next State budget director, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced last Thursday.

Harkins will be the third State budget director under Whitmer after Dave Massaron most recently and Chris Kolb before that left the state government for jobs with state universities.

Massaron will be Wayne State University's chief financial officer and senior vice president, and Kolb had jumped over to the University of Michigan to serve as vice president for government relations.

Harkins was appointed

as SFA director by Senate Republicans in January 2019. He's also served in the state budget office previously as well as the House GOP policy office.

Whitmer announced a new director for the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget: Julia Dale, who most recently served as assistant attorney general and section head of the business and charities section in the attorney general's office, and worked in various high-level roles at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Poppy Sias-Hernandez will serve as the new

executive director of Global Michigan while continuing her role as the state's chief equity and inclusion officer.

Maria Martinez, formerly deputy legal counsel to the governor, was selected to serve as chief compliance officer. She joined the

executive office in December 2020 and brings experience as a former in-house counsel for a Michigan business and working as an attorney at Bodman PLC.

Marc Rehmann was selected to serve as the governor's policy director.

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Leaves are turning, it's time for KCRC's color tour

The Kent County Road Commission has unveiled the first two routes of its 2021 color tour in anticipation of the region's peak fall colors. The annual color tour guides travelers along picturesque routes throughout Kent County that showcase the vibrant colors of the season and the natural beauty of the area. The routes can

be driven individually for shorter trips or connected for longer outings. Along the way, day trippers can stop at nearby public parks that offer opportunities for nature walks and picnics or enjoy other local stops and activities.

The road commission began producing the color tour in the 1950s and revived

it in 2016.

"It's a great opportunity to give residents a chance to explore areas they never may have seen before and enjoy beautiful vistas," said Steve Warren, KCRC's managing director.

New to this year's tour is a celebration of the area's bridges, specifically honoring the 150-year anniversary of the Fallsburg Covered Bridge. Travelers on the Eastern Kent County route can make an afternoon of visiting the area's three historic covered bridges, including Fallsburg Covered Bridge, Ada Covered Bridge and Whites Bridge. The three bridges were built within four years of one another - Ada in 1867, Whites in 1869 and Fallsburg in 1871 - and each was constructed using the Brown truss design. While the original structures of the Whites bridge and Ada bridge were lost to arson and fire, both were rebuilt. Fallsburg Covered Bridge and Whites Bridge are open to vehicular traffic and Ada Covered Bridge welcomes pedestrian traffic.

The Ada Covered Bridge



The 150-year-old Fallsburg Covered Bridge is located along the Eastern Kent County Color Tour Route. Built in 1871 by Jared N. Bresee for \$1,500, the Fallsburg Covered Bridge is a 100-foot Brown truss covered bridge that crosses the Flat River. It is one of just six covered bridges remaining in Michigan and is the oldest that sits on its original site, open to traffic.

COLOR TOUR: EASTERN KENT COUNTY

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2. Leonard Field
Thornapple River Dr
3. Stoney Lakeside Park
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4. Lowell Dog Park
Bowes St
5. Seidman Park
Honey Creek Ave & Conservation St
6. Chief Hazy Cloud Park
Pettis Ave
7. N Grand River Riverside Park
Bowes St
8. N Grand River Riverside Park
Grand River Dr

BRIDGES:

1. Fallsburg Covered Bridge
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2. Ada Covered Bridge
Ada Township
Thornapple River Dr
3. Whites Bridge
Ionia County
Whites Bridge Rd
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is one of the three historic covered bridges showcased on the Eastern Kent County Color Tour and is maintained by Ada Township.

The Western Kent County color tour route guides motorists along over 35 miles of road, many showcasing apple orchards and the fall harvest. This means that motorists may encounter slow-moving farm equipment as farmers move from field to field. Drivers must exercise caution, stay alert and remember that farm vehicles cannot turn and brake as easily as passenger vehicles. Slow down, be patient and anticipate a leisurely drive.

The White Pine Trail is also accessible from the western route, offering miles of scenic trail perfect for cycling, strolling and nature hikes.

KCRC will release additional routes of the 2021 Color Tour next week and suggests that motorists consider visiting parts of the county they have not yet seen.

Community members and Kent County visitors are encouraged to post their favorite photos and tag @mikrc on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Remember to use the hashtag #LoveFallRoads.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- ATHLETICS

Lowell Red Arrows athletics historical project finalized

The history of Lowell High School's athletics programs are now available of your fingertips. A touchscreen installed in Lowell High School's athletics hallway, called the "Wall of Excellence" showcases the long history of Lowell's athletics programs. It is the culmination of a five-year project called the "Lowell Red Arrows Athletics Historical Archive" to archive the history of Lowell athletics, turn it into a digital format and make that history available to the public for the first time.

"I was interning at Lowell High School at the time for my sport management program at Western Michigan University. It was a girls soccer game, and I remember chatting with some of the press box members at the time, athletic director Dee Crowley, scorekeeper Kevin Nugent and student volunteer Joel Fritsma. I said, 'How cool would it be to be able to look back at this game 20 years from now in a book or something, have the stats there, information about the game, just like the football (historical) book?' Thus the idea for the archive was born," Lowell Class of 2013 graduate and lead historian of the project, Justin Scott said.

Though not a book at this time, the historical archive is now alive through the redarrows.touchpro website and publicly accessible through the Wall of Excellence. The athletics are divided into three sections - athletes, teams, and history.

The athletes section is devoted to athlete profiles. These profiles highlight those who have won team awards and individual accolades during their time at LHS. Nearly 1,000 student-

athletes have an individual profile within the historical Wall of Excellence. These include state champions, and the archive can be searched by name, or by scrolling through the alphabetically sorted profiles.

