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Thousands attended Lowell Harvest Festival downtown on Saturday, Oct. 9

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The annual Lowell Harvest Festival brought thousands of people downtown on Saturday, Oct. 9, for a huge sidewalk sale, chili contest, animal swap, 5k run, pancake breakfast and plenty more.

"This chili is wonderful," said Nancy Roth, who was dishing out chili from Miss P's Catering. "It doesn't have a lot of heat, it's not real spicy, it's just a real nice, mild chili."

Backwater Café came in first and Main Street BBQ made second place in the sold out chili contest. The other participants were Big Boiler Brewing, Flat River Grill, Keiser's Kitchen, Larkin's Fine Food & Cocktails and Sneaker's.

There was a very successful book sale at the Englehardt Library.

"The book sale is going very well, in fact we just made a \$100 sale," said Stephanie Weaver, a retired librarian



and current volunteer with the Friends of the Englehardt Library. "That's a lot, at least a hundred books.

Some dealers come, they're looking to stock up on nice books, and we do have some lovely books."

Dozens of vendor booths lined the Riverwalk, and many Main Street retailers had tables of merchandise

out on the sidewalk in front of their locations.

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Lowell Museum director Lisa Plank is 2021 "Gordon Olson Award" winner

The Kutsche Office of Local History at Grand Valley State University last week announced the Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director Lisa Plank was their 2021 Gordon Olson Award winner.

Established in 2014, the Gordon Olson Award is given to one individual each year. Named in honor of Gordon Olson, former Grand Rapids city historian and inaugural president of the Kutsche Office of Local History's Advisory Council, Olson's books, leadership, programming, mentorship, and advocacy inspired generations of West Michigan residents.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to local history. The Gordon Olson Award recognizes individuals whose work embodies the Kutsche Office's mission of using history to give voice to diverse communities. They celebrate those who help facilitate our understanding

of the past and those who are documenting history as it happens in the present. Nominations are open to anyone, from historians, librarians and genealogists, to journalists, artists and community organizers.

"Most will know the Grand Rapids native as the executive director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, the latest in a long career of bringing history out to the public in West Michigan," read an announcement from the Kutsche Office. "Plank excels at developing partnerships to share West Michigan's diverse histories in a multitude of formats, from digitized collections to FM radio broadcasts to fostering the region's next generation of public historians through student collaborations. Our nomination committee was also impressed with how Plank's work acknowledges that local history is just as complex, critical and contested as the present."

Grand Valley State University professors Scott Stabler and Matthew Daley nominated Plank for the award.

"Lowell serves as the historical museum's foundation, but it reaches a much broader audience as well," Stabler said. "Though I'm not a resident, she persuaded my wife and I to attend the annual fundraiser and become members of the historical society. Lisa worked with GVSU professor Abby Gautreau's museum studies course [...] and regularly mentors interns from a variety of universities in the area. The historical museum has digitized a broad swath of their images and even some documentary pieces of their collection. This demonstrates the commitment to having history 'in public.' Dr. Daley supports this nomination as well and concurs with Lisa Plank's importance to not just Lowell, but history beyond those borders."

"The Lowell Area Historical Museum is a wonderful place to share local history," Plank said. "The history of the Lowell area is rich and diverse. We strive to find creative ways to share that history with a wide audience. The staff and volunteers at the museum are committed to bringing our history alive in inspiring ways.

This includes exhibits, public displays like the downtown interpretive boards, public speakers and innovative education opportunities."

This commitment to sharing local history was also recognized recently by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce when they

awarded the museum with the Non-Profit Spotlight Award. The museum has sought to find innovative ways to bring history alive to the Lowell community and beyond. Throughout the pandemic they have introduced new projects, such as the ABCs of Lowell History, to further that goal of sharing history.



LowellArts presents classic radio shows Oct. 22-31

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The LowellArts Theatre will present "Don't Touch That Dial! A Classic Radio Show" on Oct. 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31.

During the show, three radio shows from the 1930s will be performed, "The Shadow: The Silent Avenger," "Abbott & Costello: Who's On First?" and "Fibber McGee and Molly: Fibber's Closet."

A cast of lively voice actors will transport the audience back in time to the set of a radio broadcast studio, where they'll discover why the 1930s are considered the golden age of radio.

"The 1930s was considered the golden age of radio because of shows like the two we're performing, and because radio was the media of the time," said co-director Laurie Kuna. "Sound effects will be done live, just as they were done in the past, and our cast will be wearing costumes that are as close to what regular people wore in the 30s as we can get them. The audience will be experiencing the

'broadcast' of a radio show as they would have had they gone to a radio studio in that time period. In 1939, 80 percent of US households had a radio. And remember, this was during the Great Depression.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, provided his 'Fireside Chats' as a way of communicating to Americans who were suffering through the worst economic downturn in US history. These 'chats' were a way of informing citizens and of lifting national morale. Then, of course, on December 8, 1941, the broadcast of FDR's address to the US Congress described to the nation the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 'a date which will live in infamy,' and what it meant - that we were at war."

The show is directed by Laurie Kuna and Kim Miller and the cast includes Deb Canfield, Zack Conrad, Mike Golczynski, John Foley, Laurel Jordan, Amy McDaniel, Becky Reagan, Dianna Roush, Gary Soentgen, Mark Stoll, Drew

Tatge, Dan VanderMeulen, Corrie VanRavenswaay and Ron Wood.

"We chose 'The Shadow' and 'Fibber McGee and Molly' episodes initially because they represent popular radio shows that ran for years, from the 1930s on," Kuna said. "We also wanted to provide our modern audience with a contrast in programming that Americans in the 30s would have experienced as a matter of course. 'The Shadow' was a melodrama involving a mysterious crime fighter that ran from Sept. 26, 1937 until Dec. 26, 1954, and if you asked people aged 65 and older, 'Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?' chances are excellent they'll respond, 'The Shadow knows.' The episode of 'The Shadow' I'm directing was first broadcast on March 13, 1938. Fibber McGee and Molly is a comedy which provides a change in the 'tone' of our production. Fibber McGee and Molly began its run in 1935 and ended in 1959. As for the 'Who's on First?' skit by Abbott and Costello, they first performed it on Kate Smith's radio show on March 24, 1938. The first time the skit appeared in visual media was in 1945, in the film 'The Naughty Nineties.' But the true explanation for why we're including it in our show is that John Foley, who voices 'The Shadow' has also performed the 'Who's on First?' skit literally hundreds of times, in nursing homes and at other events and locations."

The performances will be held at the LowellArts gallery, 223 W Main. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 pm and Sunday shows are at 2 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$17 at the door. LowellArts members receive \$2 off. Advance



Diana Roush, Corrie VanRavenswaay, Becky Reagan, Ron Wood and John Foley in rehearsal for "Don't Touch That Dial!" [photos by Janet Teunis]

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on October 27th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 69 Lincoln Lake Ave (Lowell) to hear the following business:

A variance application has been received from Jerry Gable for the parcel known as 234 Tia Trail SE to place an accessory structure within the required 50' rear yard setback. This parcel is located off Flat River Drive and known as permanent parcel #41-16-25-428-010. The request for a dimensional variance is with respect to zoning ordinances sections 201.305, 201.402, and 201.704.

A second variance application has been received from Scott West for the parcel known as 1165 Biggs Ave NE to place an accessory structure, private stables, within the required 75' setback from boundary lines. This parcel is located north of Fallasburg Park and known as permanent parcel #41-16-23-100-044. The request for a dimensional variance is with respect to zoning ordinances sections 201.404.B and 201.704.

The complete variance application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Public comment will be heard at the meeting and comments received by mail, email, in person or in the Township drop box will be considered if received at the Township office prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

To view the application on the website, click on "Departments", then "Zoning Board of Appeals", then "Pending Applications."

