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Erin Dressander is new owner of Dery Physical Therapy

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Erin Dressander is the new owner of Dery Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, 901 W. Main. She purchased the business from previous owners Cass and Dale Kilyanek, who intend to remain available to customers and patients.

“I’d love to say that this opportunity was truly serendipitous or fortuitous, but it just happened,” Erin Dressander said. “Cass reached out to one of my colleagues and said, ‘I’m not really interested in having a private practice, but I know someone who is.’ [...] Cass is still going to be practicing at our location, I don’t want his patients to worry that he would be gone. Cass and Dale have really served our community a lot over the past 20 years, have done a lot at the high school, for FROM and stuff like that. We won’t be losing Cass’s talents, we won’t be losing his generous nature or his willingness to serve the community.”

Dressander is a Lowell native and a 1999 graduate

of Lowell High School.

“I’ve been a therapist for about 16 years, and I was actually a physical therapist at Metro here in town for the last five years,” Dressander said. “To treat my community and take care of my community at Metro was a privilege and an honor. Metro has decided to close all of their outpatient facilities over time, and my site was one of the first sites to close. They’re bringing in more specialty-type providers so that their patients don’t have to travel as far, and therapy just happens to take up a bunch of real estate, so it’s easier for them to turn those spaces and have providers come in than have us there.”

She was inspired to make physical therapy her life’s work when she observed her sister’s healing process after a terrible accident.

“My sister Kelly Umlauf was in a severe four wheeling accident, and I had the opportunity to watch her go from the ICU all the way through outpatient physical

therapy,” Dressander said. “I got to see all of the phases and aspects of physical therapy, and I fell in love with it at that point. After watching her go through that, I volunteered at Mary Free Bed. I was 18 at the time, and between my sister and that, it just cemented it. When I was starting school, I knew that was where I wanted to be, so I started looking for a school that would provide that for me. I am a Grand Valley State University grad, I did my undergrad and grad school work there.”

Dressander said she is looking forward to being her own boss so that she can treat patients the best way possible.

“I have always wanted to be able to treat patients how I feel they should be treated and not what’s driven by external demands, and private practice really offers me that,” Dressander said. “I really try to treat you like you’re my family. We try to give individualized care to



Erin Dressander, the new owner of Dery Physical Therapy.

that person, regardless of what is covered. In the grand scheme, as far as giving one-on-one care and service, that has really been Cass’s

motto as well, so that part will stay the same, but I do need to modernize things

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Lowell museum seeks renewal of millage

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is seeking a renewal of its ten year millage.

The museum first received this millage in 2003 and it has been renewed once since then. They are not increasing the amount of the millage, so a “yes” vote will not increase taxes. This is a renewal of 0.25 mills, or \$.25 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable value, and it provides about a quarter of the museum’s operational costs.

“We are very grateful to the citizens of Lowell for the support they have shown the museum over the 20 years we have been open,” said Lisa Plank, executive director of the museum. “We hope that they continue to support us with a YES vote on the millage.”

Plank recently won the “Gordon Olson Award” from the Kutsche Office of Local History at Grand Valley State University.

“Lowell serves as the historical museum’s foundation, but it reaches a

much broader audience as well,” said GVSU professor Scott Stabler. “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.’”

“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.”

The Lowell Area Historical Museum provides many services to the Lowell area community, including the local history exhibits at the museum, their research and genealogy resource library, the interpretive boards on Main Street and the Riverwalk, the ten separate educational programs they present each year to all Lowell Area School students in grades

one through four, their “Tots at the Museum” preschool program, the Youth Summer Camp, public speaker series, preservation of over 20,000 local history artifacts, oral history program and weekly radio broadcast on 92.3 Sundays, weekly “ABCs of Lowell History” series, downtown historic walking tour brochure and four books on Lowell history.

The museum serves over 30,000 annually through their programs and exhibits and another 80,000 through online content. With community support,

the Lowell Area Historical Museum can continue as a cultural attraction, tourist destination and as a symbol of the historic quality of the Lowell area. It will also help to provide educational programs, research material and provide lasting benefits to the next generation.

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

Official ballot language

“Shall the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, levy a renewal special ad valorem property tax of .25 of one mill annually (which is equal to \$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation for a ten-year period commencing July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2033, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Lowell Area Historic Museum? The amount raised by such renewal levy in the first year at the current taxable value is estimated at \$32,050.00 (an estimated \$24,886.00 would be used for museum operations and maintenance and an estimated \$7,164.00 would be disbursed to the City’s Downtown Development Authority for its use).”

Kurt Lardie is new Englehardt & Alto library manager

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Kurt Lardie has accepted the position “Regional Manager II” at the Alto and Englehardt Branches of the Kent District Library.

According to his new job description Lardie, “will provide direct and indirect supervision of all branch staff. He will be responsible for day-to-day circulation operations and implementation of policy and procedural changes.”

Lardie, a native of Saranac, has lived in Lowell since 2002. He has worked

in the banking industry and the healthcare industry, including a stint with Fountain View of Lowell.

“After leaving the healthcare industry I went into the tool and die trade and worked up to assembly supervisor,” Lardie said. “It was a good job but lacked involvement with the local community. Over this past year I decided that I wanted to work for KDL due to their community involvement and vision, which is, ‘KDL will be an indispensable community



Kurt Lardie

Don't worry, Culver's is still coming to Lowell



A false rumor has been circulating that work has stopped on the Culver's that was planned for Lowell, fueled by the appearance of a “for sale” sign on the site at the corner of Main and Church. The owner says not to worry, the “for sale” sign does not refer to the portion of the parcel where the Culver's will be built.

“The Lowell location is still in the works,” said restaurant co-owner Gary Kuhlmann. “We expect the excavator on site within the next two to four weeks [and] hope to get a significant amount of site work done before it snows, then work on the building through the winter/spring.”

The new Culver's will likely add between 55 and 65 jobs to Lowell's economy when it opens next year.

Dressander, continued



The former owners, Dale and Cass Kilyanek, will still be available to patients.

and make things a little bit easier for patients here. And then I do offer a specialty as well. We offer balance and vestibular services, and we also offer pelvic floor services for both male and female adults. Those are more nice and very specific services that aren't offered a lot of places. [...] Your body has a built in ability to heal itself in non-traumatic situations. Physical therapy is augmentative, it helps to facilitate that process and make your recovery and the ability to get back to your

normal life and activities much more quickly with, hopefully, very little side effects. Taking medications has side effects, surgery has side effects, injections can have side effects. Therapy, often, can augment that and put the freedom back in your life that has been impaired. And you do it in your own way, with guidance, but you are your own healer in a sense.”

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resource for enriching lives through access to personal discovery for all.’ To say I am excited to be able to be in this position and in my local community would be an understatement. My goal is to continue the important impact and outreach that the Lowell and Alto libraries have on their communities.”

Lardie said the library has been a large part of his

family's life. “The library has always been a large part of our family's life,” Lardie said. “Every week we would take our son Jared for a new pile of books to read. We would also allow him to pick out a movie for movie night. This involved pizza, popcorn and quite often the movie ‘Cars’ or one of the ‘Toy Story’ movies.”

September LPD statistics report

Lowell Police Department made eight arrests during the month of September. These arrests included one for drunk driving, two for driving with a suspended license, one for an outstanding warrant and four that are described in the police department's monthly statistics sheet as “other arrests.” There have been a total of 113 arrests made by the LPD so far this year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during September. There were five disorderly conduct calls, 13 larceny calls, five dog/animal complaints, three malicious destructions and eight assaults. Lowell police issued 24 citations and notified 12 residents about ordinance violations.

Out of 119 traffic stops in September, they let 104 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 17 times and called other agencies for assistance one time in September. They were also called for assistance by citizens 77 times and motorists five times.

Lowell police were dispatched to 13 accidents during September, three involving injuries.



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City council candidates Q&A, election is Nov. 2

There are three seats on the Lowell city council up for grabs in the Tuesday, Nov. 2 election, and four candidates vying for them. The candidates receiving the first and second highest number of votes will be elected to four year terms, and the candidate with the third highest number of votes will be elected for a two year term.

Three of the candidates are incumbents - Marty Chambers, Leah Groves and James Salzwedel - and one - Jake Davenport - is new, although he has run for a seat on the council unsuccessfully several times in the past.

To help area voters make their decisions, the Ledger asked all four candidates a series of potentially revealing questions.



Marty Chambers, Jake Davenport, Leah Groves and James Salzwedel.

1. What changes or improvements do you think the Main St./downtown business district needs, and what should the council do to facilitate these changes?

Marty Chambers: Improvements on Main Street would be finding grants to get our second stories up and down Main Street so we can get more tax dollar revenue and bring new families to our downtown.

Jake Davenport: I think downtown needs more residential opportunities. I would like to see the second and third stories for our downtown buildings renovated and used as studio apartments. The upper floors are currently being underutilized. I would also like the overall footprint of downtown to grow. I would like to see all our storefronts at capacity and building new ones. Whether it be downtown, or the west side of town. The approach is all the same. Cut regulation, repeal antiquated ordinances,

and streamline city approval processes

Leah Groves: Although it is seemingly difficult to pull off as our Main St. is a state highway, A crosswalk light or something along the same lines needs to be put in place. We must make it safe for our citizens, visitors, and business owners to cross the street. The other change I would make is working with the chamber to expand their capacity to serve all businesses. I have been taking a few complaints from business owners that feel the Chamber does not benefit them in a way they feel it should. As part of the Chamber of Commerce, this is something I will bring to the attention of the board and see where we can improve. There's always room for growth.