"It's really cool to look back and see the history of both soccer programs. I certainly enjoyed reviewing all the rosters over the years - we've had a wealth of talent come through Lowell. Many who are still involved in the game as players, coaches, and referees!" Lowell boys soccer head coach Dan Lipon said.

Looking back through the athlete profiles, many familiar names and faces have come back to coach the Red Arrows, including current coaches Dayna Crumback (cheer), Jordan Drake (volleyball), Michele DeHaan (gymnastics), Austin Buckius (lacrosse), and Clay VanderWarf (cross-country).

The largest section in terms of pages is the teams section. Each team season in history is documented and has its own unique landing page. For example, those interested in the 1946 Lowell Baseball season can simply head to that season and find out everything from the team photo, roster, results and more historical information if available. If you want to look at the 1999 softball season, the same information is available.

The teams section took the longest to put together, starting with a patchwork of scores held in Google Sheets. From there each Google sheet from each year had tabs with different years to keep organized. From there each team's seasons were put together until the time came to input into the website.

Much of this history was scattered across Lowell High



The Lowell High School Wall of Excellence, featuring the Lowell Red Arrows Athletics Historical Archive.

School yearbooks, Lowell Ledger archives, results only found in other newspapers or other school's yearbooks and some held in the filing cabinets of the Lowell High School athletic department that had to be transferred from paper to digital.

"The digitization of records was the lengthiest, and easily the most tedious of the project sections. The first two years of the project (2016-2017) was basically taking old paper records from the high school, yearbooks and newspapers, particularly the Lowell Ledger archives, then typing them into spreadsheets to get them digitally workable," Justin Scott said.

"Once that was done, the next two years (2018-2019) were mostly fact-

checking. Double-checking the accuracy of the scores, grabbing statistics from any results, and comparing the results with the final records to ensure accuracy. There were about 17,000 of these results so you can imagine the difficulty in achieving this. The real MVPs of this archive are library staff members at the Kent District Library for archiving the entire Lowell Ledger history back through the late 1800's and Christine Beachler and the LHS library staff for their help in providing yearbook access and a great place to work on this project," added Scott.

Fortunately, two sports of the project were largely complete already. Lowell football historian Fred Lenger had pieced together the history of the Lowell football program throughout the 1990's and continued this work through the most recent update of his historical booklet in 2013. Lenger happens to be Scott's grandfather, so naturally Justin opted to continue keeping things up to date.

Lenger, now retired with two children and two grandchildren having graduated Lowell High School, is excited to see his football historical book now accessible to the public through the Touchpro website on the Wall of Excellence.

"My problem was that I had no way of sharing my research beyond a few

booklets I could print at my expense. The Lowell Historical Archive was able to take that research, not only continue, but also expand on it. Then it was able to make that information available to any and all who were interested," Lenger told the Ledger.

In addition, he is excited to see his football process done for other sports. "Those records and photos could have been lost forever, and the efforts of all have made certain that will not be the case," Lenger noted.

The other sport largely complete was the wrestling program. "The wrestling program had meticulous records, and in 2017 with the help of Charley Schlosser, we were able to digitize those records. It was fortunate Coach Rivers and others in the program's past did so well with this work," Scott said.

Throughout the teams section are the team photos, another portion of the project that took some work. This work started in 2016 and didn't finish until 2020. How those photos evolved from yearbooks old and new to a digital format was easier than one might think.

"Smartphones have tremendous uses. So pre-smartphone era to get and catalogue the 2000 team photos (Varsity, JV, Freshman) in the school's history across all sports you would've had to photocopy from the yearbooks, then

transfer that image onto a computer where you would have to crop and edit in some sort of editing program. Instead, we took the photos through an iPhone camera. Used an app to quickly and efficiently crop, then upload to our Google Drive," added Scott.

Of course, even with the help of modern technology, the photo archiving process took a lengthy amount of time. Once the photos were archived, the tedious work on captioning those photos came next. While Lowell High School yearbooks did a tremendous job of presenting captions with team photos consistently over the years, the times there were no captions made things quite difficult.

"Well I needed the captions. I used the captions for the historical roster. So if you weren't in the team photo, it left a gap in the roster, and if I didn't have a caption of 50 track and field members, it left 50 gaps in the historical roster, so I often went to Facebook for those team photos that didn't have captions. 2003-2005 were the hardest to tackle. Those yearbooks had no captions for any sport, and I didn't know any of the student-athletes because it was 10 years before my high school years. For recent years it was a little easier, while I may not have known



The athletes section.

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Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer celebrates seniors

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

It was the seniors' time to shine last week as the Lowell boys soccer program honored them with the annual senior night. The team also celebrated their two foreign exchange students that joined them this season. Those seniors for the 2021 season were Danton Goulet, Ben Mika, and Nate Ryan.

Northview got the better of Lowell on the field with a 2-0 win.

Against Greenville, Lowell gave up the first goal of the game, but responded with five straight for the victory. Lowell tied

the game with a goal from Ryan on an assist from Jacob Davidson. Lowell scored four more, including a second half hat trick by Bryce Thompson to win the game 5-1. Goals were scored by Thompson (3), Ryan (2) and assists were contributed by Davidson, David Foster, and Liam Lincolnhol.

The Red Arrows go into the OK White Conference tournament this week. On Monday they had their first conference tournament game, where Lowell fell to the East Grand Rapids Pioneers by a score of 4-1. The game started off well enough for the Red Arrows,

picking up a goal just five minutes in. A throw-in from Noah VanLaan took a hop inside the penalty box over two East Grand Rapids defenders where Ryan was there to put the goal away. East Grand Rapids, at home and ranked 13th in the state in Division 2 responded moments later and took control of the game in the first half, leading 3-1 at halftime, and adding a fourth to secure the win.