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"Several songs will be performed live," said co-director Kim Miller. "The Snickerdoodles [Amy McDaniel, Martha Bundra and Sarah Stickney] are singing 'Take the A Train' and 'Ain't Misbehaving' and [Kim Miller] is singing

'Dream a Little Dream of Me.' We also will have a display of antique radios in the gallery to view. Laurie used old Lowell Ledger ads from the time frame as a template for the ads included in the radio show." For more information, visit lowellartsmi.org/dont-touch-that-dial.

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FlyLiteGemini is LowellArts featured artist for Oct.



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

LowellArts featured artist for October is FlyLiteGemini, the Kalamazoo-based alternative/folk/blues/rock band.

FlyLiteGemini consists of Joe Chamberlin on guitar, Sam Rice on drums, Dan Hildebrandt on bass guitar and Nate Karnes on keyboards. They've made two albums so far, "FlyLiteGemini" in 2017 and "Bigger on the Inside" in 2019 and are planning a release of "Time and Space" for early 2022.

"We feel honored, it's really awesome and it made us pretty happy," Chamberlin said about the band's featured artist status. "There's not as much music press as there used to be, so it can be harder to get those little bits and pieces of info out about your band, but it makes a big difference when people come out to see shows. There's so much music out there, a lot of times it's the personal details that can be the difference that sways people to come to a show. We have performed in Lowell a couple times. There was a socially-distanced venue operating during the pandemic called Camp Clear Sky. I'm not sure exactly what happened, but it was an amazing little venue, it was a really fun place to play, and people from the area who came out really enjoyed what we did. It was a really nice experience."

Chamberlin and Rice were members of Fly Paper, formed in 2012 and now on an indefinite hiatus. They worked hard and made it big in a small way, releasing one "fan funded" live album and playing big festivals and shows with artists like Styx, Lee Rocker of the Stray Cats

and Marcia Griffiths. "That band was working on the national circuit, I think we hit 180 shows a year," Chamberlin said. "There was a main singer, her and I kind of co-fronted. She was a singer and lead guitarist, and I played bass and sometimes lead guitar. But she did not like touring at all, so at some point she just was like, 'I'm done.' We couldn't find two of me or two of her to keep going, so we've had to take a little break. I was having some health issues and actually thought I was dying. The tests were coming back and the doctors had no idea. It turned out it was most likely that I was drinking too much coffee and not drinking enough water, overburdening my nervous system with caffeine. Anyway, during that time I thought I was dying, I was like, 'I need to record an album of some of the songs I've written,' as, like, an epitaph or something. I was thinking about the last band, Fly Paper. We had talked about different versions of that name, like Fly Paper

Dream. I liked the idea of flying, but flying light, trying to remind myself to be light, to not be so heavy, to not focus on the negative things in life. And I was born into the astrological sign Gemini. So the name says, 'Keep moving, keep moving through all this stuff.' Thankfully the health problems weren't major, and it ended up evolving into this band. But the name comes from all that, as a reminder to keep moving, to try not to dwell on the heavy things, especially if you can't do anything. And then I'm always going to be a Gemini, that was the other thing. So no matter what happens, no matter who quits the band, I don't have to start over again, because FlyLiteGemini is a band, but it's also, in a way, me. We are four piece band. We started becoming a duo because we had a bass player who was becoming less available, but we managed to keep it going all through the pandemic. Our drummer also plays guitar with me, he also writes songs and

sings lead and harmonies as well. It's something that came out of necessity. By doing the duo, you get a good representation of the band's music. You still get all the most of the solos and you get all the harmonies and such. And now that we have a solid bass player, we're hoping to be doing more with the band next year."

Chamberlin has immersed himself in music since childhood, both as a talented participant and an avid listener.

"I've always been drawn toward music," Chamberlin said. "I was surrounded by music by my grandfather, my mother played the organ a little bit, my pops was always really into rock and roll. Apparently he wanted to play guitar but never got around to it. I was encouraged to play music - not necessarily guitar, but violin and clarinet. Eventually, I got to a place where I was like, 'You know, I don't hear a lot of the violin and clarinet in the music that I like.' So I got a part-time job and got a

guitar and I've been playing ever since. I would say the chances of me performing on violin or clarinet with the band are very, very low! I suppose it's possible, I shouldn't write it off as quick as I did. I would say that Jimi Hendrix is a huge influence for me. He really hoped that music would bring people together. I think those are the two things that all people have in common: love and music, so I found his 'message of love,' if you will, so very inspiring. As well as taking a simple form like the blues, and expanding it in such a creative and extensive way, and kind of setting the bar really high in a lot of ways. He's probably my biggest the guitar influence. Songwriting-wise, I like a lot of music. I mean, not that you'll hear RZA from the Wu-Tang Clan in my music, but I really appreciate RZA. I like all the old rockabilly songwriters - Eddie Cochran and Buddy Holly - into the into the folksingers like Cat Stevens and Bob Dylan. I've spent a lot of time in punk rock bands too, so the Ramones are in there. Our drummer would definitely say I listen to the Ramones too much. He's always slowing me down because I'm playing too fast."

Like many artists, after last year's COVID lockdowns they have a tremendous backlog of work they've been itching to share with the public. Physical copies of "Time and Space" will probably be available next spring, but until then they will preview some tracks online and they'll play them at live shows.

"Coming into the pandemic, we already had

enough songs for a new album, that we had gigged out quite a bit, so we went ahead and recorded those at the beginning of this year," Chamberlin said. "We got a grant from the arts council in Kalamazoo to help with the pressing of vinyl and stuff, so we've got that one going. Then we have a fourth and probably most of a fifth album written already. Now that we have a steady bass player, we've started working on integrating those songs into the band's sets. The third album is not officially out yet. It's mastered and the copyrights are filed and we're trying to figure out what to do, because we want to get the songs out there sooner than we have the vinyl back. But the way final production is, even though it's in the queue, we won't have the actual physical copies until, like, April of next year. We're probably going to start releasing songs digitally as soon as the cover art is finished, probably early November. We're having it pressed at Third Man in Detroit, Jack White's record plant. They built brand new machines. Most of the other pressing plants are operating machines that were pressing records in the 50s and 60s, but when he started that plant he had all new machines built so the quality tends to be top notch and very consistent." FlyLiteGemini's next scheduled performance is at Short's Brewing Company in Bellaire on Saturday, Nov. 20.

For more information about them, visit lowellartsmi.org/october-flylitegemini or flylitegemini.com, or look for them on social media.

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Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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Historic Events

54: Roman emperor Claudius dies from poisoning under mysterious circumstances and is succeeded by his adoptive son Nero.

1269: The church at Westminster Abbey is consecrated.

1307: Hundreds of the Knights Templar in France are arrested at dawn by King Philip and later confess, under torture, to heresy.

1399: Coronation of Henry IV of England at Westminster Abbey.

1775: The Continental Congress establishes the Continental Navy, later the US Navy.

1792: The cornerstone of the White House is laid.

1812: Sir Isaac Brock's British and native forces repel an invasion of Canada by US General Henry K. VanRensselaer's forces during the War of 1812.

1821: The Declaration of Independence of the Mexican Empire is publicly proclaimed.

1843: Founding in New York City of B'nai B'rith, the oldest Jewish service organization in the world.

1885: The Georgia Institute of Technology is founded in Atlanta, GA.

1892: Edward Emerson Barnard is the first to discover a comet by photographic means.

1903: The Boston Red Sox win the first modern World Series, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth game.

1908: Margaret Travers Symons bursts into the UK parliament, becoming the first woman to speak there.

1917: The "Miracle of the Sun" is witnessed by an estimated 70,000 people in the Cova da Iria in Portugal.

