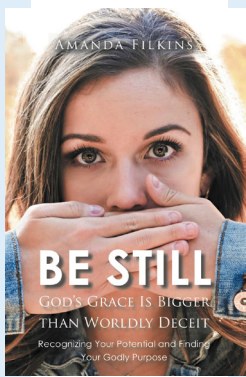


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Lowell Crop Hunger Walk schedule for May 1

by Bill Lee
contributing writer

On Sunday May 1, Lowell will be hosting its annual Crop Hunger Walk, a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. According to the Crop Hunger Walk website, "In 2022, we will continue to fight against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry."

Paul Benjamin, Lowell's event coordinator, who has been a part of the walk for five years, has been passionate about the event and its history since he began. "Crop Walk has been around for 50 years and for over 25 years here in Lowell," said Benjamin. "It started out in the Dakotas as just a group of hippies who wanted to help hungry people and now it's all around the world. Right here in Lowell any funds that we raise in the year, 25 percent of the total stays right here in Lowell -- 20 percent goes to Flat River Outreach Ministries, and five percent goes to Senior Neighbors. On average we raise about \$10,000 a year."

The rest of the proceeds



Lowell walking Group.

help people in need across the world, particularly those in war-torn countries like Ukraine that have refugee issues. "Church World Service takes the other money to teach people how to build wells and how to garden, how to have good

sanitation, how to raise farm animals," said Benjamin. "Not just throwing money at it."

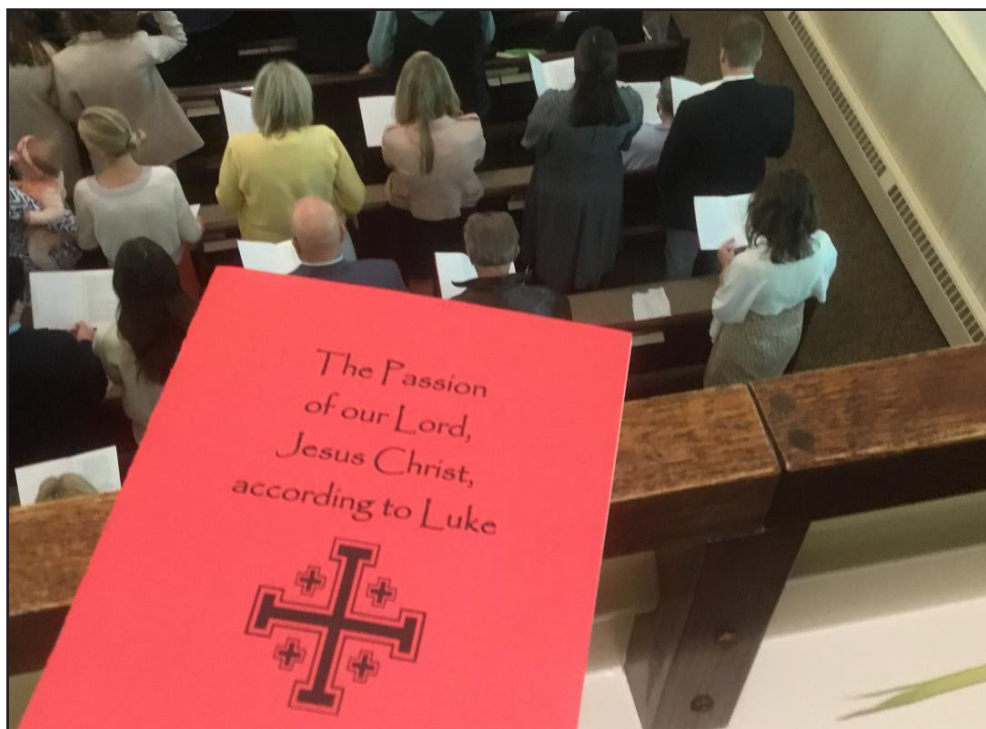
This year's Crop Walk will begin at 1 pm at the United Methodist Church in Lowell with registration beginning at 12:30 pm. Ray Wolfe is

the logistics coordinator and has been a part of Lowell's Crop Walk since it started. He lays out the walk which this year will start at UMC and head along Main Street west toward Alden Nash and go north and loop through the neighborhood.

There will be a shorter 1k route too. Benjamin wants people to know that they can participate in any way they see fit. To him this event is not only about supporting

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Palm Sunday, Happy Easter



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week leading to Easter. The congregation and the lectors at St. Pat's Catholic Church in Parnell read "The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ" according to Luke last Sunday known as Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Palm branches were distributed. In the passion script, Fr. Tom Cavera acted as Jesus, the congregation as the crowd, and the lectors as the narrator and Pilate. The Passion script inspired Mel Gibson's epic 2004 film "The Passion of the Christ." Holy Week includes Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

FHS anniversary cookbook

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Back by popular demand, the second reprint of the "Fallsburg Centennial Cookbook" commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Fallsburg Covered Bridge, 1871-2021.