Because of lingering COVID concerns, the East Grand Rapids game was live-streamed on the NFHS Network and MHSAA. TV. Live-streaming over

Facebook and other social media networks by schools is not typically allowed under MHSAA rules, this is especially true for playoff events. The NFHS or the National Federation of State High School Associations is the governing body of state athletic associations and typically provides guidance for blanket rules across sports nationally including uniform rules, gameplay and now streaming.



Lowell seniors and exchange students line up for recognition before their game against Northview. Photo courtesy of Lowell Red Arrows Athletics.

Harriers finish third in Allendale

The boys varsity cross-country team placed a respectable third in Saturday's meet at the Allendale Invite with 99 points. Grand Haven took top honors with 39 points, followed by Rockford with 60 points.

Sawyer Fowler was the high-placing Arrow for the team with a fifth-place finish and a time of 16.15. Keegan Cater took 16th with a time of 16.51,

followed by Ben Bromley, 19th, in 16.55. Completing the Red Arrows score were Jackson Fowler, 27th at 17.25 and Levi Mills, 32nd in 17.45. Completing the varsity lineup were Alex Weber, 33rd, 17.50 and Evan Klein, 40th, 18.25.

The Red Arrows will compete this Wednesday at Brookside Golf Course in the third OK White Conference Jamboree.

Top three finish for lady Arrows in Allendale

Starting out aggressively was the Allendale Invitational plan for the Arrows, as the team had an opportunity to race on the MHSAA regional course against regional foes. The plan paid some dividends as the Arrows snagged three medals as well as a third-place finish in a meet won by Rockford.

Annika Sandman took control of the race at the 800m mark and ran to a first-place finish in 18:42 and was followed by the other two medalists: Keira Sandman, sixth place in 19:53 and Katrina Sandman 16th in

20:15. Claire O'Boyle and Megan Lillie completed Lowell's top-five scoring by finishing in 32nd (21:28) and 34th (21:40) respectively. Jamara Harper and Kaylee Byrne finished the varsity lineup with 43rd and 54th place.

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

Arrows race next on Wednesday for the third OK White Jamboree hosted by Greenville.

Historical project, continued

the athletes, I was fortunate to be close with people who had graduated high school a few years later than myself. So during the pandemic while filling in uncaptioned photos from recent years I was able to turn to Joel (Fritsma), Jarrett Duimstra, Logan Smith, and several others who helped me fill those in," added Scott.

Data drives the final section, the historical part of the archive is the most data intensive and arguably the most extensive portion.

"I'm a huge stats nerd myself so the section dedicated to seeing individual matchups vs. schools from around the state was pretty sweet," Joel Fritsma, a member of the LHS Class of 2018 said. Fritsma helped work on the project through the digitization of hockey records during his senior year of high school and digitization of football records in his freshman year.

Within the data, stories can be told. One of those stories is the timeline of girls sports at LHS. Girls sports at LHS and throughout high schools in the country have a unique history all their own. Girls basketball and girls tennis had competitors dating back to 1906. Members of the team included Marguerite Walsh, Florence Scott, Anna Lasby, Ariel Lawrence, Kathryn Lalley, Marguerite Southard, Mabel Laver, Irene Heydlauff, Freda Ecker, Bertha Bergin and Bessie Curtiss. The team had only one result that could be found from the season, a 28-4 loss to Fremont.

"So in the early 1900's there were a lot less contests

because there were a lot fewer schools. You have to understand that it's about 61 miles from Lowell to Fremont. Automobiles were not widespread in 1906. In fact, there was about 1 automobile per 1,000 people and most of those were in larger cities. So it's likely that in the early 1900's these teams may have traveled by horse and carriage to athletic events. It's actually a tremendous thing to think about. That's a long way for an athletic contest. The crazy thing is Fremont actually went on to be a part of the Tri-River Conference later on," added Scott.

The data section of the website largely came together during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This made extensive use of the data already collected and formed tables with historical records for Lowell against different schools categorized by sport, a master historical roster with every LHS student-athlete in history, a master results spreadsheet and other cool bits of historical data.

Women participated in sports on and off throughout the 1930's. Girls basketball was extremely organized through 1927 when it stopped being played. Girls tennis picked up in the 1930s. A common question for those interested in the history of high school athletics is how World War II affected it. The onset of World War II changed the way high school athletics functioned, for both men and women. For women, there were effectively no athletics going on.

For men, while some

sports did play on, there were profound effects. Including many student-athletes actively participating in the war effort, with some fighting and dying for our country. The United States did permit those 18 and older to serve, which meant some high school seniors were eligible. 17-year-olds with parental consent were also allowed to enlist. The following came from the Lowell Ledger in 1942, and Fred Lenger's "A History of Lowell Football".

"During World War II, eleven former players gave their lives in the service of our country: Ray Barrett 1933, Gerald Ellis '34-37, Robert Fineis '36-37, Harry Gould '36, Lee Hoag '34, Edward McDonald '36-37, L. J. Nummer '34, Hoyt Phelps '35-38, Lavant Potter '41-42, Calvin Preston '43, and Gerald Schreur '42-43. Five of these men played for Wendell Emery on the 1936 team," noted in Fred Lenger's "A History of Lowell Football".

One profile is Gerald Schreur who played football for Lowell in 1942-1943 during his freshman and sophomore years and was also part of the boys track team in 1943 as a freshman. A member of the Lowell Class of 1946, he opted to enlist, leaving for the service on June 23rd, 1944. He died in Okinawa, Japan on May 19th, 1945 and was subsequently awarded a silver star. The June 21st, 1945 Ledger notes the following: "On Okinawa Gerald was a machine gunner and while there he met Sgt Stanley

Guild (Guild was another Lowell High Schooler who played baseball in 1940), another Lowell boy who was also killed on Okinawa on May 11. The two boys had been buddies together. Gerry was a fine young man of exemplary character, and deepest sympathy is extended by all to the bereaved family."