1921: Soviet republics sign the Treaty of Kars



Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 until 1990, and Lenny Bruce, the foul-mouthed junkie comic, were both born on Oct. 13, 1925.

to formalize the borders between Turkey and the South Caucasus states.

1923: Ankara becomes the capital of Turkey.

1943: Marshal Pietro Badoglio announces that Italy has officially declared war on Germany.

1962: The Pacific Northwest experiences a cyclone the equal of a Category 3 hurricane, with winds above 150 mph, killing 46 people.

1972: Aeroflot Flight 217 crashes outside Moscow, killing 174.

1972: Uruguayan Air Force Flight 571 crashes in the Andes mountains. There are 28 survivors of the crash, but only 16 are left alive when they're finally rescued on Dec. 23.

1976: The first electron

micrograph of an Ebola virus is taken at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by Dr. F.A. Murphy.

1983: In Chicago, Ameritech Mobile Communications launches the first US cellular network.

1990: Syrian forces attack free areas of Lebanon and remove General Michel Aoun from the presidential palace.

2010: A mining accident in Copiapó, Chile ends as all 33 trapped miners arrive at the surface after 69 days underground.

Birthdays

1876: Rube Waddell, baseball player

1909: Art Tatum, pianist

1912: Cornel Wilde, actor, director

1920: Laraine Day, actor

1921: Yves Montand, actor

1926: Walter "Killer" Kowalski, wrestler

1927: Lee Konitz, saxophonist, composer

1938: Shirley Caesar, singer/songwriter

1939: Melinda Dillon, actor

1940: Pharoah Sanders, saxophonist, bandleader

1941: Neil Aspinall, record producer

1941: Paul Simon, singer/songwriter

1946: Lacy J. Dalton, singer/songwriter, guitarist

1947: Sammy Hagar, singer/songwriter, Van Halen

1948: Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, musician



viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,
 Question?
 Last evening I had the occasion to attend a performance by the local high school concert and symphony orchestras. It was a delightful and rewarding experience to be sure. Some 60 members of the high school student body demonstrated what they have been learning and yes, practicing since the start of the school year. Regrettably, last year was pretty much lost due to the COVID event, but 2021-22 is thankfully, going to be different.
 It is always refreshing to witness the next generation of our country when they can demonstrate skills that give hope to our future. These

performances, or those similar, occur all across the country in small hamlets and metropolitan centers of core cities and adjoining suburbs. The commonality is reflected in the faces of our youth accompanied by their instruments. Personally, all I can play is the radio, so I am mystified how instructors can transfer the ability and enjoyment of music performed by relative neophytes. The pride in these teachers' hearts can be seen reflected in the feeling of accomplishment of the students.
 Last night was no different than countless other evenings of the gifts of public schools. Yes, too often the public is quick to

criticize and slow to praise the efforts of educators. Now don't presume that I am always pleased with the product that is offered to and consumed by the next generation, no, we must be vigilant and supportive of our school systems. It is extremely difficult to meet the needs of our diverse community and instill in our students the ability to capture success for that distant future.
 Last evening I watched with pride, the performance by 60 teens to capture the essence of music of another generation. In a more contemporary vein the Star Wars theme was illuminated by lights on the instruments, very tricky and so enjoyable. Mrs. Tenney was justly proud of her charges.
 If I was to offer a criticism it would be of the audience, or lack there of. A beautiful venue and good music wasn't enough to fill

the place. Oh sure there were parental representations and grandparents too, but not nearly enough. These sixty students have class and practice time rivaling any of the athletic programs and yet countless empty seats. No, it is about time that we gave equal support to the arts and the youngsters who dedicate the time to learn and then perform, and heck there is no admission charge. Like those students who spend hours in the weight room and on the practice field or court, our arts participants deserve our attention and support. There are significant performances scheduled in the months ahead (October and December). I would challenge you to go and support our budding musicians, let's have a full house.
 Thanks for listening
 Roger Royer
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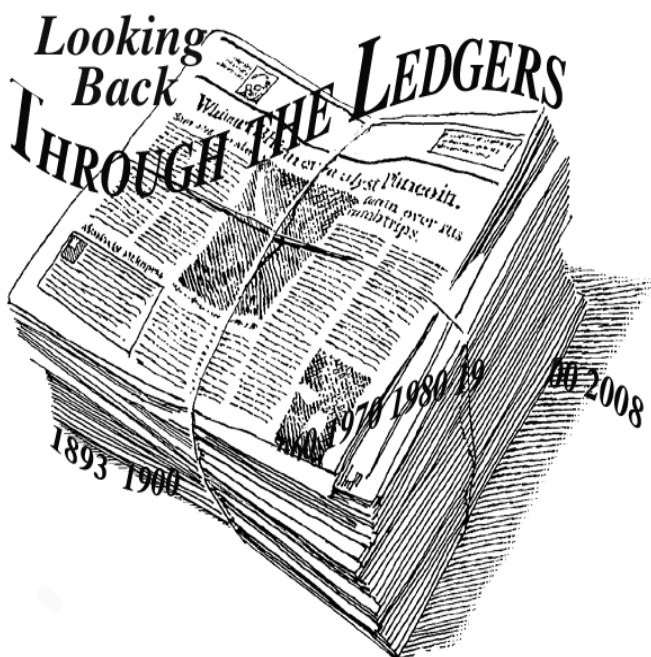
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Dave Stegehuis

As the seasons change, so do the activities that are weather dependent. Tasks such as gardening, and yard work can wait until next spring. Fishermen have no need for a boat when they can walk around on the lake. Few people are interested in camping in the snow.
 One thing that is common with all of these seasonal endeavors is they involve the use of some kind of equipment. People seem to have a lot of stuff these days. Notice the houses with three stall garages and outbuildings. When not in use for a long period of time, these things must be properly maintained to avoid damage and be ready for service when days become warmer and longer.
 Tents, boat covers, soft side campers, tarps, or anything with fabric must be totally dry when stored to avoid mold. Avoid storage areas that are damp or have limited ventilation. Rodents can also cause serious damage. Rodent proof containers or repellent can be used to prevent trouble. Fishing reels eventually need fresh line. Now is a good time to cleanup and change oil in gas powered equipment. Some engines can be adversely affected by

ethanol fuel, so gas should be drained or stabilized just in case. R.V. plumbing must be winterized. Wheel bearings are overlooked until the trailer is jacked-up alongside the highway. Boat trailers especially should be regularly checked and serviced because of immersion in water. Batteries can be stored inside or put on a trickle charger. Keeping a battery charged avoids freezing. Everything will benefit from a thorough cleaning before storage.
 Take note of needed repairs and time-consuming maintenance issues which can be dealt with over the winter. Service facilities have more time to fix out of season equipment. Getting a camper issue resolved around a holiday weekend next spring, may be impossible. There is plenty of time for parts to be delivered. Internet videos are a great resource for doing the work yourself.
 Completing service and repairs and proper storage now means that the next time the equipment is to be used one can enjoy sitting around the campfire or casting a line instead of dealing with defunct equipment.



100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 20, 1921

Circuit Judges Willis B. Perkins and John S. McDonald yesterday informed the board of supervisors they do not keep one eye on the mothers' pension fund when fixing alimony in divorce cases, but on the contrary, compel the man in the case to pay every dollar they believe equitable, or might be gotten, if he were not able to pay what he ought.
 A railroad strike would have little or no effect on foodstuffs in Grand Rapids and western Michigan, in the opinion of local wholesale merchants. Situated in the center of a very productive agricultural district this city can get all the food it needs with the aid of motor trucks, many of which have been competing with the railroads for months and can double the number of trips daily if an emergency arises.
 Gasoline, mistaken for kerosene, resulted in serious injuries to John Fourné, 70 years old, when he tried to pour it on a pile of leaves. The can exploded in his hands and scattered flaming gasoline over his clothing.