Compiled by the West Michigan Historical Society, the predecessor to the Fallsburg Historical Society (FHS), the delightful cookbook features recipes such as the lumbermen's favorite "Vinegar Pie" which won the first prize and it appears first in the cookbook.

"My grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw, Stella, holds the distinction of the prize-winning recipe of 1970," Ken Tamke, FHS member said. "I have never had it and truthfully,

it sounds ghastly. Some of my cousins that have had it say it is wonderful. I have no intention of whipping it up to find out. The cookbook, if nothing else, is quite amusing and charming, a connection to the past."

In the preface to the cookbook, Ellura Frost McPherson wrote, "Herein is not a host of recipes designed to outshine any others, quite the contrary. This is only a meager collection of thoughts and ideas from the local people of the Fallsburg area used many, many years ago by our ancestors."

Some recipes come directly from the Falls family which is from Mrs. Edwin Fallas'

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City council discusses community splash pad west

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

In a joint project planned for 2023 between the City of Lowell and Lowell Township, the community may have a splash pad instead of a municipal pool located west of the new North Grand River Riverfront Park in Lowell Charter Township.

Mayor Mike DeVore informed the Lowell City Council in a regular meeting on April 4 that he had been working with Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale to scout a location for a community splash pad.

"A municipal pool is

not a viable option for a community of our size," DeVore said.

The two municipalities have been seeking funding for the community splash pad in grants and fundraising over the last two years. However, in case they fall \$75,000 short of funding for the splash pad, each municipality would contribute \$37,500 if approved.

DeVore was seeking the support of the council for a letter of intent to help pay for the construction slated for 2023.

Councilmember Jim Salzwedel questioned if

enough research had been done due to its short-term use in the summer months.

"They are cool. Kids love them," council member Cliff Yankovich said. "It will be \$37,500 well spent."

Councilmember Leah Groves also favored the project.

"It will give another reason for people to come to Lowell," she said.

It was the consensus of the council for DeVore to go ahead with the letter of intent.

"It will be a legacy project," said DeVore.

Also, the future splash pad would attract people to

the trails after the season.

"It's a no-brainer," said DeVore. "People will come back."

In other business, the city council approved the purchase of a 2022 Police Interceptor Utility AWD hybrid from Signature Ford in Owosso, the up-fitting from Great Lakes Up-fitting, and the graphics from B&K Graphics for \$54,587.

Christine Barnes announced her candidacy for the 78th House District on the Republican ticket.



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Fri., April 8 from 1-3 pm. Sit down and enjoy a word game, unplugged, with other fans. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Family Storytime

Mondays from 10:30 - 11 am. Read and sing together as a family. Enjoy stories, music, movement and rhymes that develop early literacy skills.

All Aboard! Book Club

Thurs., April 14 from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. This month, we'll discuss The Guest Book by Sarah Blake. For adults.

Adult Craft and Create

Thurs., April 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Create together! Features a painting craft for you to make and take home.

Walk, continued

Crop Walk, but it is also being involved in one's community.

"With the pandemic going on it's more important to walk whatever (distance) you want," said Benjamin. "It's more important to bring people together and making people more aware. It's not about donating the money and more about how much do you care about this and how much do you want to be involved and helping people right here. It's about coming together to get people to food and water that everybody deserves as a basic human right."

Although Benjamin is a member of the First Congregational Church, his message to everyone is that you don't need to be religious to be a part of this great event. "People can help out in any way they want," said Benjamin. "Let's get together and do this. And keep our community strong because that will have more



Paul Benjamin and his walking team.

beautiful ramifications down the road. It's not about church. It's open to everybody who wants to come out. I'm glad that Lowell keeps growing and keeps getting people excited

about this."

If you are interested in donating, walking, setting up your own walking team, or just getting more information about Crop Hunger Walk, you can go to

their website at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lowellmi>

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Did you know that Social Security's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides cash payments to children with disabilities whose families have limited income and resources?

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- The child, if not blind, must not be working or earning more than \$1,350 a month in 2022. If the child is blind, they must not be working or earning more than \$2,260 in 2022. The earning amounts usually change every year to keep up with inflation.

- The child must have a medical condition(s), that result in "marked and severe functional limitations." This means that the condition(s) must very seriously limit the child's activities.

- The child's condition(s) must last for at least a year or expected to result in death.

Some older teenagers may have part-time jobs or are involved in work programs, which may affect eligibility to SSI. In addition, if an unmarried child under age 18 is living at home, we may consider some of the parents' income as the child's income. We make allowances for the parents and their other children living in the home

when we consider the parents' income. You can learn more about children's benefits in our publication, Benefits for Children with Disabilities at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf.