Needless to say, the war had a profound impact both in terms of who was competing, who was overseas, and other factors as well such as transportation.

"Due to the lack of transportation and gas rationing, Lowell High School had taken steps to cancel its basketball, baseball and track schedules. The football team will complete its season. Regulations have made it impossible for athletic teams to use school buses as a means of transportation. Instead of competition between schools, a "strong intramural health education program, focused on physical fitness" will be given. Emphasis will be devoted to all students instead of a few. Lowell High School is not alone in this program. Many schools are not completing their football schedules. Detroit has been asked to ban all interschool athletics. All of which brings the war that much closer home. Forrest Buck suggests that would be a good idea to have the Grand Valley football championship for the duration. How about it boys? Let's go!!"

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Red Arrow

FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Lowell ground game masterful in win over rival EGR

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

For a second straight week, Lowell entered the halftime break in the lead with their defense pitching a shutout. This week was different however, as they held on for an important victory.

The Lowell varsity football team came up with a big win over rival East Grand Rapids with a 24-7 final score at Memorial Stadium. In a game that was featured on televisions statewide as Bally Sports High School Game of the Week, Lowell started off the scoring. Bally is a regional sports network replacing Fox Sports Network across the country, hence Fox Sports Detroit being rebranded as Bally Sports Detroit.

It was all about the power run game for Lowell who wanted to control time of possession and wear down

the Pioneer defense. They did that and amassed nearly 300 yards on the ground and a 2:1 time of possession margin. Josh Rau got the Red Arrows on the board with a one-yard touchdown run barreling over defensive players and crossing the goal line early in the second quarter.

“This is a game every Lowell player dreams of playing,” Josh Rau said to Bally Sports after the game. Rau ended the game with 57 rush yards and two touchdowns. He added that second score on a three-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Lowell took a 14-0 lead into halftime.

A big moment came with 7:42 left in the third quarter when East Grand Rapids broke through with a blocked punt. The ball popped up into the area

of the line of scrimmage where a Lowell offensive lineman landed on it. An uncommon, but accurate ruling that was nailed by the officiating crew. Since the Pioneers touched the punt, the ball was live, allowing Lowell to recover. East Grand Rapids defense came up with a big stop for the Pioneers, and would go on to respond with a touchdown of their own.

If you thought East had run out of Grady’s they haven’t. Nathias Grady is yet another member of the Grady family to carry on the family legacy of running the football for the Pioneers. Lowell immediately had a response of their own, with Carter Blough rushing to the left on the first play of the fourth quarter to put Lowell back up 21-7.

The Red Arrows motto

this season is to “Be Relentless”, something Henige learned under Brian Kelley during his playing years at Grand Valley State University from 2003-2007. The Red Arrows have embraced that motto, and turned in a near-perfect performance on the road against the Pioneers. Lowell added a Todd Parcheta field goal and Connor Lixie interception to end the game with a 24-7 win.

The win is a big one for Lowell’s playoff resume. Lowell doesn’t need to get six wins to make the playoffs unlike recent years, playoff entry is based on wins and strength of schedule, the latter being a big boost for Lowell. The Red Arrows play one of the toughest schedules in the state.

Lowell vs EGR

	LHS	EGR
Score	24	7
First Downs	18	6
Rushing Attempts/Yards	66/268	15/51
<i>Blough 23, Rau 18, Crace 14, Huhn 11</i>		
Passes Attempted	5	13
Passes Completed	3	7
<i>Fitzpatrick 25, Neely 11, Krieger 3</i>		
Total Offensive Yards	307	169
Penalties/Yard	4/35	6/40
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	5/269	2/130
Possession Time	25:49	12:54
Third Down Conversions	8/17	0/4
Fourth Down Conversions	4/5	0/2

“We’re going to keep grinding and we’re going to make a run,” Carter Blough said to Bally Sports after the road victory. Blough had a monster game with 118 rushing yards and a team-high six tackles. Lowell outgained the Pioneers 307-169 and went an impressive

four for five on fourth down conversions.

Lowell is on the road again next week at Northview. Lowell’s last home game will be in two weeks against Greenville, which will also serve as senior night.

Golf team prepares for regionals

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

It’s the biggest tournament of the season, and Lowell is ready for it.

This Thursday, Lowell makes their return to Lincoln Golf Club in Muskegon where the MHSAA Regional Tournament will be taking place. Lowell will be looking to book their first ticket to the team states since 2006-2007, a tough task. In a tune-up for regionals, which was held at the same golf course, Lowell recorded a top-ten finish at the Rocket Invitational hosted by Reeths-Puffer. The Red Arrows were led

by Stephanie Spinella’s 89. Rylee Jannenga and Emma Jo McCormick added a couple of 94’s and the scoring was rounded out by Elle Sluss with a 99.

Sluss led the way with a career-best 90 over 18 holes at the conference tournament. The Arrows placed fourth, and Sluss’ score earned her a spot in the individual top ten in the conference. Sluss and McCormick earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors for the golf team.

The ladies consistently

finished in fourth or fifth during conference jamborees, including the Northview Jamboree where all six Lowell players finished below 50. The Red Arrows were led by McCormick’s 42. Spinella and Jannenga both added solid rounds of 45 and 47 respectively. Sophia Flickinger and Maddie Liley both added 48’s, which was a new career low for Flickinger. Sluss added a 49 to round out the scoring.

With such a young team, making it through regionals will be tough. Lowell has been led by stable scoring throughout the season, and will need to break through with some low scores to make the top three. Especially with teams like FHN (2020 state runner-up) and EGR (2020 state top ten) in the picture. Lowell has finished fourth in regionals three times since their last state appearance, most recently in 2018. The teams competing along with

Lowell in the regionals are Cedar Springs, Coopersville, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills, Grand Rapids

Northview, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, Greenville, Muskegon Mona Shores, and the hosts, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer.