75 years The Lowell Ledger October 17, 1946

One out of every four voting citizens in the United States will be veterans of World War II. Care for veterans of all previous wars cost \$35 billion up to 1945. Cost of the new GI Bill of Rights may finally cost more than \$30 billion, according to the U. S. News. A federal bonus, similar to that granted after World War I would add \$10 to \$15 billion. Prediction: vote-hungry candidates will soon advocate a federal bonus for our 20 million veterans.
 The brutal slaying of Charles A. Knapp, Lowell motorcycle officer, on Main street Tuesday, May 24, 1932, was recalled by Lowell citizens, with the arrest of Vincent Henry, 46, at Bayonne, N.J., last Saturday, Kent county officers left Monday to bring Henry back to Michigan to face trial for bank robbery. He was one of the four men who robbed the Wealthy-st. branch bank of Grand Rapids, 14 years ago.
 Price controls on meat were thrown out the window on Tuesday, the President having altered the course he had previously set. The action was in response to a nationwide clamor for decontrol. Without doubt a few weeks time will elapse before meat begins to reach the counters in large quantities, although local slaughtering will doubtless help the situation soon.
 50 years
 The Lowell Ledger
 October 21, 1971
 The 100-year old Fallasburg Bridge, northeast of Lowell, one of the three remaining covered bridges in Michigan, was officially recognized by the Michigan Historical Commission last Saturday afternoon. One of the beautiful and impressive Historical Site markers was dedicated at the bridge in a ceremony conducted by the West Central Michigan Historical Society, which had promoted this project. Mrs. Leonora Tower, president of the society, presided at the ceremony.

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.
 The requirements are:
 • All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
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 • In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
 • We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

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 fourth round of the alphabet.

A is for Alto

Alto Michigan is an unincorporated village located along the dividing line between Lowell and Bowne Townships. The land was cleared and a small farming community developed. The Skidmore and McVean families came to the area from New York in 1846. The first post office was started in 1851 in the home of Daniel C. and Lucy (Skidmore) McVean. Daniel was Postmaster. Lucy is given credit for naming the post office and town, Alto. Mail at the time was brought by horseback from Hastings and Lowell.

The town grew when the railroad came through in 1888. Neighboring small communities not on the railroad route like Merriman Corners and Bowne Center dwindled. The Grange hall from Merriman Corners was moved to Alto and became a general store. A second Grange hall was built in 1909 and still stands in Alto.

After the railroad came, David Skidmore platted some of his land for a town. The area came to life as a result of the railroad. Early businesses included: a creamery, cheese factory, grain elevator, R.J.



Village of Alto. The hotel can be seen on the west side of the street, the bank and bar on the east side.

Linton's Lumberyard, Slater Stockyard, the pickle factory, Hunt Produce, the depot (first one burned in 1916, and was rebuilt in 1917), baseball team, Standard Oil storage, barber shop, harness shop, beauty shop, grocery, Dintaman Hardware, blacksmith shop, a bank, I.O.O.F. Hall, general store, drug store, meat market and an implement store.

Though the building is gone today, the hotel was famous when Clifford and Greta Proctor were the operators. They drew crowds for their famous chicken dinners.

Alto produced several county and state level political servants. Daniel C. McVean was not only the first Alto Postmaster and Bowne Township Clerk, he was also the County Treasurer at the time of his

death. David Skidmore, who served in the 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics during the Civil War, went on to serve as Postmaster, County Drain Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Township School Inspector and Supervisor. Attorney Charles Foote practiced law in Alto and Belding, served as postmaster and as State Representative (1913 - 1917). More recently, Dick Posthumus served as Lt. Governor and State Senator, Lisa Posthumus Lyons, past State Representative now Kent County Clerk and Bryan Posthumus, State Representative.

The McVean School built by Daniel was moved to Alto, remodeled and reconstructed to two stories. It burned in 1926. A new three room school was constructed a year later and was used until the Alto

Elementary building across the road was completed in 1962. The older school is now apartment housing.

Alto has been home to several churches throughout its history. The Baptist Church started in 1854, meeting in homes and the log school in section five before building at the corner of Bancroft Ave. and 60th on land donated by David Skidmore. The church was completed in 1879. The Alto Methodist Church was organized in 1907. They bought the Old German Lutheran Church in Merriman Corners and moved the building to Alto. The Faith Bible Church moved into this Methodist building in 2012 when it was

ABCs, continued, page 12

Looking Back, continued

Motor vehicle registrations in the United States will rise to more than 112 million by the end of the year, including an estimated 4,681,000 in Michigan. Both figures are records. The Federal Highway Administration, which made the estimate, said registrations will exceed last year's total by more than 3.6 million.

Roger Tusken has been named executive director and convention manager of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas City-based medical organization which is the second largest U.S. medical group and the national association of family doctors. Tusken was born in Chicago but spent most of his early life in Lowell, Mich. He attended Aquinas college in Grand Rapids before entering Michigan State and then, on graduation, attended law school at Northwestern University before entering the army in the Korean War. He trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and later was attached to a military police unit at the Missouri installation.

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It's been said "the third time is a charm." That's exactly what fan club members, family and friends are hoping for as local native Thom Ellis advances to the regional competition of the True Value/Jimmy Dean County Showdown on October 24 in Nashville. A competitor twice before, and losing by the slightest margin, Ellis feels exceptionally thrilled over his recent victory in the state championships at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville.

Plans to build a commercial medical supply facility have been put on hold until the developer can address several questions posed by the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission. Jeff Tarak and Don Anderson have proposed building the facility on a 10-acre lot along M-21, across from Cumberland Manor. It would include a 30 by 40 foot warehouse and adjoining 20 by 24 foot office facility.

Katie Balaam can play "Barber of Seville" on her violin faster than she can tell you what her favorite color of fingernail polish is. Balaam, a freshman at Lowell High School, is one of 118 members (aged 12 to 21) of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony which will present its first concert of the season on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

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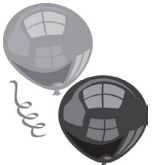
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Outside groups ganging up on redistricting

As the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission slogged through more adjustments to its various maps Thursday, a steady stream of press releases rolled in, most with criticism.

With the redistricting process fully out in the open and broadcasted live across the internet, people are weighing in on what they like and don't like in real time every business day.

The ICRC worked all over the place Thursday, and by the end of Thursday, two Senate maps, two state House maps and two congressional maps had all been uploaded to the

commission's site.

The ICRC's draft maps "can do much better," according to Nancy Wang, executive director of Voters Not Politicians.

The head of the group that sponsored the redistricting commission amendment wrote that "there are millions of plans for Michigan that simultaneously comply with" the Voting Rights Act, respect communities of interest and achieve partisan fairness.

Wang quoted from redistricting expert Ruth Greenwood, who said geography will not prevent the ICRC from drawing maps that can comply with

the criteria, and that there are maps in the commission's portal that show it can be done.

A congressional plan drawn by ICRC member Anthony Eid was flagged as one particular example, as well as one from Promote the Vote.

"For the public's sake, I hope that means you will strive to achieve the levels they show you can meet, rather than settle for something that may or may not be legally defensible," Wang said.

Promote the Vote said on Thursday, Oct. 7 that it was releasing a new set of maps and giving them

to the ICRC that they say "demonstrate that it is possible to create fair, equitable maps that reflect our diverse communities."

Meanwhile, the Warren city council issued a statement urging the ICRC to keep the city within Macomb County as part of a congressional seat.

The commission was criticized from both the right and the left on Thursday, Oct. 7.

First, FAIR Maps, led by former Michigan Freedom Fund head Tony Daunt, urged the ICRC to "stand up to bullies from Democratic interest groups that have mounted a large-

scale pressure campaign to gerrymander maps delivering more seats to one political party."