We also help children – and adults – through our Compassionate Allowances program. Compassionate Allowances are a way to quickly identify conditions

that, by definition, meet our standard for disability benefits. You can read the list of conditions at www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm.

Compassionate Allowances can help reduce the wait time for us to make a disability determination for children

with the most serious disabilities. Thousands of children receive benefits because they have a condition on this list, but children with conditions not on this list can still qualify for SSI.

If you are or know a parent, guardian, caregiver, or representative of a child you think may be eligible, visit our Disability Benefits - Apply for a Child (Under Age 18) at www.ssa.gov/ssikids to learn more and begin an application.

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 vontil@ssa.gov.

FHS cookbook continued

1887 cookbook loaned by granddaughter Jean Rutherford Martin.

"These are so unusual, we must share them with you," McPherson wrote.

The Fallas family's original recipes include peach leather, dandelion salad, a delicious soup, oaten cakes, Mrs. Fallas' tomato pie, rice black-cap pudding, pickled carrot, pickled red cabbage, frothed eggs and beef loaf.

According to McPherson, some recipes bring to mind the wonderful meals served at Lone Pine Inn.

Other than recipes, the cookbook presents the "necessary unusuals" such as grandpa's salve by Leonora Tower, and remedies for inflammatory rheumatism and hand lotion.

However, the syrup to cure rheumatism requires some mysterious ingredients like

gun gerwaku and turkey rhubarb.

And the cookbooks bring back some good memories.

"They bring another piece of our past back into our lives," said Alan Rumbaugh FHS treasurer. "It was fun at the Expo to see people going through the cookbooks and commenting on the old fun recipes and what their grandparents might have cooked."

The chronology of the societies that led to the founding of the modern FHS is below.

The West Central Michigan Historical Society (WCMHS) was founded in 1965 by Leonora Tower and preceded the Fallasburg Historical Society (FHS) circa 1988.

The WCMHS grew out of the Vergennes Cooperative Club (VCC) which was founded in 1914, and it is

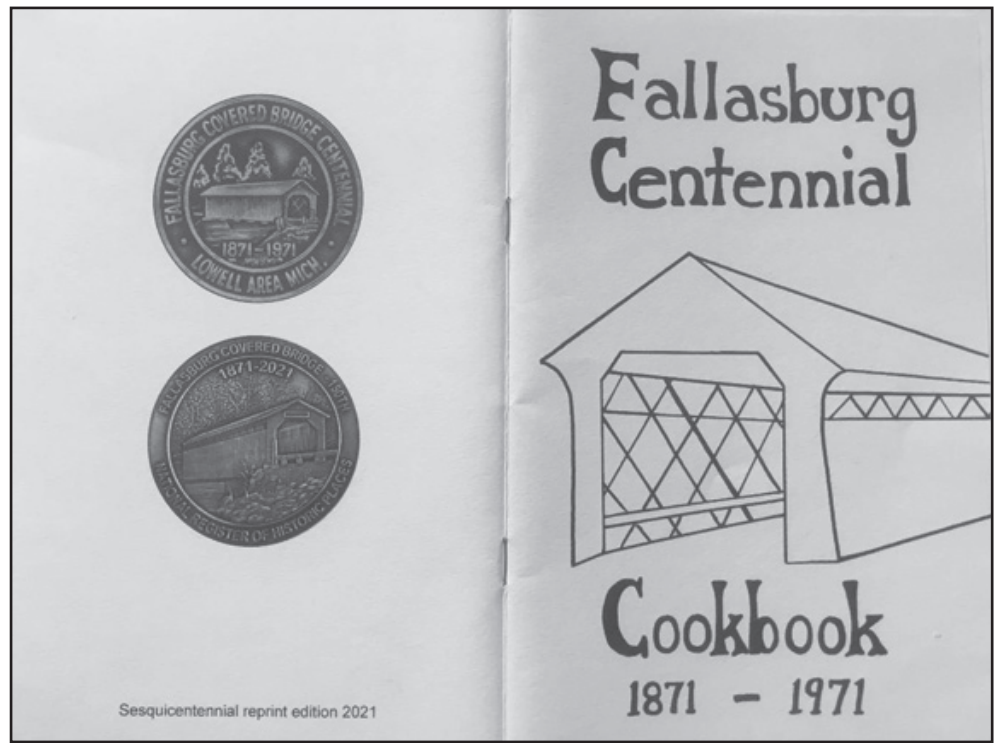
still in existence as Lowell Women's Club.

FHS has all records of the VCC including their original handwritten bylaws. These records can be viewed on Collective Access, click on Vergennes Township. <https://collection.fallasburg.org>

Along with the cookbooks, commemorative coins were reminted to celebrate the sesquicentennial. Available at the places listed below.