James Salzwedel: One of the things that I think holds back a little bit of the changes and some different looks on venues is the fact that it's in the historical district, so there are limitations to what a shop owner or a new

potential owner could do to the property because of that. I think it does restrict changing of the facing, and some people want a more modern look, so I think that might be a small issue for downtown development, but I don't think there's anything that the city council can do to facilitate that change due to the fact that rules and regulations apply to the historical district.

2. If you had unlimited resources, what would you change about Lowell and which existing aspects would you amplify?

Marty Chambers: If I had unlimited resources, I think the first thing we do is make sure our roads had plenty of money. Second thing I'd do is lower everybody's property tax, take the millage down, because with an unlimited resource, everybody's going to benefit.

Jake Davenport: With unlimited resources, I would fix our infrastructure, fix our pension liability problem.

I think the biggest thing I would change is our usage of our water resources. We are a water community. I think we should put more emphasis on them as the center of the community. I think I would also amplify the overall culture of our community. The biggest strength of our community is the people who live here and our ability

vital we use this as an outlet. **James Salzwedel:** We would continue to talk about the surrounding needs, that we need to expand our wastewater treatment plant. We need to ensure clean water and that we can supply the residents a quality of water and the quantity of waters that they need for various things, growing

We need to keep the quality of life in the Lowell area.

3. What are your favorite Lowell area recreational activities?

Marty Chambers: I was thinking about that, and I enjoy it all! Everything from being out at Fallasburg Park and the museums out there and all the things that they do, to the Bluegrass Festival, to what Liz Baker and the Chamber of Commerce and the local business people put on for events and different things, to the Kent County Youth Fair. I couldn't pick one, I honestly couldn't. I enjoy them all.


Jake Davenport: My favorite activities include biking on our many bike trails, hiking the North Country Trail, and photographing our many beautiful landscapes in the Lowell area.

Leah Groves: All the parks, all of them. My children and I frequent Creekside, Richards and Stoney Lakeside. We also adventure the North Country Trail by the Boy Scouts cabin and we fish at Riverwalk. Fresh air everyday is my energy source - that and coffee from Sweet Seasons and Biggy.

James Salzwedel: Well, just walking through town is a great adventure, and eating out at some of our fine restaurants. There's golf, but it's getting very limited in the

or whatever they need to do. Streets, like I said have always been an issue on that part. I think there could be some more things happening in our parks, some upgrades that need to be done in that given area. An unlimited budget would be somebody's dream, but unfortunately that's not going to happen, so we're going to be strapped for the things that we can do and provide. But the basic services, I think are the number one that we must maintain - sewer, water, lights and things like that.

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DDA funded projects to be completed by Thanksgiving

by William Lee
contributing reporter

If you are a Lowell resident, you probably noticed some major construction in a few areas of downtown this summer and fall, particularly near the schools on Foreman and Amity Streets, along with some work near the library. A big presence for the organizing and funding these projects has been the city of Lowell's Downtown Development Authority.

The Lowell DDA is comprised of a group of Lowell residents who usually meet the first Thursday

after the first city council meeting of the month, with its main goal of improving the infrastructure of the downtown business district.

The first project, now nearly complete, is the paving of Amity Street. According to the minutes of the June 10 DDA meeting, "because two blocks of the Amity Street project are within the Downtown Development Authority, the DDA will pay 28.5 percent of the construction engineering work, or \$10,150 [...] and the

remaining will come out of the local street fund."

The second project, the downtown restrooms by the showboat, is slated to be completed by the Thanksgiving holiday. Ultimately, its completion will help ease restroom use that local businesses and the Englehardt Library have received. According to Mike Burns, Lowell city manager, the \$251,721 project is being funded by three groups.

"For the construction of the bathrooms, \$100,000 is

coming from the Showboat museum fundraising, \$75,000 is coming from the Downtown Development Authority, and the remaining \$76,721 is from funds the city has received from the American Rescue Plan," Burns said.

The American Rescue Plan allots federal funds that have been dispersed to communities across the country. According to their website, "Under the American Rescue Plan, EDA [Economic Development

Administration] was allocated \$3 billion in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks."

As far as more projects being helped by the Downtown Development Authority in the near future, Burns said that the DDA will

be helping to fund the paving of Valley Vista Drive from Bowes Road all the way to Main Street. Overall, the DDA's goal is to be involved in other projects to help improve the infrastructure for Lowell residents.

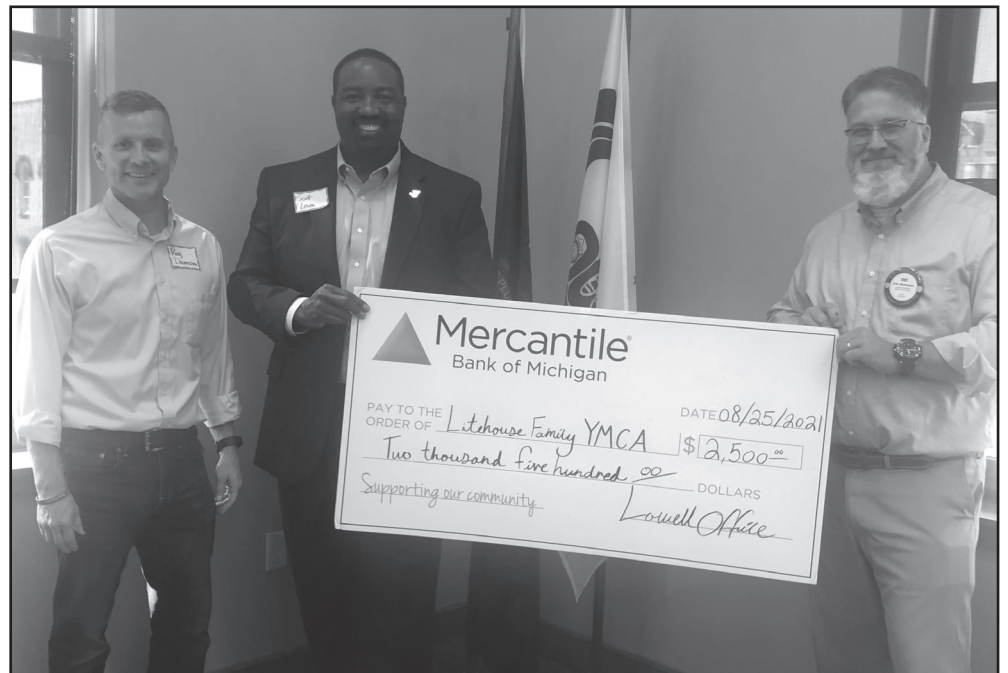
"The Downtown Development Authority is committed to revitalizing the district which does extend beyond downtown, and they're looking where they can to make public improvements where possible," Burns said.

Mercantile Bank announces \$2,500 donation to Lowell YMCA

Mercantile Bank of Michigan announced last week that it will donate \$2,500 to the Lowell YMCA for their Lighthouse Family YMCA capital campaign. The focus of the campaign is to renovate the former Impact Church building located at 1070 N. Hudson for expanded health, wellness and community building opportunities.

"Mercantile Bank has a long history of commitment and contribution to the local communities we serve, and we are committed to helping projects like this," said Eric Wakeman, branch manager of Mercantile Bank in Lowell. "We are proud to give back to the Lowell community and support this project which will make such a positive impact in the

area." "We are so thankful for partners in the community like Mercantile Bank," said Ray Duimstra, Lighthouse Family YMCA Capital Campaign Committee co-chair. "The support of area leaders, businesses, organizations and individuals creates a lattice of support for the youth, individuals and families throughout



Ray Duimstra, YMCA Capital Campaign Committee co-chair, Scott Lewis, president and CEO of the YMCA and Eric Wakeman Lowell Mercantile Bank branch manager.

the Lowell area. That support leads to impactful YMCA programs for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

In providing financial support it is the bank's hope to further strengthen the growth and development of the community. Partnering with organizations that provide strong foundational support in the lives of so many people in the local community is a perfect fit for the mission of Mercantile Bank, a wholly-owned

subsidiary of Mercantile Bank Corporation. Mercantile Bank provides banking services to businesses, individuals and governmental units, and differentiates itself on the basis of service quality and the expertise of its banking staff. Mercantile Bank has assets of approximately \$4.8 billion and operates 44 banking offices.

The YMCA is West Michigan's leading nonprofit, strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Through its seven branch

locations, YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin, community outreach programs and childcare sites, the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids is committed to improving the health and well-being of children and families. YMCA programs impact thousands of lives annually and respond to unique community needs across West Michigan.

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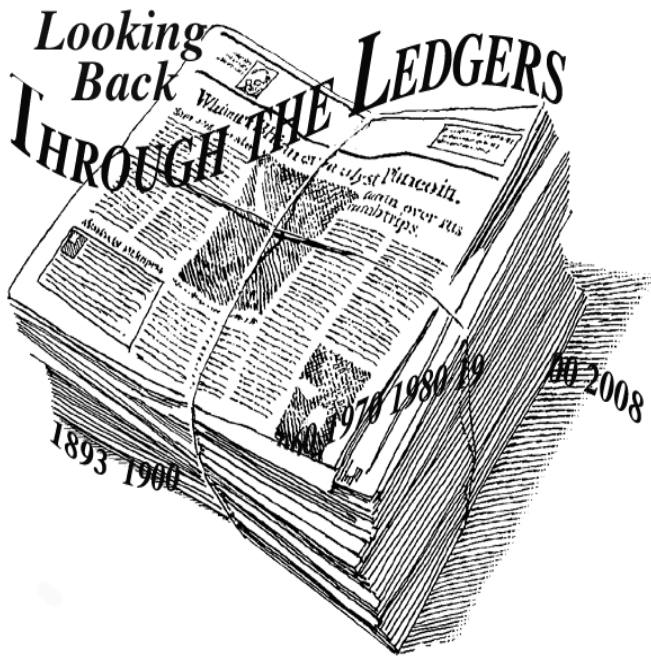
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viewpoint



50 years The Lowell Ledger October 28, 1971

Officers of the Lowell Police Department and the Kent County Sheriff's Department this week issued a note of thanks to the people who were concerned enough to help both departments in the apprehension of eight people involved in a recent drug raid. "It is people like you who make our job, which is a thankless one, a little easier. We know that this certainly was not an easy task for you, but it is one that must be done in order to effectively try to put a halt to the drug traffic."