Daunt noted that the Constitution prioritizes keeping communities of interest together in the map above "partisan map-making," which was a topic of debate during the ICRC's Tuesday meeting.

"The Democrat[ic] interest groups that created this amendment specifically designed it to lack any objective standards, opting for nebulous terms like 'communities of interest' and 'partisan fairness,'" Daunt said. "Now that this focus on communities of interest hasn't given them the comfortable Democrat[ic] majorities that they so desperately want, they're panicking and telling the commission to simply ignore the public."

Also Thursday, the ICRC was called out for

how it's handling a public records request from Progress Michigan for communications between commissioners and outside groups and individuals.

The ICRC apparently wanted \$60,000 for the request, missed the deadline to reply, and offered to reduce the cost by 50 percent, according to Progress Michigan.

"We've seen these tactics used before to dissuade the public from accessing what should be publicly available information," said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan. "But usually by shady public officials like Bill Schuette, not a new commission founded on bringing transparency to the process of redistricting."

Progress Michigan is interested in the emails after the ICRC hired a law firm with GOP ties as its litigation counsel.

Prescription drugs covered by Medicaid topic of Oct. 18 meeting

The public is invited to attend an Oct. 18 meeting regarding the list of prescription drugs covered under Michigan's Medicaid health plans.

This list is known as the Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary.

The annual Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary stakeholder meeting will be held virtually this year due to COVID-19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon using Microsoft Teams.

Attendees can join on Teams or for audio only call 248-509-0316, Conference ID 131 416 299#.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in 2016 created the common formulary to streamline drug coverage policies for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries and providers. The common formulary is required in state law and in the Medicaid health plan contract to ensure that prescription drugs are common across all contracted plans.

Medicaid health plans may be less restrictive – but not more restrictive – than

the coverage in the common formulary for products not on the Michigan Preferred Drug List, which is a subset of the drugs listed on the common formulary.

Effective Oct. 1, 2020, the common formulary coverage for products began aligning with the Michigan Preferred Drug List – including any prior authorization and step therapy requirements. This initiative has resulted in significant savings to the State of Michigan and has further streamlined and maintained consistency of drug coverage across Managed and Fee-For-Service Medicaid.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an annual forum for the public, stakeholders and interested parties to comment on the prescription list. The forum is in addition to the quarterly written public comment periods.

"MDHHS wants Michigan Medicaid and the Healthy Michigan Plan to meet the health needs of residents who are enrolled in these programs," said Kate Massey, MDHHS senior deputy director for Medical

Services Administration and Medicaid director. "We value what they have to say – as well as what providers and other stakeholders have to say.

This feedback is valuable as we make decisions about how to improve the health of Michiganders."

Anyone who plans to attend should notify krepsd@michigan.gov no later than Thursday, Oct. 14 and is asked to request

special accommodations if needed to join the meeting. Find more information about the common formulary, including the list of covered prescription drugs, at michigan.gov/MCOpharmacy.

Anyone unable to attend can submit questions or comments to the Common Formulary mailbox at MDHHSCommonFormulary@michigan.gov.





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Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc. you wish to keep by Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Items not taken will be kept near the fence lot line for one year prior to being disposed of.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER POSITION VACANCY AND ACCEPTING OF APPLICATIONS

Bowne Township Treasurer Nancy Greenfield resigned her Township position effective on September 27, 2021. Accordingly, Bowne Township will accept applications from residents of Bowne Township, Kent County who wish to be considered being appointed by the Township Board to the Township Treasurer position. Any resident of the Township interested in being appointed to the Township Treasurer position should file a written request with Bowne Township no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 18, 2021 at the following address:

Bowne Township Hall
8240 Alden Nash
P.O. Box 35
Alto, Michigan 49302
Email: Clerk@Bownetwp.org

The written request should include the applicant's primary residence address, qualifications and any other information that might assist the Township Board in making a decision. Any written application or request that is not received within the Township offices on or before October 18, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. will not be considered. It is likely (although not certain) that the Township Board will make a final decision regarding the appointment of a new Township Clerk at its meeting on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Township Board reserves the right to request interviews of the applicants. Any questions should be directed to the Bowne Township Clerk at (616) 868-6846.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Hendrick
Bowne Township Clerk
(616) 868-6846

Harvest Festival, continued

"This is the first time that we've been able to participate in the Harvest Festival," said Lowell fire chief Shannon Witherell. The fire department had some of their emergency vehicles parked on the Riverwalk, and firefighters were on hand to greet the crowd. "We are handing out coloring books, stickers, some junior firefighter helmets and flyers for our upcoming open house and 'Trunk or Treat' event on Saturday, Oct. 30."



Lowell Light & Power gave out hundreds of free pumpkins to decorate and had some of their vehicles out on the Riverwalk for public inspection.



"We're actually almost out of pumpkins and we're all out of the decorating stickers," said Lisa Pape with Lowell Light & Power. "We started with a whole crate, about 300 pumpkins maybe. We're also doing an entry for a bill credit for our customers, and then we have a prize wheel so that anybody can just get a little candy or a little prize or something."



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Ryne Exp. to perform at G.R. baseball field Oct. 22



A vibrant, colorful poster for 'THE RYNE EXPERIENCE'. The poster features a central graphic of a baseball bat and a baseball. Text on the poster includes 'PIK-NIK WITH THE RYNE EXPERIENCE', 'Future Skeletons @ 7:30', 'St. Joe Jack @ 6:30', and 'At Sullivan Field'. The poster also includes a QR code and the logo for the Office of Special Events, City of Grand Rapids. The background is filled with various patterns and colors, including a rainbow, a globe, and a sphinx.

The Ryne Experience are scheduled to perform with Future Skeletons and St. Joe Jack at Sullivan Field, 650 Valley Ave NW, Grand Rapids, at 6 pm on Friday, Oct. 22. Scan the QR code on the poster for tickets.

The band also has shows on Oct. 29 at a Kalamazoo house show, Oct. 30 at Retro Boat Rentals in Saugatuck, Nov. 7 at the Smyrna Bar, Nov. 13 at Skeltones in Grand Rapids and Nov. 28 at the Smyrna Bar.

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

The offensive line performed well. They have been improving as the season progresses. ~ Coach Henige

Red Arrows bolster playoff hopes with Northview win

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

Lowell's varsity football team won a second straight game by a score of 24-7, this one a bit more comfortably by coming away with an away win against Northview that was never in doubt after a quick Red Arrow start.

Two long touchdown runs highlighted a potent rushing attack, and gave Lowell the early lead. It was Carter Blough who came out and put his stamp on the game early with a 72-yard touchdown run. After a defensive stop, Ethan Krieger ran for an 83-yard touchdown run on the following possession to give the Red Arrows a two-score lead.

Todd Parcheta added a 22-yard field goal to give

Lowell a 17-0 lead after the first quarter. Parcheta hit all three of his extra points for a perfect evening kicking.

Northview would get on the board before halftime on a Jalen Charity 20-yard touchdown reception with 32 seconds left in the half.

The Red Arrows' power run offense proved to be overwhelmingly effective in the evening as they torched Northview for 356 yards on the ground. Sam Kaminski came down with a 38-yard reception to lead the Lowell receiving core.

The offensive line helped pave the way for those yards. "The offensive line performed well. They have been improving as the season progresses.

Seniors Ethan Willard (LG), Ethan Post (C), and Bryson VanderMuelen (RG) are leading the group," Lowell head coach Jacob Henige said.

In the second half, the offenses traded possessions, punting back and forth until Lowell turned it over on downs in the Northview redzone with 10:10 to play in the fourth quarter. Still only down 10, the Wildcats looked to get back within a score but were foiled by a Xavier Young interception. Lowell took advantage of the turnover as Blough scored his second touchdown of the game, this time from 28 yards out, to close the scoring on the 24-7 win.