Lowell saw one of those opponents Tuesday, for

the team’s last duel of the season against Kenowa Hills at Arrowhead Golf Course. Results were not available for this week’s Lowell Ledger edition.



Underclassmen Emma Jo McCormick and Elle Sluss Earn All-Conference Honors. (Photo courtesy of Lowell Girls Golf Program)



Equestrian team moves on to state championship



Congratulations to Lowell Equestrian on advancing to the MIHA State Championships! Look for an article on the team’s regional championship in next week’s Ledger. Photo Courtesy of Lowell Equestrian.

obituaries

HENDRICK

Lakeview - Wayne Lynwood Hendrick, age 83, of Howard City, went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 27, 2021, at his home with family by his side. Wayne was born May 18, 1938 in Caledonia, MI, the son of Earl and Abbie (Trowbridge) Hendrick. He was raised in Caledonia and graduated from Caledonia Public Schools Class of 1956. He furthered his education as a journeyman die maker working for Atwood, Keeler Brass, ITM, and retiring from Atwood at age 64 in 2002. Wayne married Gaila Martin on September 26, 2009 in Pierson. Wayne enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, woodworking, horseshoes, bowling, and playing cards. He loved his family and spending quality time with them. He loved America and was a true patriot. His favorite color was blue and muted colors.

He was an active member of the Sonshine Worship Center in Lakeview. Wayne will be missed by his wife, Gaila Hendrick of Howard City; three children, Brian Hendrick of Alto, Beth (Paul) Settles of Kalamazoo, and Brad (Ashley) Hendrick of Lowell; one stepdaughter, Tina (Dean) Longcore of



Sand Lake; nine grandchildren, Douglas, Meghan, Thomas, Kimberley, Scott, Abbey, Brecken, Kyle, Justin, Justin K., and Collin; eight great-grandchildren, Easton, Penny, Rockwell, Grady, Juke, Stella, Reid, and Georgia; one brother, Bernard (Pat) Hendrick of Saranac; and countless nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by his late wife, Sandra Hendrick; parents, Earl and Abbie Hendrick; and nine siblings. The family will accept friends for a memorial in Wayne's memory on Friday, October 8, 2021 starting at 11:00 a.m. at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview, MI. Memorial Contributions in Wayne's memory may be made to the Sonshine Worship Center.

Dianna Kay Brummel-Rathbun, age 57 of Lowell, passed away on September 27, 2021. Dianna was preceded in death by her father, Clete Brummel. She is survived by her husband, Joe Rathbun; son, Ransom Rathbun; mother, Harriet (Jerry) Farwell; brother, Chris (Jamie) Brummel; sister, Dawn Rene; brother-in-law, Jim (Ivette) Rathbun; and many nieces and nephews.



Dianna had a nursing career at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital and Spectrum Health United Hospital in Greenville and currently Lakeshore Home Healthcare. In her free time, Dianna enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, crafting, photography, reading, camping, traveling, and even some scuba diving. Dianna will be dearly missed by her friends and family. Visitation was held 6-8 pm Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Services were 11am Friday, October 1, 2021, at Roth Gerst Chapel with visitation one-hour prior. Rev. Jack Roeda officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.



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SMITH

Former Alto resident Jeremy J. Smith passed away in his sleep Sept. 15, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, PA where he resided with his partner, Miranda Wood and his cat, Mama Patches. Jeremy was born on June 4, 1979 and graduated from Lowell High School. Among his jobs after graduation was working with his brother Kirby at Little Caesar's Pizza in Lowell, a West Michigan food processing plant, and General Mills in Ohio. He also worked in Grand Rapids for a while with his Toys R Us family. Jeremy is preceded in death by his cousin, James Flynn. He is survived by his parents, Annie and Ed Smith; his brothers, Eric and Kirby and their families. Eric resides in Rockford with his wife LeAnna and their sons Parker and Pierce; brother Kirby and his wife Diana and nieces Maycee and Emmy who reside in Alto; best friends, Paul and Christina Walters of Kentucky; and ex-wife and friend, Lissette Reynoso who resides in South America. He leaves behind his beloved extended family including aunt Sally Stuck; cousins, Laurie, Janet, Robert, Richard, and Linda of Muskegon; aunt Jane and uncle Tim; cousins, Molly and Jesse Heaven-Hoyle; aunt Merry Heaven and uncle David Holcomb; uncle Jack and Margaret Heaven; cousins, Aaron, Jason, and Melissa all from Clarksville. Other cousins include Larry Smith and family, Kim Smith - Doyle and family. We remembered Jeremy on October 2, 2021. He loved his dog Lumpy, his motorcycle, and his little black Fiat his mom called the "clown car." Jeremy had a love for cooking and sharing his food with others. For those who knew him this isn't goodbye. So "Jeremy, we will see you later." Donations in Jeremy's memory can be made to NPR.org



ABCs continued

a ride to the Grand Trunk Depot a mile away, the livery could also see to the health needs of your horse, as E. D. McQueen was a veterinary surgeon. When you came to town for the day, you could drive into McQueen's 'stand-in barn' and pay 10 cents for the privilege of parking your horse there all day. The livery's first location was at the corner of Chatham and

Mr. English stopped driving it after paying for repair bills for the damages.

The Peckham family, owners of the Lowell Cutter Factory, built the building occupied today by MI Hometown Furnishings for their new venture into the auto body business in 1909. Called the Lowell Auto Body Company, they had contracts for the Austin, Dort-Durant



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Broadway and the Stand In barn was across from it on the east side of Broadway. Later the livery was moved to 222 West Main Street. The first location was donated by the McQueen family to the federal government for the new Lowell Post Office.