The members of the Saranac Board of Education met at 7:30, Thursday, October 21. One of the first things that was discussed was the eighteen-year-old vote and the effect that it is going to have on Saranac High School and its students. It was decided by the board that a policy be written up by an attorney concerning alcohol and tobacco. Also, because Saranac has no policy concerning drugs it was decided that drugs should be included in the policy too.

Motorists may find this the last winter that studded snow tires are legal in Michigan if current pending legislation is approved, according to Automobile Club of Michigan. Snow tires with metal studs are permitted on Michigan roads this winter from November 1 through May 1.

125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 23, 1896

This edition of the Lowell Ledger is missing.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 27, 1921

Coroner Simeon LeRoy and Deputy Sheriff Bolt are investigating facts surrounding the alleged suicide of Carl Billings, 16, employed on the Fred Clark farm near Campau Lake. Billings' body, with his head blown almost off and his own shotgun laying beside him, was found in a henhouse in the rear of the Clark home shortly after 7 o'clock Saturday night. No motive for self-destruction can be found.

Prohibition Director Haynes at Washington, in a new order, forbids the sale of the makings of home brew throughout the United States.

"It sounds good." That's what many people said when the whistle of the Lowell Cutter company blew last Monday morning after a silence of many months due to the general industrial slump.

75 years The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1946

The drought of the past summer killed upwards of \$1,000 worth of ornamental pines on the Foreman Poultry Farm. Mr. Foreman says he will try again. He has been doing a splendid job of landscaping and his work is appreciated by all.

Don't buy a ticket for Alaska right away, gals, but those worrying about getting a husband are advised that Alaska offers 45 men for every girl, according to an article in Good Housekeeping. The situation at home is bad, very bad. There is a shortage of 1,000,000 marriageable males in the United States, and one gal in seven has no chance of getting someone to promise to "love and obey."

Byrne McMahon tells the best hunting story of the week in relating his version of the aid a fox gave him over the week-end. The fox on a hunting expedition of his own, flushed birds in front of Byrne twice (resulting in two in the bag) before he knew that he was getting outside help. The sly fox got away.

25 years The Lowell Ledger October 23, 1996

People by nature are sometimes unnerved by the thought of change. By the nature of their questions, it is apparent some city merchants are hesitant about an ordinance that may restrict their ability to freely undertake change to the structure of the building. "The historic district ordinance is not a program that is going to be thrust upon owners," said Lowell Historic District study committee member, Jim Doyle.

With one deteriorating building already beyond repair, one can imagine how receptive the city was to the Kent County Youth Fair Board's proposal to invest in building renovation and upkeep of the King Memorial Pool building. Fair board president Ron Wenger told the council that the board receives requests to rent the fairgrounds for large horse shows, car shows, trailer rallies, racing pigeon shows and the likes.

A nine-member citizens' committee will meet and investigate the potential harm caused by adult-oriented businesses and the need for regulatory ordinances. The idea for a committee was recommended by councilmembers Don Green and Jim Hodges. The councilmen attended a seminar session at a Michigan Municipal League Convention dealing with adult businesses.



to the editor

Dear Editor,

Hi. My name is Julie DeVoe and I have been in the Lowell Community for 20 years. During that time we have hosted 3 showers and a wedding at the Historical Museum. This venue is a community treasure. We have also attended many other functions hosted by the museum and other local groups, each time walking away shaking our heads in wonder at the beauty and local history preserved here. I strongly recommend 2 things; First, you book an event here and see for yourself just how cool it is and second, please vote yes to renew the millage request coming up on the Nov ballot.

Julie DeVoe
Lowell

Dear Editor,
Musings

Well, as the sweetness of the cider, hot or cold, cascades over your taste buds, and the acrid smell of burning leaves fills the air, you know that Fall has arrived. Yes, the days are disappearing into longer chilly nights that give into crisp mornings. The children have adjusted to rising before light and wolfing down a yogurt or bowl of talking cereal before dashing off to catch the bus. Book bags are filed with last nights homework and numerous other incidentals in preparation for a day of contemporary education.

Pumpkins adorn porches with carved faces of smiles and frowns and visits to retailers have assisted in securing the character costume for the youngsters' parade to collect future work for many a dentist. And lest we forget the countless Halloween parties for the older set, at which, adults will regale their friends with scary and silly representations of life's fiction.

Yes, gone are the warm days of yesterday's Summer, in anticipation of the coming cold of the promised Winter. It won't be long and the festivities of Thanksgiving's long weekend will arrive with its turkey and stuffing and of course retailers'

Black Friday events. We will be deep into the holiday of Christmas and New Year and visits to Grandma's for the huge tables laden with foods of the season, no packaged foods here. Of course there are the endless offerings of football at all levels, with state tournaments for high schoolers, conference championships for colleges and universities, followed by seemingly endless bowl games, and don't forget the pros and their Super Bowl.

The aforementioned retailers long ago kicked off the shopping season, earlier and earlier. Stores decor makes a feeble attempt to capture the feeling of the season, but gone are the decorated windows that used to garner much attention, days of the past. There are visits to Santa's, that inhabit nearly every retailer, for children with their 'wish lists' of toys for under the tree. Of course the habits of old are now challenged by online shopping, it might be convenient for some, but is surely not as much fun and certainly not in the spirit of the day. Those huge marketers of mostly imported goods are quite accomplished at capturing your dollars, but they don't pay taxes in your local community in support of your schools, police and fire, and local kids sports teams or chamber of commerce. Think about it!

Churches and synagogues will be festooned with decor of the season as followers spend a moment to thank for their good fortune. The music in countless assemblies, at schools and houses of worship, will reflect the goodwill of the day. Radio will fill the air with tunes that get stuck in your subconscious and are often repeated in countless showers by would be performers...giggle.

Yep, although we're fast approaching the time of snow in the Northern climes, we have much to be thankful for, good friends and family, good health, and the ability to live in a generous nation. Think about it!

Roger Royer
Lowell

Social Security supports small businesses

The COVID-19 pandemic has been testing small businesses. Running a small business can be a 24-7 endeavor. Managing employees, inventory, scheduling, services, and marketing can be challenging even in normal times.

can also take advantage of our Business Services Online at www.ssa.gov/bso/bsowelcome.htm. You must register to use this free service, which also offers fast and secure online W-2 filing options to Certified Public Accountants, enrolled agents, and



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Small business owners

individuals who process W-2s and W-2Cs. For more information about electronic wage reporting, please read our publication at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10034.pdf. *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.*

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.

B is for Blizzard
Everyone who lives in Michigan knows that blizzards happen. Blizzards in Lowell have been an opportunity for the character of the town to shine.

Snow storms and blizzards over the years have shut down normal life. In February of 1912, a blizzard with fierce winds hit Lowell. It was said that it was one of the wildest storms that had ever hit the town. The storm prevented all the rural mail carriers from successfully delivering the mail. Several were snowed in along their routes. The railroad trains were blockaded or snowbound. No mail or Grand Rapids papers arrived. The wind blew south to north, so that walks on the south side of Main Street were clear, the snow being piled up against north Main Street businesses. When shoveled, the banks were six to eight feet high.

The January 1943 storm obliterated the country roads to the point that rural mail routes could not be completed and school busses that headed out at 2:00 pm. didn't return until 9:30 pm. There were reports



The 1912 blizzard, north side of Main Street.

of neighbors plowing one another out with plows pulled by horse teams and people generously hosting those stuck in the snow as overnight guests. One soldier's visit, Pfc. George Sower, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, saw 18 relatives come through the snow, even walking when necessary, to visit their soldier.

The famous blizzard of 1978 brought 60 mph winds, 10 foot drifts and days of being snowed in. The barometric pressure was so low that it was below registering. Lowell's four year old middle school was damaged. The roof collapsed over a hallway in the east wing next to the

gym due to the weight of the snow. Hot water pipes were also broken and the building was flooded.

There was no incoming mail received from Thursday until Sunday. No rural delivery Thursday - Monday. In town, the carriers walked. One rural carrier, Bill Condon, from Alton, made it in on his heavy duty farm tractor. Dairy farmers were forced to dump their milk, as haulers could not get to them. People helped each other; Noah Blough cleared more than a mile of Cascade Road with his bulldozer.

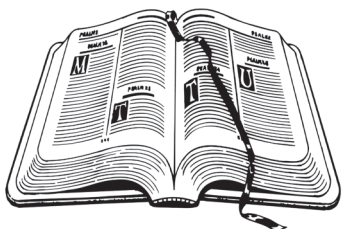
The Lowell community came together. People skied into town. Snowmobilers made trips for food. A shuttle

service was set up with the help of snowmobiles, four wheelers, and private contractors to get those in need to rescue units. One patient had to be brought by horseback to an area where emergency vehicles could reach him.

In Alto, the Tavern was turned into an emergency center with emergency vehicles bringing in residents who needed help. Stranded motorists on the highway were taken to area homes and the Bowne Township Hall. The Alto Tavern served breakfast to all those in need.