The centennial cookbook is available for \$5 at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Women's Club, at the one-room schoolhouse in Fallasburg during the upcoming spring into the Past tour on May 7 and 8, 2022. The one-room schoolhouse will be open on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm or by appointment.

For more info go to www.fallasburg.org



Back by popular demand, the Fallasburg Centennial Cookbook, 1871-2021 celebrates the sesquicentennial of the famous Covered Bridge.

Czech & Slovak Easter traditions embedded in villages and towns

by Emma Palova
contributing writer

What? No Easter egg hunt? Not in the Czech Republic or Slovakia. Instead, Easter revelers flock to the streets to practice the ancient custom of "schmigrust."

The Czech and Slovak Easter traditions are deeply embedded in the villages of Moravia and Slovakia, and they are not as prevalent in the big cities such as Prague or Bratislava.

Most families color eggs in dyes or onion skins for the deep brown color and polish the eggs with butter and set them on the Easter table to reward the revelers, along with a bottle of plum brandy, desserts, kolache, lamb pound cake, and open-faced sandwiches.

Easter egg artists make

"kraslice," which are decorated with empty eggshells after the yolk and white have been blown out. These pieces of delicate art painted on a fragile shell are the mainstay of Easter sold at markets and gift shops, along with hand-embroidered tablecloths and ceramics.

The prevailing tradition remains the mysterious "whipping" of the women of the household on Easter Monday known as "schmigrust." Men and boys traditionally braid their own whips from willow branches in all sizes. These whips are called "pomlaska" or "karabac" and then can be up to two meters long braided from 24 willow rods. Some use large special wooden spoons with ribbons

or branches of juniper.

"Schmigrust is my favorite part of Easter," said Ludek Pala, a Moravian native of Stipa, now a resident of Lowell, who still practices the tradition.

The revelers get up at the crack of dawn and head out into the streets in groups of all ages. Depending on the region they also carry wooden carved noisemakers carved by local wood artists.

When the door opens, the women and girls get a gentle whipping to drive away evil spirits, according to old legends. Originating in ancient pagan fertility rites, the practice is supposed to guarantee beauty and good health for women in the

Easter traditions,
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Anna Krocova of Vizovice, Czech Republic demonstrates Easter egg decorating at Easter markets last Saturday.



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The Social Media comparison game

Have you ever looked at a friend's social media page and they always seem to be doing fun things, traveling, have great relationships, a nice house and the ideal job? You start comparing your life and it comes up short. Maybe you even start to feel envious. This leads to negative thoughts about what you don't have and

what's lacking in your life. These thoughts can turn inward and you may start questioning what is wrong with you that you don't have these things. If you made better choices, worked harder, did more fun things, made more money, had more education or a better job then you too would have those things too. You take a

direct hit to your self-worth. Maybe you start feeling resentful. You would have all those things too if you had all the "breaks" they had but instead you were given a lump of coal. If these types of thoughts continue, for some, this is not just a hit to your self-worth but can also increase stress, negative unhealthy emotions and cause feelings of depression.

Research on Mental Health & Social Media

There are several types of social media comparisons. Two main ones are upward and downward comparisons. Upward social comparison is when you look at those

you feel are doing better to become inspired. Downward social comparison is when you look at those you feel are doing worse to feel better about you and your situation.

But what happens when social comparison turns in another direction? Some recent findings show that for some, social media comparison is associated with lower self-esteem, feelings of depression, stress, greater body shame and an overall decline of mental health. Why? Because making comparisons or feeling envious can distort your views and lead you to question your own self-worth and value. It can lead to jealousy and resentment.

Another study shows that, in general, as you get older the drive to compare yourself to others decreases. It may be because as you get older you compare "where you were" to "where you are." Regardless, unhealthy comparisons can happen at any age. The good news is that researchers found those

that left certain social media sites had an immediate increase in life satisfaction and positive emotions.

Ending the Comparison Game

So, here's the thing. You may be comparing their best memories to your regular life which are two very different things. This isn't a fair comparison. While comparison is a typical human impulse and is sometimes going to happen, you can work to limit the effects of making unhealthy comparisons.

The first step is to be aware that you are making unhealthy comparisons.

Until you get more control over unhealthy comparisons, reduce how much time you spend on social media. If you find yourself automatically going to your social media sites, you can limit your time using your phone or other apps.

Compare yourself to you, not others. Look at your achievements. Are

you making advancements, and what goals have you achieved? What improvements have you made in your life and with yourself? Focus on what you have and your accomplishments.

Figure out why you make unhealthy comparisons. Is there something in your life that you are truly unhappy about? Do you have a self-worth issue? If so, work to change these things and ditch any unhealthy comparisons.

Figure out your triggers. Are there certain people, things, or situations that don't add value to your life and cause negative feelings? If possible, you may want to limit or avoid them.