After cutters and wagons came the automobile. The earliest cars used the cutter body. The story is told that around the turn of the century Henry Ford looked at the Cutter Factory with the idea of buying it to make automobiles. The owner would not sell because cutters were selling very well and they didn't want to sell out to a "fly-by-night horseless carriage maker." This attitude may have existed in part, because the first automobile in Lowell, built and owned by Carl English in 1900, did not survive long. It was said to have caused many casualties. Horses ran away and buggies were wrecked.

and Buick automobile companies. At the beginning of their venture the Lowell Auto Body Company had orders for one thousand auto bodies.

As the times changed so did the business. McQueen Livery became McQueen Motors. There was an overlap where cars were sold from the front of the business and the livery operated out of the back. E. D. McQueen was joined in business by his son Bruce. The business would later move out of the downtown to the west side of town.

Today the old McQueen Building at 222 West Main is seeing complete renovation and restoration. It is owned by King Milling and after the restoration it will be home to offices for the company.

From walking and ox carts to automobiles, Lowell has seen many changes in how individuals zoom from one place to another.



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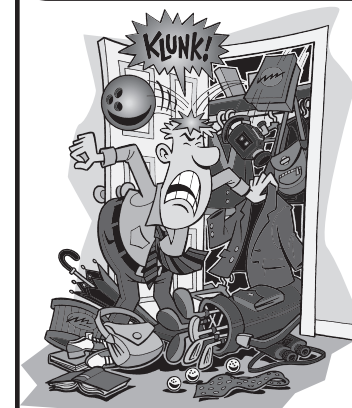
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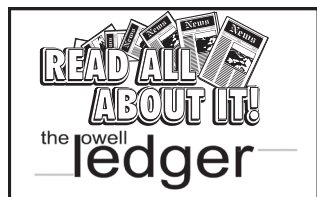
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Historical project, continued

Lowell Ledger, October 15, 1942

True to their word, the 1943 baseball season did not have a record of any official results, nor did boys track. Things did return to competition following the spring of 1943 in limited fashion through the end of the war.

Back to the women's side, major changes to women's athletics were beginning to happen. Organized cheer squads formed in the 1950's, but it was the early 1970's when girls athletics really began to take shape at Lowell High School.

Co-ed teams began to form in the early 70's. Tennis was one of the first. Girls basketball re-emerged in 1972, winter cheer in 1974, girls track in 1974, gymnastics in 1975, volleyball in 1978, softball in 1979.

Tennis being one of the first to break through may be a surprising fact, but tennis was the sport to play in the 1970's. Names like McEnroe, Nastase, Evert, Billie Jean King, Navratilova, the growing use of television broadcasting and the availability of equipment and courts turned a sport once thought of as only for the rich to a boom in the middle-class of America. Lowell tennis at the high school level was a great example of this.

"I think the whole project is outstanding. I was surprised at how far back the information and even pictures went. I searched the tennis pages back to the 30's and was amazed to see stats and pictures for those teams. For me it was really cool to go back and see pictures of some of the first teams that I coached. I forgot about some of the players, so it was really nice to see their photos again," Lowell High

School boys and girls head coach Chris Phillips said. "I think this will be a very cool thing for current and former students and athletes as well as people in the community."

The 1972-1973 girls tennis team won one game, but along with girls basketball, the 1970's feminist movement was on display in the halls of Lowell High School as more and more girls started to participate.

Another sport that emerged in the 1970's was volleyball. Often with a new sport starting off, there is a few years of struggle. This was not the case for Lowell who was quickly competitive winning their first three program games in 1978-1979.

"It is pretty awesome to see the tradition and the history that this program is continuing to build on. It is awesome to be able to look back at past teams and see who was a part of it and what they achieved. I think it is cool for our athletes right now to know where the program was and who came before them. We need to be able to honor the past, respect the present and continue to build for the future," Lowell Volleyball Head Coach Jordan Drake said.

Some sports like football and wrestling had an already extensive archived history. Others, like golf, had very little of their history intact. This was a result of not being as accessible as some spectator sports, and a lack of information.

"I don't play favorites, but I golfed in high school so it was important for me to get that section of the archive complete. I was fortunate to work a bit with my former golf coach, Gary Fredline, on getting accurate statistics into the archive from recent seasons. Now that there's

a finished result, it's really cool to look at," said Scott.

Golf, a sport with little history available before now has a record of duals versus other schools, a ranking of top 9-hole rounds in history, top 18-hole rounds in history and an all-time roster, along with team photos from each year, and team summaries and results from each year.

"It's not perfect. There are over 1,500 record rounds in LHS boys golf competitive history for example. There are unfortunately rounds from the 1970's where there were no Ledger articles on the team, or rounds in the yearbook, or records in the LHS paper records, sadly results that may be gone forever. This isn't a discredit to any of those sources. For a small-town newspaper, and one that throughout its history did not solely focus on Lowell, they did quite well. That's why it was so important an archive was completed as soon as possible, so more records were not lost and so that those who played golf in the 1970's for example can bring information to the athletics department, and help fill in gaps." Scott added.

The power of the data in the historical section is not more evident than in the master historical opponents spreadsheet, a page where Lowell's record against other schools in all sports is shown.

Lowell's record as a school in all sports against other schools in dual formats is 8831 wins, 7853 losses, 332 ties, and 331 unknown results. What do you have? Well one, a winning record. Unless there is some sort of unique advantage or disadvantage a location has over an extended period of time most high schools would have a relatively close to .500 record.