Lowell's defense

got to work forcing three turnovers and five punts. Gus McDonald, Cole VanderVest, and Xavier Young each came away with interceptions.

It was a good win for the Red Arrows against a Northview team that came into the game 4-2. The Wildcats record could certainly be seen as a bit deceiving though. Of their four wins (FHN, West Ottawa, Wyoming, and Greenville) those opponents are 2-24 during their first seven weeks.

Lowell hosts Greenville this week for senior night, then will close out the regular season with Byron Center. Greenville enters the game winless at 0-6, coming off a 42-0 loss to East Grand Rapids.

After a tough loss to Grand Rapids Christian, Coach Henige is excited by the focus of his team. "I am proud of how we

responded to adversity. The players kept showing up and working everyday at practice. Our focus is on improving every week."

Lowell vs Northview

	LHS	GRC
Score	24	7
First Downs	15	7
Rushing Attempts/Yards	54/356	17/61
<i>Blough 21, Huhn 16, Crace 9, Krieger 4, Rau 3, Lixie 1</i>		
Passes Attempted	6	29
Passes Completed	2	7
<i>Kaminski, 38, Bryce 1</i>		
Total Offensive Yards	395	152
Penalties/Yard	4/51	1/15
Fumbles: Number/Lost	0/0	0/0
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	3/44	5/54
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	5/275	2/79
Possession Time	27:6	17:4
Third Down Conversions	6/15	4/12
Fourth Down Conversions	4/6	1/1

Equestrian team advances to state meet

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell equestrian team booked their ticket to the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association state meet last weekend by winning the Region E

The MIHA state meet will take place at the Midland County Fairgrounds from October 13 through October 17. The top two teams from each of the five regions will compete at the state meet.

school size. Division A, which is where Lowell was in 2019 is more than 10 riders. Lowell is in division B this year, with five to 10 riders. Lowell has also been in division C in the past, three - five



Lowell Equestrian team after Regionals. Photo Courtesy of Lowell Equestrian.

Division B championship. After beating Rockford and Tri-County in the MIHA district round earlier this year, Lowell advanced to last weekend's regional, hosted at the Ingham County Fairgrounds where they took first place.

Lowell last won at this meet in 2019.

Lowell has bounced between divisions frequently in equestrian versus other sports where Lowell's division is fairly constant. This is because divisions in equestrian are based on team size, not

riders. Division D is one or two riders.

This year in the state finals, Lowell will be looking to improve upon their fourth place finish in last year's state meet. Lowell's equestrian team is coached by Emma Hancock.

- GOLF

Fourth place finish for golfers, Sluss advances to state finals

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

For the Lowell girls golf team, fourth place was another case of "being so close" that the program has experienced four times since their last team state appearance. This time, Lowell nearly pulled it off but tailed third place Forest Hills Northern by just nine strokes.

The result is their fourth such fourth place finish in the last eight seasons, with Lowell's last team state appearance coming in 2006-

2007. Lowell typically falls in a region dominated by golf powers FHN, FHC, and EGR who often take up the top three spots. This year, Coopersville took one of those slots as FHC is in the midst of a rare off year for their program standards.

The top-three teams in the regional move on to the state tournament. Those three teams were East Grand Rapids and Coopersville who comfortably booked their ticket with scores of

343 and 344 respectively. FHN shot a 362 and Lowell finished 371. Lowell's fourth place finish was better than seven other teams including: Cedar Springs, Forest Hills Central, Northview, Kenowa Hills, Mona Shores, Greenville and the host Reeths-Puffer.

The biggest bright spot for the Red Arrows was freshman Elle Sluss who shot an 84, which included three birdies on the back nine. That score was one of the top-three scores from non-qualifying state teams, which earned her a spot at the MHSAA Division 2 State Tournament. The state finals will take place this Friday and Saturday at Battle Creek's Bedford Valley Golf Club.

That 84 was also good for a top ten all-time 18-hole score in girls golf program history, an impressive feat for the freshman.

Others scoring for the Red Arrows were Stephanie Spinella (94), Emma Jo McCormick (96), and Sophia Flickinger who contributed a career-best 97. Just off the scoring mark was Rylee Jannenga with a 98. The Lowell team for regionals featured no seniors and will certainly be able to give a team state spot a major run next year.



Elle Sluss and Lowell girls golf head coach Josh Bruwer. Photo courtesy of Melissa Sluss.

Red Arrow

- TENNIS

SPORTS

Tennis closes season at Regional

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

At last week's tennis regional, Lowell closed out their season with a T-fifth finish at the Division 2 Region 16 Tennis tournament hosted by Forest Hills Northern. Lowell picked up two points thanks to wins at third and fourth singles. At third singles, Winton Garrelts picked up a 6-1, 6-1 win over Reeths-Puffer's Nate Rosema. At fourth singles Lowell picked up another win over Reeths-Puffer, this time with Noah LaMore winning 6-0, 6-0.

Rotations were switched up in Lowell's 5-3 win over Kenowa Hills giving doubles players some time at singles and singles players some time at

doubles. In tennis, the strongest players on each team are usually given the four singles slots. This meant Lowell's doubles players playing at singles, were given rather tough matchups.

Lowell dominated the doubles matches with the first doubles pairing of Patrick de Voest and Ty Knottnerus winning 6-1, 6-1. The other two singles players, Noah LaMore and Garrelts won their match 6-1, 6-0. The Red Arrows also got wins from Max Del Rosario at third singles, Sam VandenHout and Zach Bannon at third doubles, and Aidan Dennings and Jacob Kissinger winning at fourth doubles.

Against Northview in a conference matchup, Lowell also won by a score of 5-3. Lowell swept the singles matches with wins by Knottnerus (6-3, 2-6, 6-3), Patrick de Voest (6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3), Garrelts (6-3, 6-0), and Noah LaMore (6-3, 6-0). Winning at doubles was the pairing of Del Rosario and Aidan Dennings (7-5, 6-3).

Lowell ended the season with MHSTeCA Team Academic All State honors with an average grade point average of 3.39. David Kaczanowski, Garrelts, and Knottnerus each earned Individual Academic All State



Lowell's Ty Knottnerus returns a volley in a number one singles match.

- CROSS-COUNTRY

Arrows place fifth at OK White Jamboree #3

The cross-country course at Brookside Golf Course in Gowen is considered a working person's course as it requires the runner to plan ahead to hit the flags and work the hills.

The Lady Arrows hit their marks and edged even closer to the fourth place finisher FHN and established the new no. 4 team average of 20:09. The aggressive first mile positioned the team well and also helped a couple of Arrows get their personal record (PR) times. Annika Sandman led the Arrows with a fourth place finish running 18:20, Katrina Sandman finished in 14th running 19:36, Keira Sandman finished in 21st running 20:15, Claire O'Boyle finished in 36th running 21:08, and Megan Lillie finished in 45th running 21:26. Jamara Harper threw down a PR of 21:34 to take 50th and Kaylee Byrne ran 23:17 to take 77th which closed out the varsity scoring.

Anna Forney ran 26:48, Kiah Burgess ran 26:51, Bri Fullerton ran 29:29 and Millie Groenlund ran a PR 32:16.

Arrows will take a week off before racing at the Kent/Ottawa Invite next Saturday.



Jamara Harper finished with a personal record of 21:34 at the third OK White Jamboree last Saturday.

Harriers take second place at OK White Jamboree

Lowell boys cross-country team took second place with 55 points at Brookside Golf Course in the third OK White Jamboree.