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area churches



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\$173.2M investment helps lift Michigan children and families out of poverty

With nearly 40 percent of working Michigan households struggling to afford necessities like child care, housing, food, technology, health care and transportation, the Michigan Poverty Task Force recommendations included in Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's FY 2022 budget make a significant investment to help lift 1.4 million Michiganders

out of poverty. "With recommendations and guidance from the Poverty Task Force, we invested \$173.2 million in the state budget to deliver on the kitchen-table issues faced by families," said Gov. Whitmer. "We made the largest education investment in K-12 history without raising taxes to close the funding gap between schools

and improve the classroom experience for every kid, ensured the Poverty Task Force could continue its work, expanded affordable childcare, and set up Children's Savings Accounts to help build wealth. Together, we will stay laser-focused on the fundamental issues and work to uplift the 1.4 million Michiganders facing poverty."

In addition, the school aid budget includes a nearly \$168 million investment for the Great Start Readiness Program that helps fund pre-school for all eligible children whose families are at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty limit.

"The school aid budget provides more funding than ever before for our public schools. The budget is particularly noteworthy in its support of the expansion of Great Start Readiness Program to all eligible four-year-old children over the next three years, the first goal of the State Board of Education's Top 10 state strategic education plan," said state superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "The budget also allocates \$1.5 billion to strengthen and expand child care in the state, an effort that permits children at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty limit to have access to child care."

The governor's FY 2022 budget allocations include:

\$2 million for Children's Savings Accounts program allowing Michiganders to save money and build wealth. Children's Savings Accounts offer an exciting platform to help low-income families build wealth and pay for educational expenses.

\$2.2 million pilot funding to create affordable child care for low-income families. This funding expands the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot program that splits the cost of child care by the employer, the employee and the State of Michigan.

\$1 million for Michigan Poverty Task Force's research and planning. This funding is for recommendations made by the Michigan Poverty Task Force to conduct research and planning on the effectiveness of TANF distribution and an evaluation of barriers to state assistance programs.

While many state government efforts are already in place to help Michigan's poor, the Michigan Poverty Task Force will keep working hard to champion policies that lift Michigan families out of poverty and put them on a path to prosperity.

"We are making strides in our goal of helping Michigan families transcend



Kim Trent, deputy director of prosperity for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

poverty. We will continue to recommend resources and programs that will give families what they need to move forward," said Kim Trent, deputy director of prosperity for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. "Our goal is to close the gap for Michigan residents who are facing poverty, and we are making progress."

The Task Force, led by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic

Opportunity, consists of leaders from 14 state departments, with input from the Legislature, philanthropy and community organizations who worked together throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to develop a comprehensive anti-poverty agenda for Michigan.

More information on the Poverty Task Force is available at Michigan.gov/LEO.

32-year Army veteran Colin Powell passed away



Colin Powell, right, with President George W. Bush.

by Herman Weststrate, Jr.
Lowell VFW Post 8303 commander

On Monday, Oct. 18, Gen. Colin Powell passed away. He was 84 years old.

Powell's service as a US Army officer lasted 32 years. The US Army decorated four-star general received his ROTC commission in 1958 and had basic training at Fort Benning, GA, focusing on his two tours of duty in Vietnam where he received the decorations.

As a captain at age 25, Powell arrived in Vietnam in 1962 and was an advisor until 1963, receiving a Bronze Star and Purple Heart in combat operations.

His second tour was as a major, arriving in Vietnam in June 1968, assigned to the 23rd Infantry Americal Division at Chu Lai after the Mỹ Lai massacre.

After a helicopter crash, he was wounded but pulled out other officers and crew. He received another Purple Heart and the Soldier's Medal for Valor.

Again flags will be at half mast.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021 the Planning Commission for Bowne Township will hear public comments related to the following request. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto concerning the following:

1. 6180, 6200, and 6280 Rezoning

Mr. Brent Feyen of Exxel Engineer the representative of the property owner, has submitted an application for rezoning of parcels 41-24-03-100-023, 41-24-03-100-024, and 41-24-03-100-025 from R-1 Rural Residential and C-2 Commercial districts. The adopted 2017 Bowne Township Master Plan identifies these parcels for industrial and general commercial land use.

The application and plans are available for review and written comments will be received until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan 49302. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

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1. 13961 76th STREET SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

Mr. Jeff Depew of 13961 76th Street, have submitted an application for Special Land Use Permit to operate a rural oriented wedding operation. They are seeking a Special Land Use permit under Section 6.04(k), which permits such operations per special land use approval from the Bowne Township Planning Commission. The parcel number for the referenced address is 41-24-12-300-008

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area so you start having to travel outside of Arrowhead.

4. What do you enjoy the most and the least about public service, and why?

Marty Chambers: I enjoy it all, even when people are upset with the decisions we made, because that means they are as passionate about the city as I am, and they're willing to have a discussion to say what's on their mind. That part, I really like that a lot. I like the fact that we own a local business here in town, and people can come in at any time and express their concerns or anything on their mind pertaining to the city, and that part I really like. There isn't any 'least.' When you sign up to do this, you have to take good with bad. So to me, when people are complaining, that means they have a passion about the city too. And it means that we need to just step back and listen a little harder, I believe, to their problems and their needs. I think it's very important. You can't do everything 100 percent correct, you're always going to make mistakes. There is no difference in the two for me.

Jake Davenport: What I enjoy the most is getting to meet new people and hear their stories. Serving others is my greatest passion in life and being in this position allows me the opportunity to do that.

Leah Groves: The most - meeting and hearing the stories of Lowell's citizens. It is an honor to meet, to listen and to care for you. I truly treasure this season of my life, I have met so many incredible humans

of differing backgrounds who are selfless, kind, motivational and inspiring.

The least - I am a natural problem solver. When an issue comes forward, I seek solution, not complaint. The hardest part about public service is that the solution is not black and white. It is not always quick and tidy, either. This has stretched my patience to new heights. I am grateful for this personal development. Challenge isn't a bad thing.

James Salzwedel: Well, what I like least is, and I'm not on it so I don't hear it, and that's the social media buzz of what's going on in our community, and the negative effects. It can impact some major decisions that have been made or not even been made yet, and it's out there on social media. And thank goodness they're a minority of what you see, but it still is a distraction. One of the things that I like most about it are the residents that reach out to us and communicate with us, whether it's good or bad, about decisions that we made. We listen, or at least I listen, and those are things that are important to me from that standpoint.

5. What is more important to you and why: acting in response to the will of the people or pursuing what you believe to be the best course of action?

Marty Chambers: Sometimes the will of the people really does outweigh what the council would agree upon. Now, we couldn't agree upon medical marijuana, but yet the people wanted recreational marijuana, and the council went with them.

So I think it's 50/50, you listen to both sides and you just make the best possible decision, whether it's for the people, as an overall good or for the vast majority that really wanted it. If you look that up, there was a significant number of people that wanted recreational marijuana. So I think that was the whole driving factor to putting that in place. [Note: Lowell residents voted 984 to 689 in favor of the 2018 recreational marijuana proposal.]

Jake Davenport: I do not think these are duplicate questions. I think that being able to balance that is leadership. Every decision should not be about yourself, but on the flip side, that doesn't mean you compromise yourself on every decision to make every single constituent happy. There's no such thing as everyone being happy with you all the time. Decisions should be made based what is best for our community.

Leah Groves: There's a time and a place for both. When it comes to discussing the issue at hand, I share my personal experiences and opinions. When I cast my vote on a decision to be made, I weigh all opinions expressed, think of the citizens of Lowell, the future impact my vote may have and cast my vote wisely and with understanding that I can not possibly make everyone happy, but I can appreciate their disapproval.

James Salzwedel: I'm going to say the will of the people. I honestly believe that, and I've always believed this: that it's a majority type rule. I can live with the fact that they didn't go my way or I had to give up something

I truly believe in, but I'm willing to do that if it's the best for the community and overall.

6. What would you do if the city council's chosen course of action went against your personal beliefs or opinions?

Marty Chambers: It happens all the time! You can't ever get upset. Everybody's entitled to their opinion. That's what makes our country great: freedom of speech. You can't get upset. At the end of the day, I can guarantee you we could probably sit up there and have a full-blown argument, and afterwards it would be done. There's no hard feelings, there's no remorse, there's no nothing, you just move on. Everybody's got an opinion. In my personal opinion, it's who can make the best argument to make you go forward.

Jake Davenport: In this sort of situation, the simple answer is, you can't win all the time. Make my position clear, express why I disagree and fight on with issues that can still be addressed. You must remember here, we are one of five, and we are also the lawmakers of the city. Things can go in a different direction in the future, so keep fighting on.

Leah Groves: This happens from time to time. The answer is simple, it's not about me. The only question is does this serve the citizens of Lowell? If it doesn't, I seek a better solution. If it does, I vote that way.

James Salzwedel: I can always vote no, but that's where it ends. I mean, if it's to that point and it's been passed and it's been moved

on, then I have to move on. And then I have to prepare myself for the next debate and council decision, if I really, truly believe in it. And there have been some things that I truly believed in that have not necessarily gone my way, but for the best of the community I went ahead and voted yes so that there was consensus across the board that this is the best way to go.

7. In your opinion, does Lowell have issues surrounding diversity and inclusion? How did you come to that conclusion?

Marty Chambers: Yeah, I think we do a little bit. Just listening to people that come in and listening to citizens up and down Main Street and out in the community, I think we do. I don't think it's as bad as some people make it out to be, but it is a problem, I think. How you would ever make that disappear or go away, I don't know, but I do believe that time will bring that more to a close, and it will be less of an issue, because it just takes time for everything to work itself out.