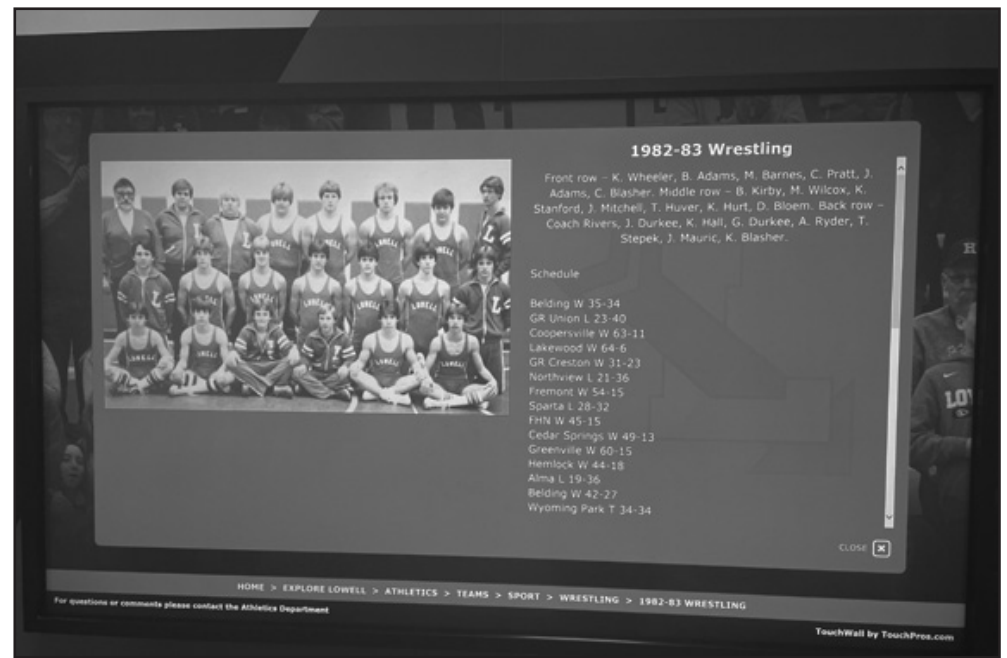
Looking closer at matchups with individual schools, Lowell has faced East Grand Rapids the most through 2020-2021, an astonishing 1132 times. Of the games with known results, Lowell is 447-649-16 against the Pioneers (39.49 win percentage). Against their second most common opponent, Lowell has played Northview 1015 times, with a record of 532-452-18 (52.41 win percentage). Against Cedar Springs the difference is more noticeable (64.24 win percentage). So what does

touchpros.com as it is web-based. The website is compatible with desktop, but is not built for mobile.

"Being able to look back at old teams from high school definitely floods you with memories and emotions. Without seeing or reading about the team, it is hard to remember what exactly all happened in those seasons. But with the screen showing everything, it is like the memories almost come back to life. There are so many great things that happened with the teams that I was able to be a part of and it

The touchscreen also contains areas for academics and clubs that can be expanded upon by the non-athletics administration over time. One part that has already been added is the summa cum laude students and valedictorians from past years. On the athletics side though, things are very close to complete thanks to the athletics historical archive project.

"There are 30 sports covered as in-depth as we could get them. I've looked into high school sports history fairly in-depth, and I



Example of a team page.

something like this tell you? It tells you a bit about the history of the schools at a macro level. Lowell, with an above .500 record is fortunate to have been blessed with resources, talented coaching and dedicated administration not just in the 2010's but through history. The fact that East Grand Rapids, a school with over 100 state championships, has a pretty favorable historical win percentage against Lowell isn't surprising given their athletic prowess across so many sports for so long. Overall, the statistics within the data section tell their own stories, and there are so many to be told from the past, and going forward.

As far as the future, the Lowell Athletics department has big things still in store for the athletics hallway.

"With the success of our Red Arrow student-athletes, we currently do not have enough space to display all the trophies. We have some conference championship trophies in storage that I would love to have displayed. Highlighting our State Championship teams is another project that would be great to add to the athletics hallway," Athletic Director Dee Crowley added.

The touchscreen is available for viewing at any home events held in the gyms. The public may always view the information online at redarrows.

is cool to see those come to life," Coach Drake, a baseball and football player during his time at LHS, said.

"Seeing my former teams on the board made me nostalgic in a sense. Being in college now, life comes at me with all these big responsibilities, so looking back on the simpler times with teammates who loved the games of tennis and golf as much as I did... it truly makes me remember all the fun times we had as a team," added Joel Fritsma.

While the project is largely completed, there will always be more work to be done. Discussions about how to continue to update the spreadsheets and website as well as expansion of the historical information are ongoing. Ideas such as adding rankings lists, like the golf team's top golf rounds or the gymnastics team's top apparatus scores would be beneficial to student-athletes. The cross-country teams currently do this with fastest times, for example. Other sports could utilize this with goals scored (soccer, lacrosse), points scored (basketball) and so on. Public information to fill in gaps are another way of improving the project. For example, while the Lowell wrestling team's history is well intact, there are some irregularities, in 2003 two opponents of the Gary Rivers Tournament are just not known.

truly believe Lowell now has one of the most extensive high school sports archives, not just in the state, but in the country. The archive ultimately was the result of the combined work of a lot of incredible people, and those people are credited in the history section," Scott concluded.

Those sports are boys tennis, girls tennis, boys soccer, girls soccer, boys cross-country, girls cross-country, boys golf, girls golf, wrestling, baseball, ice hockey, boys basketball, girls basketball, football, crew, boys bowling, girls bowling, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, girls track, boys track, girls volleyball, gymnastics, softball, competitive cheer/winter cheer, sideline cheer, equestrian, swim & dive, competitive shooting and ski.

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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!