Focusing on others lives takes away from you enjoying your own life. So, work to stay focused on living your best life and reaching your goals.

I hope you found this article helpful but it isn't intended as advice, or to diagnose or treat.

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Lowell woman appointed to state dairy program

Renee McCauley, of Lowell, has been named to serve on the Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee, according to a news release from the governor's office.

McCauley is the owner of Tumbleweed Dairy. She holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and natural resources communications from Michigan State University.

The Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee is dedicated to the promotion and consumer education

of milk and milk products produced within the state of Michigan. The committee works in conjunction with the United Dairy Industry of Michigan to promote the sale of dairy products and to educate consumers, health professionals, and educators about the dairy industry and the nutritional benefits of Michigan's dairy products.

Others appointed Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee include Timothy Hood, of Paw Paw, owner of Hood Farms; Amy

S. Martin, of Leroy, owner of Gingrich Meadows Inc.; Dwight Nash, of Elsie, owner of Nash Dairy; Kenneth P. Wieber, of Fowler, owner of Wieber Farms.

McCauley is reappointed to represent the Michigan Farm Bureau for a term commencing April 8 and expiring Dec. 31, 2024.

All of these appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Lowell Ledger seeks information on summer events

Representatives from local organizations, clubs, businesses, municipalities or other groups planning summer events are invited to contact the Lowell Ledger for inclusion in the upcoming summer fun guide.

The special

publication will list activities throughout the area, including concerts, presentations, festivals, races, tours, hikes, art shows, theatrical performances and more. The booklet will be delivered with local papers, and also will be distributed

at Michigan Department of Transportation information centers throughout the state.

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**125 years ago
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April 16, 1897**

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**100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
April 20, 1922**

The William Rickert home in the Hunter district, Keene, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning with most of the contents, which included the goods of two families, those of Mr. Rickert and of his daughter and husband, those of the latter being a total loss. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney. There was some insurance.

Township Clerk F.N. White informs The Ledger that he has a letter from the State Highway department with the pleasing information that a check for \$1,407.88 had been sent to the Lowell township treasurer on its indebtedness to our highway fund and that the balance of about \$600 is expected in July.

It is expected that the public library will be moved about May 1 from the High school building to the Graham building apartment house at the corner of Main and Hudson streets, with Miss Audie Post as librarian. Rent will be free for the present, and other expenses will be divided half and half by village and school district. The reference books for strictly school purposes will be sorted out and retained at the school.

**75 years
The Lowell Ledger
April 17, 1947**

An interesting story about a Mallard drake, now living in the King Wildfowl Sanctuary, was revealed in a recent letter to King Doyle, from Herbert J. Miller, state game biologist of the Conservation Department. The drake in question was rebranded last February, when the Conservation Department caught and sorted all the drakes, in the King Sanctuary, removing 170 of them to the state game farm at Mason.

Lowell, like the rest of the country, has been badly handicapped as a result of the nation-wide telephone strike. In fact, we have been set back well over half a century and it seems unbelievable that a strike of this kind, affecting the public welfare as it does, should be allowed to continue. If the threatened Western Union Strike comes off we'll all feel like throwing in the towel.

The Ledger is glad to report that the high water, which caused considerable concern to the people of

this community, has been gradually receding since last week Tuesday, when the Grand River rain gauge read 18.5 feet. Water which found its way into basement stores and cellars of homes throughout the town is also gradually finding its way into storm sewers.

**50 years
The Lowell Ledger
April 20, 1972**

Several suspects are being checked out, as Lowell Police search for the culprits who entered Parker's Service on West Main Street Monday night. Making their entry through a back window, they walked off with a lot of candy and cigarettes.

Moments of frustration! That's what Police Chief Barry Emmons was put through Tuesday afternoon as he diligently tried to pick the lock of a bathroom at 606 Grindle Drive to retrieve 2-year-old Tricia Wittenbach, who had locked herself in. Emmons eventually broke the door in, reuniting the scared little miss with her mother.

Congressman Gerald R. Ford announced today that his special assistant, Gordon Vander Till, will hold office hours on his behalf in Lowell Friday, April 21, in the City Council Room from 2:30 to 5 pm.

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
April 16, 1997**

A 10-minute school board presentation by Lowell seventh-grade history teacher Jack Misner was all the confirmation Art Warning needed in his decision to donate an 1861 US map to Lowell Schools. "When you see someone so gung-ho get kids motivated about history, you feel good," Warning said.

A two-year battle over water rates has left Lowell Charter Township more than \$30,000 in the hole. "We paid \$196,000 for water we sold for \$161,000. That doesn't sound like good business," said Township trustee Alyn Fletcher.

High speed car chases are dangerous for the driver being chased, for the police officers chasing him/her and all too often for that innocent third party that happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Such incidences have many Michigan police agencies accelerating their efforts to purchase road block systems designed to bring high speed chases to a controlled end. Lowell became the first police department in Kent County to go to a road spike system.