Jake Davenport: No, I do not believe that diversity and inclusion [are] an issue in Lowell. We are a warm and welcoming community to everyone regardless of race, orientation or creed.

Leah Groves: Of course, Lowell has issues surrounding diversity and inclusion. Most cities do. The first moment I truly realized this I was riding my bike home from Lowell Pride 2021. I overheard two teenage boys talking at a crosswalk, "This is the first day I have felt safe being

myself here." Here, as in, Lowell. Here, as in, his home. The next moment I realized we must do better was when I saw the Chamber of Commerce's latest Lowell promo video. A beautiful video, done extraordinarily well... but it lacks diversity and representation of people who call Lowell home. We need to be inclusive; we need to honor Lowell's diversity. The first step is admitting we can do better. I'll start, we can do better. The next step is educating ourselves on how to properly honor all who live here, not just the majority. It may feel like a foreign, uncomfortable idea to some, but we'll walk the journey of growth and widened perspective together. Together, we will make Lowell the place to be. For all.

James Salzwedel: Yes, I believe that we do have some issues surrounding diversity and inclusion. I think the majority of Lowell is okay with that. I'll give you an example. It shocked me the other night when I heard the Jon Gruden story, about the things that he said and emailed. Here is somebody that stands out in the community, and he said those things. I believe that there are people like that in our community. There always will be some people in the community, but I'm thinking that overall we do a really good job on diversity and inclusion. The Pride event we had this year, that was huge for the community, so my hat's off to that organization for providing it. There was very little protest, but there were a couple, so I think it's pretty low-key, overall, for our community.

Weatherization program helps low-income Michiganders reduce heating bills

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer are raising awareness during Weatherization Month of a program that reduces household energy costs by

an average of \$283 per year – benefitting approximately 1,300 low-income families in Michigan.

The governor has proclaimed October as Weatherization Month in Michigan.



"Together, we can help low-income families reduce their energy costs and meet their basic needs," Gov. Whitmer said. "Weatherization programs help families save money, protect the environment, and offer opportunities to local businesses that do weatherization work. My administration will ensure Michigan families can keep their homes warm as we head into the colder months."

The US Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program is administered at the state level by the MDHHS Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity. MDHHS utilizes Community Action Agencies and non-profit organizations to provide weatherization services at the local level.

Trained weatherization professionals known as energy auditors use computerized energy audit software and advanced diagnostic equipment such as blower doors and infrared cameras to create a comprehensive energy analysis of the home. This analysis is used to determine the most cost-effective measures to install in each home. The energy auditor creates a customized work order. Then trained contractors and crew members install the identified energy-efficient and health and safety measures.

"Weatherization reduces heating costs, which can be a lifeline for low-income families who might otherwise struggle to pay their utility bills," said Lewis Roubal, MDHHS

chief deputy director for opportunity. "Families benefiting from reduced heating bills can spend their money on food, clothing and other critical household needs."

Energy efficiency measures installed in client homes include items such as insulation, blower-door-guided air sealing of key leakage junctures, and installations such as lighting and water saving measures.

Health and safety issues such as elevated levels of carbon monoxide, moisture problems, mold, ventilation needs, and heating systems safety and efficiency are also addressed. There is growing evidence that the program provides benefits beyond energy savings. Improved indoor air quality and appropriate ventilation

strategies lead to healthier living conditions in weatherized homes. These healthier living conditions often lead to improved health outcomes such as reduced asthma triggers and fewer doctor visits.

Eligibility is based on household income and if the home's current condition is weatherization ready.

Anyone interested in applying for the Weatherization Assistance Program can contact their local provider. A list of them is online at michigan.gov.

Training for those working in the Weatherization Assistance Program is provided by the Michigan Training and Education Center. For more information about the training, visit www.MichiganTEC.org.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER ALUMNI

SPORTS

Soccer Alumni Game returns

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

An important fundraiser for a local area scholarship had its day on Saturday at Lowell High School's North Athletics Complex.

After a year-long break, the Lowell Alumni Soccer game benefiting the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship made its return. For the first time, the game was a competition between two alumni-based teams instead of the usual alumni versus current LHS varsity game. This allowed for more playing time for each alumni. This year's game was played between Lowell Red which featured alumni from 2017 and earlier versus Lowell White, alumni from 2018 to 2021. Team names came from their jersey colors.

of the field as his brother, 2021 LHS graduate Ben Thompson playing for the LHS White Team.

Another set of brothers, Ezra Stadt and Jay Stadt both were important pieces in the LHS White team's offensive output. Ezra scored two goals including a goal that closed the gap to 2-1 in favor of LHS Red.

Game organizer Jake Sweet (2014) made it 3-1 LHS Red by chesting the ball down, turning and shooting it past LHS White goalkeeper Sebastien Szymanski. LHS Red didn't have a natural goalkeeper, but Sweet made it work, recording a shutout while he was in net, then transitioning to the outfield and scoring a goal.

Both sides played eighty minutes, the same as a usual

unable to get past the goalkeeping of 2004 graduate and current Lowell High School athletic trainer Mandle.

Lowell's alumni game featured plenty of talented former players, it was Abdoos though who stole the show. Abdoos, a Lowell 2008 graduate, Indiana Tech player, and former Grand Rapids FC starter put on a highlight reel in his right wing position putting in crosses and shots that proved to be extremely effective.

The result was of course secondary, a competitive game with a friendly atmosphere. Both sides felt the effects of an intense 80 minutes of soccer, but for many who were years removed from competitive soccer, conditioning



Austin Lancaster featured in a yearbook photo. The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship is the beneficiary of the Soccer Alumni Game.

participated on LHS White. Sweet hopes to involve more female participants as the game grows.

The game was officiated by Jeff Sweet. Lowell soccer players were busy preparing for this Tuesday's soccer district semifinal

High School junior and soccer player who was killed in a car accident on November 6, 2004. The scholarship was established in 2010 and is an annual award given to an LHS senior looking to continue their education and

four years old. He made lifelong friends playing this game. Although his life was cut too short he will never be forgotten by those who knew him and called him friend. We hope that same feeling of friendship and love of



Lowell Alumni White Team member and current MSU student Bernie Diekevers (2020) looks to get past Lowell Alumni Red's Isaac Henderson (2015).

The Red Team, affectionately referred to as the "old guys" by PA announcer and another Lowell Soccer alumnus Doug Kelley (1988), certainly didn't play to that name. Lowell Red jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals from Nick Abdoos and Jakob Thompson. Jakob Thompson (2017) found himself on opposite sides

varsity soccer game, split into four separate 20 minute quarters.

LHS White again cut the lead back to one with Ezra Stadt dribbling along the right side and making a move past Mandle and defender Denny Briggs (1997).

Following their second goal, Lowell White pressed for an equalizer but were

and their ability to play enjoyable soccer was impressive from the fan's perspective. While the weather was cold, a group of over 100 spectators made for an enjoyable atmosphere.

Barriers were broken, as the game featured their first two female participants. MacKenzie DeRaad and Casey Leverance each



Grant Breuker (2012) of Lowell Alumni Red clears the ball in the 2021 Lowell Soccer Alumni Game,

against FHC. JV players did help out though, Carter Szymanski and Aidan Ottinger volunteering as linemen. Owen MacNaughton filled in for the Lowell Red team late in the game.

Over \$1,640 was raised for the beneficiary of the game, the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship. Named for a former Lowell

participate in a collegiate sport. Darlene and Samantha Lancaster, Austin's mother and sister, released the following statement early on Monday morning:

"Austin truly loved the game of Soccer and especially being a part of the team. He would have loved participating in this Alumni Game. He started playing soccer when he was only

the game will be the thing that continues to bring all the Lowell Alumni players together for years to come. Thanks again to everyone who attended or helped with the game in any way! We are so grateful for each one of you!!"

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Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Football makes it three wins in a row

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

It was a must-win game for Lowell on Friday night as they took on Greenville. A loss meant almost certainly the end of their playoff dreams. A win though, would give them a strong case for a playoff spot heading into the last week of the season.

For Greenville, it was one of their last two shots at a win

Lowell started off the game with the ball, and their offense was a running juggernaut that Greenville didn't have an answer for. Lowell ran the ball 59 times for 370 yards, scored on six of nine possessions, and ate up more than 26 minutes of the clock. Carter Blough had a 16-yard touchdown

only the ball flew over the Greenville defenders' heads and stopped perfectly on the wet grass without going into the endzone. Were it not for the panicked shouts of the Greenville special teams unit seeing the ball resting on the two-yard line, the ball may have been collected by Lowell. Greenville ran back to get



Carter Blough blocks an extra point.

they desperately wanted. Coming into the game without a win this season, Greenville played fearless football. After giving up a Lowell touchdown, they responded with a drive where they converted third downs, connected on some long passes and ended up responding. But ultimately they made mistakes that ended up costing them.

Special teams hurt Greenville early on. Lowell's first kickoff was fielded by Greenville, whose player immediately slipped on the wet grass of Bob Perry Field, having to start their first drive on the 8-yard line. The Yellow Jackets usually play on artificial turf. The second Lowell kickoff appeared destined for the endzone,

the ball but would start at the five yard line. It was mistakes like these that allowed Lowell to strengthen their grip on the game.

After Greenville scored their first touchdown, Blough came through with a blocked extra point and Lowell led the rest of the way. JV callup Tacho Gonzales ran for two touchdowns as Lowell took a 21-6 lead into halftime. Blough tacked on another touchdown in the early third quarter to make it 28-6.

"Tacho has been playing well at the JV level, and Greenville not having a JV team, allowed us to see how Tacho would respond



Dawson Hugh fights for extra yardage.

to playing in a Varsity contest," Coach Jacob Henige said about the callup. The last two weeks, JV hasn't had an opponent due to other schools not fielding teams. Leading to a bigger sideline for the Red Arrows this week.