CHEESE AND MORE WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

CHEESE AND MORE WORD SEARCH

AMERICAN
BRIE
BUTTER
CHEDDAR

CHEESE COLBY

GRATED

GRILLED

HARD

MELTED

MONTEREY JACK

MOZZARELLA MUENSTER

PAN

PANINI

PECORINO

PEPPER

RICOTTA

SLICED SOFT

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on October 3, 2004. I started acting when I was six years old. I am best known for playing a teen in a popular Netflix series about kids in a town where unusual things happen.

Answer: Noah Schnapp

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cheese.

I S C L E

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Answer: Slice

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CLUES ACROSS

- Leg shank
- A way to recognize
- "VeggieTales" character
- Getting out of by cunning
- Mythological mountain
- Atomic #18
- Viscous liquid
- 2010 Denzel film
- 12th star in a constellation
- Made better
- Pouches
- Nervous twitch
- This (Spanish)
- Tennis legend Bjorn
- Hand (Spanish)
- Afrikaans
- Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- Treated with kid gloves
- Leaseholder
- Frogs, toads, tree toads
- Popular dance
- Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- Mark
- Health insurance
- Custom clothing brand
- One who makes suits
- Execute or perform
- Degree of pleasantness

CLUES DOWN

- when tasting
- Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- Blood group
- Imaginary line
- Hopeless
- Darken
- Spoke
- Work units
- A way to fit out
- Football carries
- Force out
- Maintaining equilibrium
- Sealed with a kiss
- Type of container
- Hollywood
- We
- Small freshwater ducks
- Norse personification of old age
- Says who you are
- Candidate
- Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- Defunct language (abbr.)
- Take too much
- Iranian province
- Records electric currents
- _ and feathers
- Beloved Mr. T character
- More (Spanish)
- Beverage
- Promotional material
- Green vegetable
- National capital
- To any further extent
- Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- Anger
- Pound
- Popular Yugo
- Salt of acetic acid
- Milliheny
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Make wider
- Drink containing medicine
- Acknowledging
- Private, romantic rendezvous
- Calvary sword
- Disease of the lungs
- 2001 Spielberg film
- Fleshy, watery fruit
- In one's chambers
- Set of information (abbr.)
- Dorm employee
- Indicates position

Today: Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Wednesday, Oct. 6 is the 279th day of the year. There are 86 days remaining until the end of 2021.

Historic Events Caccini, the earliest Palazzo Pitti in Florence, 1683: German immigrant 1600: "Euridice" by surviving opera, receives its Italy with Peri himself families found Germantown, Jacopo Peri and Giulio premiere performance at the singing the lead role. PA, the first major German

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.

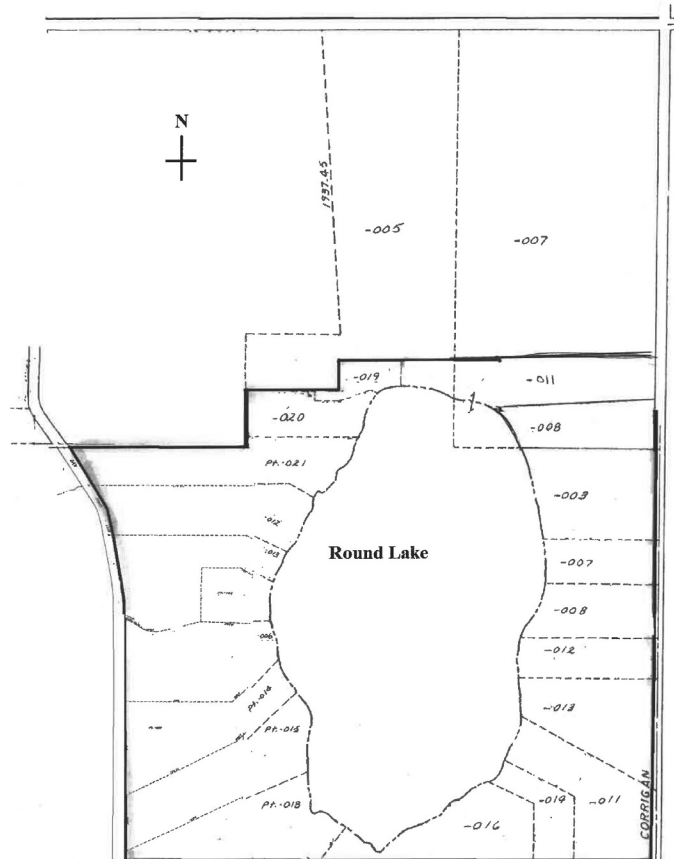
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF SAID 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



Oct. 6, 1927: Opening of "The Jazz Singer," the first prominent sound film.

- settlement in North America, officially celebrated as "German-American Day" in the US since 1983.
- 1762: The British capture Manila from Spain and occupy it.
- 1777: British forces capture Fort Clinton and Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River.
- 1789: During the French Revolution, King Louis XVI is forced to change his residence from Versailles to the Tuileries Palace in Paris.
- 1884: The Naval War College is founded in Newport, RI.
- 1898: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the largest American musical fraternity, is founded at the New England Conservatory of Music.
- 1910: Eleftherios Venizelos is elected prime minister of Greece for the first of seven times.
- 1942: US troops force the Japanese from their positions east of the Matanikau River on Guadalcanal.
- 1973: Egypt and Syria launch coordinated attacks against Israel, beginning the Yom Kippur War.
- 1976: Premier Hua Guofeng arrests the Gang of Four, ending the Cultural Revolution in China.
- 1976: Dozens are killed by the Thai army in the Thammasat University massacre.
- 1977: The first prototype of the Mikoyan MiG-29 makes its maiden flight in the Soviet Union.
- 1979: Pope John Paul II becomes the first pontiff to visit the White House.
- 1981: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is murdered by Islamic extremists.
- 1987: Fiji becomes a republic.
- 1995: Discovery of "51 Pegasi b," the first planet orbiting another sun.
- 2010: Instagram is founded.

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