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outdoors

busy times

Dave Stegehuis

Springtime in Michigan signals the restart of a bevy outdoor of activities. A number of fish and game seasons open up and the mild weather encourages green things to start growing and welcomes people outside. Tom turkeys strut and gobble. Turkeys are exciting to hunt and interesting to observe. Sit or walk in a nearby natural area and listen for the noisy birds. Cold nights and warm days cause sap to run. From the time buckets show up on the big maples, its game on.

Steelhead trout begin spawning runs in rivers and tributaries. The big silver fish provide recreation for fishermen as well as those who gather to watch the action. Brook, brown, and rainbow trout swim in streams, creeks, and rivers providing a great fishing experience. Walleye also run in major rivers around the state and draw anglers from throughout the Midwest. Don't forget bluegills cruising the warm shallows of area lakes.

As the soil warms, mushrooms begin popping up on sunny hillsides and other special places waiting to be discovered by beginning and experienced mushroom hunters. Sliced Morrells fried in butter are

one of nature's finest treats. Wild asparagus may still be found in secret patches.

Campgrounds which were shuttered for the winter begin to welcome campers back to the woods, lakes, beaches, and dunes. Camping makes it possible for many folks to have fun in new places and do new things around both peninsulas.

Home gardening has been rediscovered as a source of nutritious food. A large garden is an opportunity to enjoy the benefit and satisfaction of growing your own vegetables. Raised beds or patio garden kits make it easy for everyone to garden. Flower gardeners brighten up the summer landscape and provide habitat for birds and pollinators. Then, of course, there is always yard work and house maintenance.

All of these activities and more will be happening around the state in the coming weeks. Note that fish and game regulations vary from year to year and from one location to another, so always check the current digest in print or online for up-to-date information.

Pay attention to what is happening out there, so you don't miss out on the good times outdoors. Enjoy the season

We love to hear from you!



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ABCs of Lowell history

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced in 2020 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.

X Marks the Spot!

Recreation Park
Part One

Where the rivers meet there is a spot, in the heart of Lowell, named Recreation Park, occupying over 30 acres. It was the center of social activity in Lowell and a rare gem in all of Kent County. People began coming to Recreation Park when it was Train's Track, a half mile race track for horses. From that it evolved into a park used for baseball, football, tennis, large gatherings and of course, the Kent County Youth Fair.

The earliest known occupants were the Odawa, who had a village here. Lewis Robinson was next to occupy the land, and then Jarvis C. Train. Besides being a well-known businessman, Jarvis C. Train was one of the early horse racing enthusiasts. Horse racing was very popular at the time, and horse races were held at the 'Old Fairgrounds' defined as "On the river-flat hollow west of Oakwood cemetery." It isn't known how long the "Old Fairgrounds" were in use, but newspaper references before 1878 all refer to the "Lowell Driving



Lowell Saddle Club at Recreation Park.

Park" or "Lowell track" or "Lowell Horse Fair." Later, J. C. Train made his own half mile race track on his land that we know today as Recreation Park. Horse race publicity after 1878 specifically refers to "Train's track," "Train's Driving Park" and "Island Park Race Track." In 1883, Train built grandstands at his Driving Park. In 1906, Train died as a result of a tragic accident, he was kicked by a horse.

The beginning of Recreation Park is difficult to pinpoint. Train donated the islands in the Flat River south of the mill, and at some point the land with the track and park was transferred to the city. For years Island Park was the best picnic spot in town, and the adjoining Recreation Park was known for its recreational opportunities.

The Board of Trade

would lease the grounds, and then plan events and rent out the park. Numerous homecoming celebrations were held there with picnics on the island, and baseball, horse races, balloon ascensions and foot races all at Recreation Park. Horse races and baseball continued at Recreation Park, and in 1919 the American Legion was started, with an early project of furnishing Recreation Park with playground equipment. The Board of Trade planned events such as weekly band concerts, a free Chautauqua and athletic tournaments. A new grandstand, complete with a foundation, was built inside the race track at the north end of the ball grounds. It was 26'X20'

with eight rows of seats. Fall harvest picnics were held at Recreation Park, one featured an exhibition drill by the National Guard of Lowell.

In 1926, the first of several "Field Meet" days for Kent County, was held at Recreation Park in Lowell. Programs were issued with score sheets for events. Hundreds of students from all over the county came to these events.

By now Recreation Park was well known as having one of the best half mile race tracks in the state, good baseball diamonds with grandstand, two standard

ABCs continued page 12

- vitamin D drops and breastfeeding

Vitamin D supplementation is recommended for all breastfed infants, starting at hospital discharge. Low levels of Vitamin D (Vitamin D deficiency) can cause rickets (osteomalacia) in developing infants, which is softening and weakening of the young bones. Vitamin D is essential for facilitating calcium metabolism and bone mineralization for proper bone growth and development. All exclusively breastfed infants should receive 400 international units (10 micrograms) daily of Vitamin D supplements, beginning within a few days after birth.