Grand Rapids Christian placed second with 33 points, East Grand Rapids was third with 75 points. Finishing first for the Red Arrows was Cole Weston, fourth, with a time of 16:08. Sawyer Fowler was behind him at fifth with a time of 16:12. Keegan Cater was the third Arrow in at 13th, 16:55. Jackson Fowler and Levi Mills completed the score at 15th, 17:01 and 18th, 17:07 (PR). Ben Bromley, 21st, 17:10 and Alex Weber, 34th, 17:34 wrapped up the varsity lineup.

The Red Arrows will have the weekend off to rest and prepare for the Kent Ottawa Invite and then the OK White Conference finals.



Cole Weston, Sawyer Fowler and Keegan Cater on the course last Saturday.



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CHAPPELL

Sandra K. Chappell 56 of Lowell went home to be with her Lord and Savior Monday morning September 20, 2021, after a long and courageous fight against Myotonic Dystrophy. Sandra was born on May 8, 1965, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Russ and Kay (Ogden) Huyser. She graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist Academy and later earned two Master's Degrees. She had been working as a college professor at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia. She enjoyed reading, being outside and had a love of family and friends. She showed her true self in the many years of health struggles by never complaining about her illness, always fighting to live on and being a source of strength and encouragement to others. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her family and friends. Sandra is loved and survived by her children, Alina (Rudi) Chappell, Bach Chappell, her father and stepmother, Russ (Rebecca) Huyser of Ada, two sisters, Connie Ysseldyke of Lowell and Sue (Greg) Brom of Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her mother Kay. In keeping with her wish's, cremation has taken place. A time of visitation was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE., Lowell., Mi. 49331. Memorial contributions may be given to the Myotonic Dystrophy Association. Envelopes available at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding where funeral care has been entrusted. To share a message of condolence for Sandra, order flowers or light a candle in her memory, please visit the website of the funeral home, www.jffh.com

MCQUEEN

Martin Allen "Al" McQueen, age 72 of Gowen, formerly of Lowell passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Don McQueen. Al is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pam McQueen; children, James Allen McQueen, Laura (Nicholas) Schultz; grandchildren, Arya Jane Schultz, Ezra Allen Schultz; brother, Mark (Cheryl) McQueen; sister, Donna (Jerry) Smith; and dogs, Lucky and Spicey. Al was a graduate of Southern Illinois University and served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He worked at Amway for over 35 years. Al was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, loved fishing, golf, observing nature, and was an avid hunter. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, October 16, 2021, at St. Robert of Newminster Church, 6477 Ada Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301 with visitation one-hour prior. Fr. Danny Orris, presiding. Memorial Contributions may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc., 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or Grand Rapids Ballet Co., 341 Ellsworth Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



WABER

Charles "Chuck" Glen Waber, age 75 of Lowell, passed away on October 5, 2021. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Fred "Ted" (Margaret "Peg") Waber. He is survived by many wonderful family members, including his wife, Helen Waber; their children, Lisa (Nick) Godwin, John (Michelle) Waber; grandchildren, Alan (Alexis) Drake, Leah (Brad Johnston) Drake, Taylor, Kailee, and Brayden Waber; great-grandchildren, Anthony and Arlen Drake, and Murphy Johnston; sisters, Ellen (Waber) Radke, Donna Beaman (Dennis Myers), and Anna (Chris) Wickey. The world recently lost a great husband, father, gardener, and fisherman. Chuck enjoyed spending time with his family, reading, volunteering at his church, fishing, camping, and especially gardening. He could grow anything, even when he said he wasn't going to have a garden, he always did. He took care of things and others with his kind soul, gentle hands, and green thumb. A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 2:00pm at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 12051 84th Street, Alto, MI 49302, with visitation one-hour prior. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331, Bowne Center United Methodist Church, or a charity of your choice.



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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 21-210031-DE

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September 30, 2021

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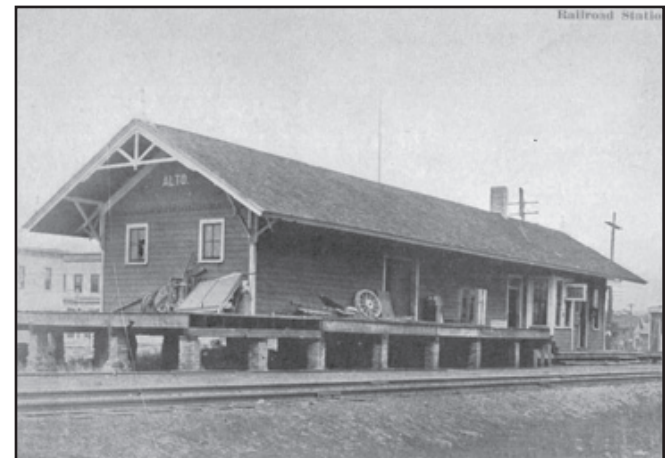
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Lowell, MI 49331



ABCs, continued

vacated by the Methodists when a new church on 64th Street was built. The Methodist Church closed in 2018. The first services of the Apostolic Christian Church in the Alto area were held in the home of the preacher, Samuel Wingeier

but residents rest either at Merriman Cemetery or Bowne Center Cemetery. Those early residents, Daniel and Lucy McVean and David and Phidelia Skidmore are buried in the Bowne Center Cemetery. Not having a cemetery didn't stop the village from honoring



Alto Depot.

Jr. at 11432 Kirby Street. This was sometimes known as the Wingeier Church or the Swiss Church because it was not named until the WWII administration required it. In 1921, a frame church was built on Wingeier Avenue and in 1965 it was replaced by a brick church.

The village doesn't have its own cemetery,

their veterans. Lt. David Skidmore would be proud of the breathtaking Veterans Memorial.

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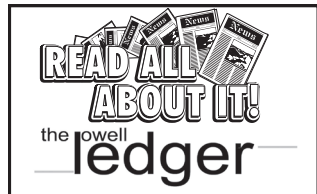
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October's Mental Health Awareness dates and resources

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Mental Illness Awareness week (MIAW) runs from October 3–9, 2021, October 7 is National Depression Screening Day, and Sunday, October 10, is World Mental Health Day. You might wonder why we need so many days, weeks, and months during the year for mental health awareness? It's because mental health is a huge part of our total health and needs to be a priority. Mental health conditions can result in physical problems and

vice versa. Sadly, there are still a lot of stigmas regarding mental health and serious mental illness (SMI) so having awareness days helps people better understand and reduces judgments/stigmas related to mental health issues.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "1 in 20 U.S. adults experience SMI each year, but less than two-thirds get treatment." So, for this article, I want to provide some resources that may help if you or someone you know that is struggling or

may suspect a mental health issue is the cause.

Mental health information, hot lines, crisis resources, and screening tools

There is so much information out there that it can be difficult to know where to go or who to call. Below is a list of free resources and tools from legitimate sources. This is a good list to cut out and keep on hand.

Mental health hotlines, text chats, or online chat resources

If in crisis call 911
National Suicide Prevention line 1-800-273-TALK/1-800-273-8255 Available 24/7

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Hotline

For TTY users: Use your preferred relay service or dial 7-1-1 and then 1-800-273-8255

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suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/for-deaf-hard-of-hearing/

AMI Helpline 1-800-950-6264 M-F, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., ET

Text "NAMI" to 741741 for 24/7, confidential, free crisis counseling

Michigan Crisis Text Line: text the keyword RESTORE to 741741 Open 24/7

Michigan Warmline: 1-888-PEER-753 (888-733-7753). Available every day from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. to talk with someone for non-crisis serious mental illness or substance use challenges

United Way's 211 can assist with mental health resources/assistance

Free mental health screening tools

Below are several free mental health and depression screening tools.