Greenville's offense struggled to get things going against a stingy Lowell defense, led by Ethan Krieger who had four tackles on the night. The Yellow Jackets were able to respond to Blough's touchdown with a drive of their own deep in Lowell territory.

It was at this stage that Greenville opted to kick a field goal on fourth down from the 15-yard line. Down 28-6, late in the third quarter, against an offense that chewed up clock and was proving difficult to stop, a field goal attempt meant almost certainly the game was over. 19 points or 22 points, three touchdowns would still be needed and the added field goal which was converted took any remaining doubt out of the game.

It was senior night at Bob Perry Field, seniors Bryce Balabuch, Carter Blough, Eric Bryce, Nate Cleaver, Will Compton, Brenden Duhr, Sam Kaminski, Ayden Knapp, William Neeley, Ethan Post, Josh Rau, Dominick Ronchetti, Bryson VanderMeulen, Cole Vandervest, Tyler VanWagner, and Ethan Willard were all honored.

"They are a hard working group. They might not be the most talented or have large numbers, but they are a tough group, who will not stop competing. As a Head Coach you want young men on your team that will compete, and be great teammates," Henige said of his seniors.

Blough added a third touchdown on the ground, Greenville tacked on a touchdown in the fourth, and Connor Lixie ended the night with some fireworks and a 73-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

The final score was 42-16 in favor of the Red Arrows. Jordan Alcala led the team with 47 receiving yards, but it was Lowell's

running game that made the headlines. Blough ran 21 times for 189 yards and three touchdowns. Gonzales had 17 rushes for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Todd Parcheta hit all four of his extra point attempts.

One player that stood out to Coach Henige was Balabuch. "Bryce has been playing well at Defensive Tackle this season. This week we had a few offensive lineman that were banged up, and we needed Bryce to play both ways up front. He played well on both sides of the ball," Henige added.

The Red Arrows will move on to play Byron Center on the road this Friday. Lowell sits with a 4-4 record against a challenging schedule. Their three game winning streak has given them the inroad to a playoff berth, and a win over Byron Center would almost certainly put the Red Arrows in.

Boys place second in Saturday Invite

Lowell boys cross-country team placed second at the Kent Ottawa Invite with 52 points at the Gainey Athletic Complex. Rockford won the division with 33 points and East Kentwood took third with 104 points. Cole Weston placed eighth with a time of 17.23 followed by Sawyer Fowler, ninth, 17.24 and Jackson Fowler, 10th, 17.39. Ben

Bromley took fourth honors for Lowell with a place of 11th, 17.43 and Keegan Cater wrapped up the score with a 15th place finish at 17.54. Levi Mills and Alex Weber completed the varsity lineup with places at 18th and 31st, 18.06 and 18.37. The next race will be Wednesday at South Christian High School for the OK White Conference final meet.

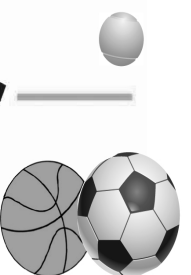
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SPORTS

Soccer gets season defining win

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

In a year featuring a challenging conference schedule, a young squad and some close losses, all of those factors made last Thursday's win that much sweeter.

Lowell won their district quarterfinal game prevailing on penalties against Forest Hills Eastern. The victory served as a bit of a revenge game for Lowell, who fell in a close contest against the Hawks in their Pink Arrow game earlier this year. The final score goes down as 1-1, with the Red Arrows advancing on penalty kicks.

After a scoreless first half, it was Lowell who struck first. Featuring a front line that can score from anywhere, that proved true again on Thursday. Nate Ryan scored the goal in regulation for Lowell on an assist from Bryce Thompson. Ryan struck the ball from 27 yards out

producing a magnificent strike into the upper left corner that seemingly came out of nowhere.

FHE equalized 10 minutes later after a through ball was latched onto and Lowell tackled the FHE attacker in the box producing a penalty call. The penalty was converted, which tied the game. After 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute overtime halves the score was 1-1 and the game went to penalty kicks.

Penalties, a form of tiebreaker is only used for high school soccer during tournament play. FHE took the first penalty which was saved by goaltender Lincoln Homolka. In the first set of kicks, Lowell was denied at the spot, ending the round even. The Hawks hit penalty number two, but Lowell's David Foster calmly tied things up 1-1. FHE hit their next penalty to take the 2-1 lead in round three, Bryce Thompson

responded with a penalty conversion of his own. In round four the Hawks took advantage of shooting first again, taking a 3-2 lead, and again Lowell had the needed response. Jace Dixon hit a left-footed shot into the corner to make it 3-3. In round five, Homolka came up with a save giving Lowell the chance to win it. Senior Nate Ryan knocked his penalty in as the Red Arrows rushed the field in celebration.

While Lowell's win over Forest Hills Eastern was exciting, it wasn't the most exciting match of the night. That belonged to West Catholic, a team that at 7-9-2 led No. 3 in the state, Unity Christian, 1-0 until Unity scored the game-tying goal with seven seconds left. West Catholic took a long shot immediately after kickoff from midfield and won the game.

The biggest surprise in this year's district bracket



Lowell's David Foster was one of the heroes in Lowell's win over FHE in a penalty shootout.

isn't the teams in Lowell's district, it's the team who is not. Forest Hills Northern is Division 1 for soccer this year, and Lowell in Division 2. FHN has 70 more students than Lowell, so there is a thin margin in enrollment that allows for divisional splits like

this even though FHN is a common district opponent across many sports. FHN is having a down year in soccer for their program standards, but the Huskies are always a tough out in the district round.

The Red Arrows advanced to Tuesday's

district semifinal against Forest Hills Central. Lowell defeated the Rangers 3-2 earlier this year, with the winning team facing the winner of Northview and Ionia in the district final. Results from the district semifinal were not available for this week's Ledger.

Sluss gets State Tournament experience

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

Lowell High School freshman Elle Sluss represented the Lowell girls golf team at the

Division 2 individual state tournament last weekend at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek.

Bedford Valley is a

parkland style course. These courses feature plenty of trees and grass, with man-made obstacles such as bunkers and even some man-made ponds and natural waterways. It is an extremely challenging championship course.

On day one, cut short after 16 holes due to rain and finished the following day, Sluss shot a 94. She responded by improving three strokes with a 91 on day two. That score put Sluss in 42nd, mid-pack in the field of 108 girls golfers.

While last year's COVID-19 pandemic limited spectator attendance. This year, a larger crowd was allowed, allowing golf head coach Josh Bruwer, family members, and fellow teammates watch Sluss compete.

South Lyon junior Gabriella Topp paced the field with scores of 70 and 74 to capture her second individual state championship in

tournament history. On the team side, Dearborn Divine Child shot a 691 over two days to take home the team state title. OK White conference members Byron Center (2nd), East Grand Rapids (10th), and Forest Hills Northern (13th) represented the OK White on the team side. The Bulldogs graduate just one player from their starting lineup this year.

Sluss comes from a golfing family, her brother Cam Sluss is a junior and competed with the varsity boys golf team last year. Her other older brother, Ethan Bates, is a 2016 Lowell High School graduate who also golfed at LHS.

Sluss' 185 cumulative score was the best for a Red Arrow in the state finals since Kenzi Uhen's 180 in 2018 and second best 36-hole total overall only behind Kenzi's result. Sydney Stuewe shot a 192 in 2008. In 1992, Tracy Burrows shot an 87 at the one-day state finals. This was the highest placement for a Red Arrow in state history, and that score placed her T-3rd overall for the tournament. Last year's tournament was only

a one-day tournament as well. Addison Bruwer and Lexy Kapcia shot 94 and 95 respectively.

Sluss will look to return to the state meet next year, and hopes to be involved in the team

competition. Lowell finished fourth as a team at this year's regional, one spot off from making states. The Red Arrows return their entire regional lineup from the 2021 season.



Elle Sluss on the driving range prior to an 18-hole round. Photo courtesy of golf coach Josh Bruwer.

Ladies take third at Kent County Invite

The Calvin College cross-country venue greeted the Arrows with mud and ponded water as the past five days of rain did a job on the normally fast course. Lowell accepted the challenge and finished the day with a third place team finish and with a gold medalist performance by Annika Sandman who took control of the race at the mile mark to win in 19:05.

The next four Arrows worked together with all finishing in the top 35. Katrina Sandman placed 17th in 20:51, Claire O'Boyle placed 21st in

21:00, Keira Sandman placed 24th in 21:26, and Megan Lillie placed 34th in 21:59. Jamara Harper and Kaylee Byrne completed the varsity line-up finishing in 53rd and 78th respectively.

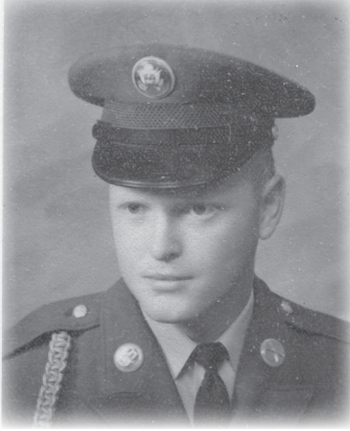
The JV harriers were able to race on an even more chewed up course and Anna Forney ran a personal record time of 25:21 and Kiah Burgess ran 27:51.