Although breastmilk is an incredibly healthy source of nutrition for infants, breastmilk typically does not contain enough vitamin D for the rapidly developing infant. The Vitamin D content of breast milk is low (15 to 50 international units/L) even in a Vitamin D-sufficient mother. Exclusively breastfed infants consuming an average of 25 ounces of breast milk daily ingest only 10 to 40 international units/day of Vitamin D, which is not enough for healthy bone development.

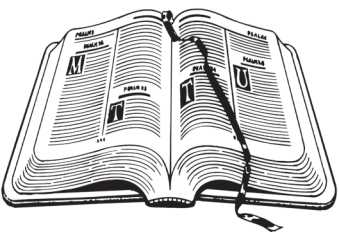
Vitamin D supplementation should be continued until the infant is weaned and drinks at least 33 ounces of vitamin D-fortified formula daily,

or until 12 months of age. Once an infant reaches 12 months of age and begins drinking Vitamin D-fortified cow's milk or fortified plant-based milk, Vitamin D supplementation is no longer needed. Infants who are formula fed also do not need Vitamin D supplementation, as formulas are fortified with Vitamin D.

Other food sources of vitamin D include sun exposure and certain solid foods (oily fish, eggs, and fortified foods). However, the intake from these sources tends to be low and inconsistent, so it is best to rely on either Vitamin D supplements or vitamin D-fortified formula to supply the necessary vitamin D. For most infants, exposure to sunlight is generally not a sufficient or safe source of Vitamin D due to the associated risk of skin cancer.

For exclusively breastfed infants, we recommend vitamin D supplementation providing 400 international units (10 micrograms). Vitamin D supplements are usually given in the form of liquid drops. Vitamin D supplementation will likely be discussed at your infant's well child visits, and parents are always welcome to contact the primary care provider or pediatrician with questions.

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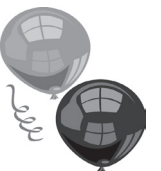
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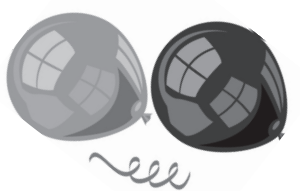
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Rick Warner, Angela Vezino, Doug Anchors, Jon Kinsey, Jason Borton.

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Guest Column

by Cliff Yankovich

Pot sales tax brings pavement to Lowell

In case you haven't heard, the City of Lowell received \$282,267.20 from the State of Michigan for our portion of State collected excise tax from adult use marijuana sales. This represents about nine percent of our annual general fund budget and the unanticipated high dollar amount was rightly labeled "huge" by City Manager Mike Burns. The total amount received has gone into the local streets fund to help pay for much needed road improvements. Please read that last sentence enough times to commit it

to memory. As promised by Burns and the City Council, marijuana revenues are being used for our streets.

Please indulge me as we look at a bit of pot history in Lowell. In 2017, the Council considered the question of allowing a medical marijuana facility to open here. Since I had benefitted considerably from edible marijuana following my treatment for throat cancer, I addressed the council as an advocate. They denied the application, citing the upcoming vote on Proposition 18-1 which

was the state wide measure that legalized adult use marijuana. Their decision made sense to me, even though I was advocating for acceptance.

Proposal 18-1 won a clear victory state-wide and passed in Lowell by a decisive margin of 58-42 percent. The City Council respected the will of the voters and adopted rules and regulations in order to allow adult use sales in the City. At the time, Lowell was one of the few communities in West Michigan that actually followed the will of the voters in allowing pot to be sold. Frankly, I did not understand why so many elected officials took it upon themselves to ignore the clearly expressed wishes of voters and "opt out".

One of my main complaints about Lansing and DC is that the elected bodies there pay little or no attention to the will of the people and instead vote at the beck and call of lobbyists - political mercenaries who are paid to thwart the voters' wishes. But that is another story.

By the time I was voted to Council, the pot ball was rolling with a good deal of negative feedback from the 42 percent who were on the defeated side of the issue. Dickinson Wright, the law firm that represents the City had an attorney who specialized in examining marijuana laws; Jessica Wood. (Following the retirement of Dick Wendt, Jessica is now our City Attorney.) She advised us to be very careful in any attempt to limit the number of facilities that could open in Lowell. She cited numerous examples of municipalities in other states who attempted methods like lotteries or picking applicants randomly being sued. She actually told me that her goal in advising us was to keep us from being sued by anyone. If you think about that, she was actually counseling us to take action that would make less money for her firm and potentially herself. In my 63 years, I have not met many attorneys who try to save money for their clients at a cost to themselves.