Mental Health America: screenings for depression, anxiety,

psychosis, bipolar, PTSD, addiction etc.: <https://screening.mhanational.org/screening-tools/>

Easter Seals of Michigan: <https://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/eastersealsmi>

Psycom depression screening tool: <https://www.psycom.net/depression-test/>

LTT depression screening tool: <https://lifetransitionstherapy.biz/>

Psychology Today has numerous free assessments (not all are free look for the check mark) <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/tests>

American Mental Wellness Association: numerous screening tools. Some are free. <https://www.americanmentalwellness.org/intervention/screening-tools/>

Mental health resource sites

There are many valid resources in regarding to

mental health but below is a list of sites with information on various conditions that you may find helpful.

National Alliance on Mental Illness: <https://nami.org/Home>

Mental Health America: <https://www.mhanational.org/>

Psycom: <https://www.psycom.net/>

American Mental Wellness Association: <https://www.americanmentalwellness.org/>

National Institute of Mental Health: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help>

If you experience a mental health crisis, be sure to call 911. This article is not intended to provide advice, diagnose, or treat in any way. It is for informational purposes only.



Financial Focus

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Financial moves for women business owners

If you're a woman who owns a business, you may have some challenges not shared by your male peers – but you also have several opportunities to help improve your financial future.

You may already be taking some or all the right steps, but here are some ideas to be sure you're considering and revisiting as your business grows:

- Refresh your network. Are you involved in networking with other women business owners? Many of them may have insights into the issues women face in the business world, as well as suggestions about lending programs and business-friendly banks. You may also enjoy passing along your lessons learned to others.

- Review your business

structure. If you go into business as a sole proprietor, you'll have to report your business income on your personal income tax return. If you incorporate or form a limited liability company (LLC), you can protect your personal assets – such as your house and your investments – from creditors because these assets will be separated from your business assets and debts. You might also consider other, more complex entities, known as C and S corporations. There's no single "correct" business structure and the most appropriate one for you may change over time, so, in choosing one that's right for your needs, you'll want to consult with your tax and legal advisors.

- Do an insurance

checkup. To protect yourself and your business, you may want to review your insurance to make sure you have the right kinds and amount of coverage. General liability insurance can be appropriate for sole proprietors, if you've established an LLC or you've incorporated your business. If you provide some type of professional service (i.e., legal, accounting, engineering and so on), you might need professional liability insurance. And no matter what business you own, you might want to add disability insurance to replace some of the income you'd lose if you were injured or became ill.

- Consider all your retirement options. If

you've got your own business, you're solely responsible for funding your retirement. Fortunately, as a business owner, you've got several attractive options, including an "owner-only" 401(k), a SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. In deciding which plan is right for you, you'll need to consider several factors, including the number of employees, if any, and the nature of your business. However, all these plans are relatively easy to set up and administer and offer potential tax benefits. And even though you've got plenty to do already, you should make the time to establish or review your own retirement plan – because eventually you'll need all the resources you can accumulate to enjoy life

as a former business owner. You can also find valuable information on programs for women business owners by visiting the Small Business Administration's website at www.sba.gov and searching for "women-owned businesses."

Running your own business can be challenging – but by making some positive financial moves and getting the support you need, you can also find business ownership to be highly rewarding, personally and professionally.

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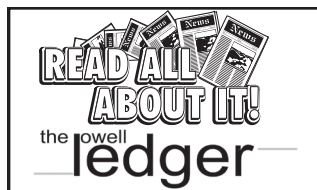
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- Get proof of your benefits.
- Request replacement documents, like a Medicare card.
- If you aren't currently receiving benefits, you can:
 - Check your earnings record.
 - Get estimates of your future benefits.
 - View your Social Security Statement.

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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.



FUN PAGE

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

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- BUNDT
- BUTTERCREAM

CHOCOLATE CHIPS COCOA DECORATE

- EGGS
- FILLING
- FLOUR
- FONDANT

GREASE ICE

- MILK MIXER
- PAN
- PREHEAT
- RACK

SIFT SWEETENED

Guess Who?

I am a singer and ventriloquist born in Oklahoma on October 12, 2004. I once trained to be an elite gymnast and also competed in pageants when I was younger. I have been in a few talent competitions and got my big break on "America's Got Talent."

Answer: Darcie Lynne Farmer

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to baking.

B L S W O

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Answer: Bows

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CLUES ACROSS

- Flat-topped hill
- Move upward
- Admiration
- It's useful for serving food
- Kidnap
- One of the Greek Muses
- A type of media
- Sunscreen rating
- Former Michigan coach Brady
- German town devastated in WW2
- Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- Leave
- Forearm bone
- Very fast airplane
- Helps little firms
- Defunct economic organization
- Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- Feels ill
- Indicates position
- Beverage containers
- Assists
- Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
- Purpose
- Group of elected officials

CLUES DOWN

- Where wrestlers work
- Dueling sword
- Practice fight
- Genus of clams
- Fear of heights
- What some tell their dog
- The Golden State
- When you expect to get there
- Pointed ends
- Extinct flightless bird
- Feeds
- Nape of neck
- Descendant
- Small boats found in Turkey
- To avoid the risk of
- Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Brew
- Feeling of anxiety

- Young girls group
- Perform on stage
- White clerical vestment
- Popular musical awards show
- Bumpkins
- One who acts on another's behalf
- Direction
- Look at with fixed eyes
- One who helps professors (abbr.)
- A large number of
- Type of powder
- Large jug
- Christian Anderson, children's author
- American state
- Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- Witness
- Landscapers lay it
- Type of bread
- Of I

Lick or Treat! costume contest for dogs on Oct. 30



Event organizer April Snow.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There will be a "Lick or Treat" Halloween costume contest for dogs at Lowell Dog Park, 1200 Bowes Rd., at 11 am on Saturday, Oct. 30.

"We're having a costume contest for dogs, and we're calling it Lick or Treat," said event organizer April Snow. "There will be prizes for the top five in

both big dog and little dog categories. We're going to do it right there at the park on Saturday, the 30th. A lot of people in town have been giving me Lowell

Bucks gift certificates, ten dollar cash prizes and things like that, for the winners. So you just show up and we'll have the contest!"

Snow said she had the idea for a costume contest for dogs when she was trying to come up with ways to keep busy while mourning the loss of a beloved pet.

"Well, I'm always dressing up my dogs," Snow said. "I live across the street from the park and have for the last three years now. I was talking to some of the people at the park, and I just said it would be fun to do more with the dogs during certain times of the year, because for some

with fun things to do to kind of help get over the mourning of losing him. He was a dorgi, which is a corgi and a dachshund mix, his name was Dale and I had him for 13 years. There was not a day when we didn't go to the park, and now he's not with me anymore. Before I moved to Lowell I used to bring him there, because I loved the fact that the park is divided between the less active and the more active dogs. Now I sit there on my porch at night and I watch all the dogs."



of us, you know, they're our 'kids in fur suits.' For example, at Christmas time I thought we could do something with them getting their pictures taken with Santa. I lost one of my dogs in February and, to be honest, I'm just trying to busy myself

Snow said the general public is welcome to attend, including non-dog owners. If you have questions or need more information, call 616-318-3918 or send a message to akathleensnow@gmail.com.

★ Honoring Our Area Veterans ★

The Ledger, along with local businesses, will once again be saluting area Veterans.

The names and pictures we receive will appear in our November 10 edition in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.

If you would like to spotlight a Veteran living in our area, please mail or bring their picture along with their name, branch of service and years served to:

The Lowell Ledger/Veterans Page
105 N. Broadway • PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
OR email: displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com
Put "Veterans" on the subject line, type the name, branch of service and years served into the body of the email and attach the picture.

NOTICE

If the veteran you want to honor was in last year, we still have their photo. No need to resubmit.

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Deadline for submission is noon, Monday, Nov. 8, 2021

For more information call the Ledger at 616.897.9261

You or the Veteran you are honoring must be from the Lowell area.



Veterans Day, November 11, 2021