Arrows will head to South Christian HS on Wednesday for the OK White Conference meet.

obituaries

FLETCHER

Richard James Fletcher, age 72, of Muir, passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Richard was born on December 7, 1948 in Ionia, MI, the son of Raymond and Marion (Wright) Fletcher. He was a member of the Walter T. Roach American Legion Post 182 in Hubbardston. He



enjoyed farming, cooking and baking, gardening and being outdoors. He served in Korea during the Vietnam Conflict. Richard is survived by his daughter, Ellen Arden of Atlanta, GA; siblings, Gerald (Donna) Fletcher of Lake City, Sharon (Lewis) Hagle of Eagle, Philip (Linda)

Fletcher of Muir, Mark (Kay) Fletcher of Muir, Kathleen (Fred) Hearld of Fenwick; sister-in-law, Mary Fletcher of Muir and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Rita Frayer; brothers, Roger Fletcher, Ronald Fletcher and Terrance Fletcher; and God parents, Gordon and Donna Piggot. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 18, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hubbardston with a luncheon to follow. Rite of Committal followed at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Cemetery. Those wishing can make memorial contributions to the American Kidney Fund, the American Legion post 182 or St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Online Condolences can be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com.



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49321
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MILLER

Linda Kay Miller, age 69 of Ada passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Catherine Bertran; and brother, Harold Bertran.



Linda is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert Miller Sr.; children, Robert (Deb) Miller Jr., Brian (Andrea) Miller; grandchildren, Mitch, Ryan, Carson, Aidan, Tristin, Riley, Logan, Emma; brother, Wayne (Pam) Bertran; brothers-in-law, Gary (Dawn) Miller, Dennis (Susan) Miller; sister-in-law, Connie Miller; and many nieces and nephews. Linda was always busy, she loved golf, bowling, pool, fishing, and any outing with "the girls". She loved spending time with her grandkids and family. Visitation will be 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM Friday, October 22, 2021, at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 with visitation one-hour prior. Pastor Jill Forton officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Helen Devos Children's Hospital, <https://www.spectrumhealth.org/foundation/helen-devos-childrens-hospital> or American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



THOMAS



It is with joy and gladness that we announce John Thomas has gone home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John was born at home in Grand Rapids on 1/28/1935 and passed away peacefully 10/17/2021. John

was preceded in death by his wife, Doris (Vandyke). He is survived by his 2 sons, Robert (Stacy) Thomas, Patrick (Carrie) Thomas; grandchildren, Drew Sturgeon, Danielle (James) Hall, Cassandra Thomas, Jacob Thomas; great-grandchild, Ava Hall; and his significant other, Betty Krueger. John was a proud Veteran and served after the Korean War during peacetime. He owned a small, family run machine shop, J & T Machining for 58



years. He also retired from GM after 32 years of service. John loved bowling and his Airedale Terriers. He will be missed by many. Visitations will be held 6-8pm Friday, October 22, 2021, at Roth-Gerst Chapel 305 N. Hudson St, Lowell, MI 49931. Services will be held at 1pm on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at South Boston Bible Church 6958 Kyser Road, Lowell, MI 49931 with visitation one-hour prior. Memorial contributions may be made to Alpha Family Center of Lowell, 519 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



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**You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
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Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."**

~ William W. Purkey

ABCs, continued

The following year another severe storm not only dumped 18 inches of snow, but it also recorded the coldest temperatures in 28 years. Bud's ambulance crews noted exceptional cooperation from the community. When the ambulance itself was unable to clear the drifts, four wheel drive vehicles aided the paramedics. The Police Chief cautioned

snowmobiles about using city streets. He assured them they would be tolerated as emergency vehicles but their use for racing will net them a ticket and/or impoundment.

While blizzards are a good reminder of how extreme weather can be, they are also good reminders of how community can come together and help one another.



A snow "cave," 1978 blizzard.



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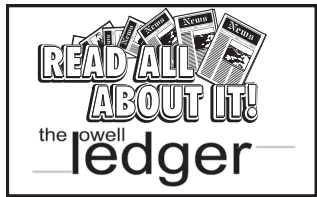
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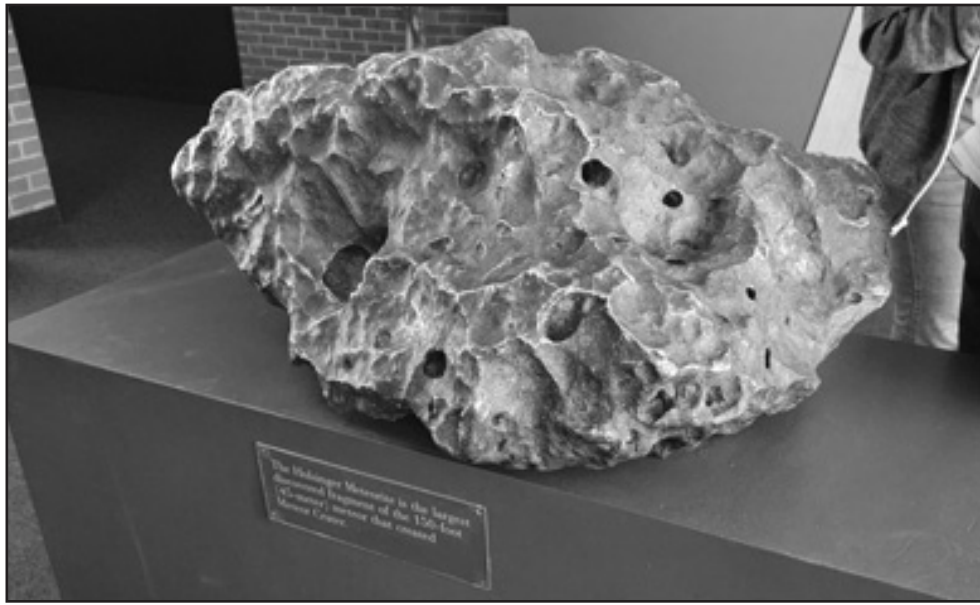
by Martha Hayden

50,000 years ago a 150 foot asteroid blasted into Earth's atmosphere. Most of which burned before landing in what is now Arizona. The meteor has left an impression, so to say, on our land and in our studies of our universe. We are able to observe it and take tours along the rim at Meteor Crater and the Barringer Space Museum. Come with us for a look-see!

Our Caper to the Crater

From I-40 at Exit 233 (18 miles West of Winslow) we trekked three miles south across the sandy plain to The Meteor Crater and Barringer Space Museum. The facility was beautifully sculpted into the landscape.

Meteor Crater is privately owned by the Barringer family through the Barringer Crater Company. The crater earned the title of a National Natural Landmark in 1967. Surprisingly, it is not a National Park. The site would need to be federally owned and funded. This is said to be the "best preserved meteorite crater on Earth."



This is The Holsinger Meteorite. It is the largest fragment discovered from the 150 foot meteorite that created the crater.

The crater is 560 feet deep with a diameter of 3,900 feet. The rim rises 148 feet above the surrounding plain.

NASA's Training Grounds

One fact that impressed me is NASA uses this land for training. Northern Arizona holds the geological secrets and volcanic terrain which is similar to the moon's landscape. Apollo astronauts (Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, for instance) trained at Meteor Crater and surrounding locations. The Astrogeology Science Center was based in Flagstaff and has provided a blueprint for simulation trainings to prepare for their upcoming space explorations.

Recent Training

In September-October 2011 post-graduate college students in geology and planetary sciences were invited to sign up for "Field Training and Research." This course was designed to train a new generation of explorers to the moon and beyond.

History

Platinum Found

In 1886 at the settlement of Two Guns, platinum was discovered by two shepherders. Fred W. Volz, a Navajo



The lower observation platform creates perspective to the vast size of the crater.

Indian trader, confirmed their find to be valuable. It was sold to a dealer



planet. It's present in less than one part per million abundance, still more abundant than gold." The meteor impact created this recipe. Interestingly, most precious metals are mined in Africa and Russia.

Samples of ore were examined in 1891 by Albert E. Foote, a mineralogist. He presented the first official paper about meteorites found in Arizona to the Association

in California for \$751.00 per pound. Steve Dutch, a retired geoscience professor explained, "Platinum formed like all the heaviest elements, in supernova explosions and neutron star mergers. It was dispersed into the interstellar medium and eventually accreted into a

in 1942 to study and write about his findings. With his extensive research he helped to prove how an asteroid could vaporize upon impact.

The Barringer family terminated Harvey Nininger's investigations and research in 1948 when Nininger proposed that the site should be a national park and quickly earned the support of the American Astronomical Society. In spite of being banned, Nininger published his findings in "Arizona's Meteorite Crater" in 1956. The public was finally beginning to accept the theory that a meteor created the concave bowl



There were several binoculars set up on one of the many observation decks. There's one focused on a boulder that's as large as a home. Another is positioned on a grate covering the center hole made when Barringer was mining the site.

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Controversy in Discovery

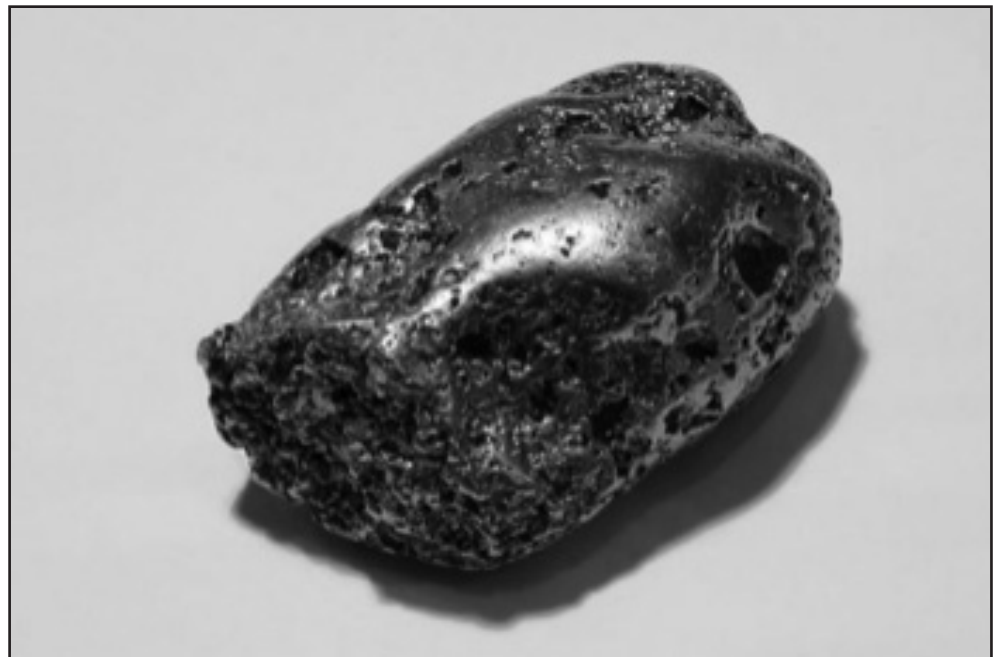
At the same time the chief geologist from the U.S. Geological Survey, Grove Karl Gilbert, believed that the crater was a result of a volcanic steam explosion, not a meteor. He argued that there would be magnetic disturbances and more samples of meteorite found

in the Arizona desert. However, at the Barringer Museum there is no mention of Harvey Nininger or his help in proving Barringer's long-held meteor theory.

Eugene M. Shoemaker and Edward C. T. Chao continued research in the 1960's building evidence that the iron meteorite had vaporized on impact. Some pieces had broken off and had been located around Canyon Diablo 20 miles away from the collision site.

Using nuclear detonations in 1962, scientists created the Sedan Crater. This demonstrated the potential energy an asteroid impact could have on the Earth. These findings also supported the theory of a meteor impact.

The view of this Milky-Way Masterpiece is awe inspiring! I stood humbled by the vast power of our



Platinum Ore has been mined for over 100 years in the area surrounding the meteor crater.

People just couldn't accept that a meteorite would 'evaporate.' Skeptics continued to badger Barringer. He spent 27 years and much of his money with drilling 1,375 feet into the crater to locate precious metal deposits and to prove his theory to the public. The largest amount of ore found was much smaller than Barringer ever expected to find.

Harvey H. Nininger was a self-taught meteoriticist. He held the largest collection of meteorites in the 1930's. He moved to Meteor Crater

universe. Knowing that NASA used this location for training astronauts makes me smile. I recommend Meteor Crater as a stop along Route 66!

Resources:

<https://www.quora.com/How-is-platinum-formed-in-earth>
<https://meteorcrater.com>
<https://sservi.nasa.gov/articles/field-training-and-research-program-meteor-crater/>
https://www.subscriptioncore.com/product/astronomy?gclid=CjwKCAjw47eFBhA9EiwAy8kzNBpXw9b4WQYxLdxvdAbcrJm2HVbr3lCmJEeL8Jgf_eWHgWYN-7oHghoCK3MQAvD_BwE
<https://library.nau.edu/speccoll/exhibits/daysofarchives/lunar.html>
<https://www.providentmetals.com/knowledge-center/precious-metals-resources/geology-of-platinum.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meteor_Crater#cite_note-Foote_1891-24
<https://library.nau.edu/speccoll/exhibits/daysofarchives/lunar.html>

FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Connecticut on October 22, 1938. I took acting classes in New York City and debuted on Broadway in 1969. I'm known for some of my zany roles, including playing a "doc" in a popular movie franchise about time travel.

Answer: Christopher Lloyd

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WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

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

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

WELLNESS WORD SEARCH

ADMIT
 ADVICE
 APPOINTMENT
 ASSISTANT

BLOOD PRESSURE CHOLESTEROL DIAGNOSE

DIET
 DOCTOR
 EXAMINATION
 HEALTH

HEARTBEAT HOSPITAL ILLNESS

LABORATORY
 MAINTENANCE
 MONITOR
 PHYSICAL

PRESCRIPTION PROACTIVE WEIGHT

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to health.

S R U N S E

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Answer: Nurses

CLUES ACROSS

- Break
- Ruled Russia
- Having several lobes
- Walked around proudly
- Atomic #77
- Largest living land animals
- The Great Lakes State
- A type of toast
- Partner to feather
- Bristlelike
- Bowfin
- Distributes
- Hairlike structure
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Where wrestlers work
- Blood relation
- A great deal
- Round Dutch cheese
- Move further away from
- Type of wrap
- Furies
- Removes from the record
- Young salmon
- Feline
- Skin decor
- Disfigure
- They ___
- Formal term for "on"
- Weight of precious stones
- Traveled rapidly
- Long-winged aquatic bird

CLUES DOWN

- Wives of a polygamous man
- Where hurt ballplayers land
- Single-celled animal
- Rhythmic pattern
- One from Utah
- A group of seven
- Refrains from inflicting
- Light brown
- Humanistic discipline
- Emits coherent radiation
- It says who you are
- Roundworm
- Group of Native Americans
- Makes wider
- Headgear
- One who sets others free
- Form of communication
- A Brit's mother

- Title of respect
- Famed modernist painter
- One-time province of British India
- Prosecutors
- Motor vehicle
- Non-religious
- Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
- Pouch
- Touch gently
- Chose
- Actress Tomei
- Former Broncos coach Dan
- Icelandic poems
- More decent
- Grillmasters use it
- Self-immolation by fire rituals
- Expression of annoyance
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Consumed
- Body part
- Thus
- Rupee

Opioid overdose legislation passes Senate

Hospitals would establish medication-assisted treatment programs as a way to alleviate opioid overdoses, under legislation the Senate unanimously passed on Thursday, Oct. 14.

SB 0579 was given an all-green vote at last Thursday's Senate session. Under it, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services would be mandated to expand treatment access through grant-funding and by ordering hospitals to begin emergency department-based MAT programs.

"The hospital would also be able to opt out of providing the program by filling out a form created by the DHHS," said Sen. Curtis VanderWall (R-Ludington) at the Senate Health Policy and Human Services Committee in early

September. "The bill would also create conditional provisions for hospitals to receive the grant funding."

SB 0579 would apply to hospitals treating 50 or more patients annually in its emergency department for opioid-related overdoses. In December 2020, 70 hospitals fell into the aforementioned 50-or-plus category.

According to a pilot program administered by the Michigan Opioid Partnership, a \$100,000 grant would be necessary to establish a MAT program within a hospital treating 50 to 100 opioid-related overdoses per year. Additionally, a \$200,000 start-up grant would be needed for a hospital handling more than 100 opioid-related overdoses.

"The Department indicates a necessary funding level of \$8.3 million with an assumed 70 percent participation rate among eligible hospitals," the Senate Fiscal Agency provided.

Jared Welehodsky, a DHHS policy specialist, said a study demonstrated 5.5 percent of non-fatal overdose patients treated in an emergency department die within a year. He explained traditionally hospitals would treat the emergency of an overdose, "but not initiate treatment or provide a warm hand off to community treatment."

Welehodsky, also in early September, said the DHHS has already utilized partnerships to launch a MAT treatment program in 19 Michigan hospitals,

meaning VanderWall's bill would build off of an already-started foundation.

Provisional data exhibits that drug overdose deaths in 2020 jumped by 16 percent in Michigan over the previous year, said Sen. Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids) on the Senate floor.

Brinks' SB 0578 was also passed unanimously last Thursday, legislation designed to provide more immediate accessibility to naloxone, the drug used to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose, amongst local organizations.

"Together these bills will decrease the number of deaths that occur because of drug overdose and will support individuals on a path to recovery," Brinks said.

Additional pandemic-related emergency food assistance benefits to be issued

All Michigan families who are eligible for food assistance benefits are receiving an additional monthly payment in October in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

More than 1.25 million Michiganders in close to 700,000 households will receive additional food assistance benefits.

Eligible clients will see additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card from Oct. 23 through Nov. 1. These benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate payment from the assistance that is provided earlier in the month.

"Helping families address food insecurity during the pandemic is one of MDHHS's top priorities," said Lewis Roubal, senior deputy director for opportunity. "With help from our federal partners, we are helping families put more nutritious food on the table."

Some Michiganders began receiving additional food assistance in April 2020 after the beginning of the pandemic that started the month before. In May 2021, all eligible households began getting extra monthly benefits. Federal approval is necessary every month.

All households eligible for SNAP receive an increase of at least \$95 monthly, even if they are already receiving the maximum payment or are close to that amount. Households that received

over \$95 to bring them to the maximum payment for their group size will continue to receive that larger amount.

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

- One Person: \$250
- Two Persons: \$459
- Three Persons: \$658
- Four Persons: \$835
- Five Persons: \$992
- Six Persons: \$1,190
- Seven Persons: \$1,316
- Eight Persons: \$1,504

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

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or calling a consumer service representative toll-free at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker.

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

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



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Today: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Wednesday, Oct. 20 is the 293rd day of the year. There are 72 days remaining until the end of 2021.

Historic Events

1803: The US Senate ratifies the Louisiana Purchase, doubling the size of the country.

1818: The Convention of 1818 is signed between the US and the UK, setting the US/Canada border on the 49th parallel.

1941: Thousands of civilians in German-occupied Serbia are murdered in the Kragujevac massacre.

1944: Gen. Douglas MacArthur comes ashore during the Battle of Leyte, fulfilling his promise to return to the Philippines.

1947: The House Un-American Activities

Committee begins its investigation into Communist infiltration of the Hollywood film industry.



Singer/songwriter Wanda Jackson was born Oct. 20, 1937.