There have been many detractors of this legal strategy. Believe me, I

have met many of them who took the time to stop in our store and let me know their opinions. While I certainly respect those with a less tolerant view of marijuana than my own, following Jessica's advice has saved Lowell thousands of dollars to say nothing of untold wasted manhours. There are some very large corporate entities behind adult use pot and they take any attempt to limit the free market approach to pot sales very seriously - with their own lawyers. Spend a few minutes doing an online search and you will easily find a list of Michigan municipalities who have been or are being sued because they attempted to limit pot sales. Here is a partial list I found this morning: Port Huron, Menominee, Traverse City, Westland, Alpena and Mt. Pleasant.

While I am on the subject, I must mention that our Police Department has been monitoring activity in Lowell and to date have not reported any amount of nefarious behavior at any of the businesses we have allowed to open. No crime wave has hit our town on the heels of pot shops being here. On the contrary, several business locations have been greatly improved with hundreds of thousands of dollars of construction, parking lot creation and landscaping. If not all of the shops survive, then at a bare minimum we

have several commercial properties that have had major improvements made to them and M-21 is looking better and better from East to West.

Which brings me back around to the recent influx of over a quarter of a million dollars that we can use to make our local streets better? Having worked with him through several budget cycles, I can attest to Mike Burns' ability to crunch numbers and set and maintain a budget. One of the frustrations of funding in a small town like Lowell is that the State of Michigan has balanced its budget by limiting the shared funding that used to get distributed to us. We do not have much room to grow in our borders - Burns calculated that in order to equal the \$282,267.20 we received from pot tax, we would have had to have a construction boom to the tune of 36 million dollars to create an amount of property tax equal to the tax income from pot sales. Short of building a skyscraper somewhere, that simply would not happen.

Like it or not, adult use marijuana sales are here to stay. I applaud the City Council for following the will of the voters. I am grateful for the money and hassle saving advice of our attorney and I am really excited to see how we can best put that \$282,267.20 to use in fixing our streets.

Angie Thomas selected as Ambassador for Independent Bookstores Day

The American Booksellers Association (ABA) has announced that Bestselling Author Angie Thomas was selected as ambassador for Independent Bookstores Day (IBD), which is celebrated on April 30, 2022. Thomas is the No. 1 New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of the novels *The Hate U Give*, *On the Come Up*, and *Concrete Rose* as well as *Find Your Voice: A Guided Journal for Writing Your Truth*. She is also a co-author of the New York Times bestselling novel *Blackout*. Thomas divides her time between Atlanta and her native Mississippi. You can find her online at www.angiethomas.com.

When asked about the importance of IBD, Thomas said "Indie bookstores are the heart of our industry, and we must continue to

support them in the same way that they support and champion books. With the immense impact that indie stores have made on my career, I couldn't be more honored to be the ambassador for this year's Independent Bookstore Day."

Independent Bookstore Day was established in 2013 to promote, celebrate, and highlight the value of the Independent bookstore community. The day has been observed on the last Saturday of April every year since 2013. This year there are 872 stores participating across the country.

Locally Bettie's Pages will be celebrating with a variety of giveaways, sales and more! You can find all the details on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bettiespagesvintage

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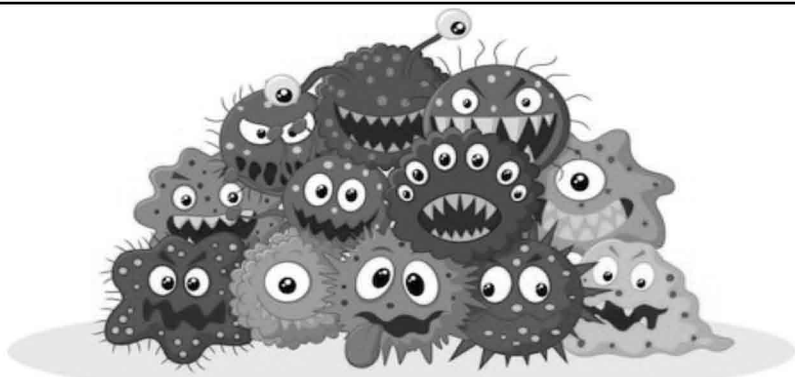
Booksellers Association, a national not-for-profit trade organization, works with booksellers and industry partners to ensure the success and profitability of independently owned book retailers, and to assist in expanding the community of the book.

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Torched Glass Art Studio opens in Lowell

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Glass artist Anthony Lawrence gave himself a life-changing birthday present. In January of 2016, he took an intro course to glass blowing from Stephen Wheeler of Sacred Expressions in East Town.

"I fell in love with it and dedicated my whole life to it," he said standing by the display of glass blown pipes in his store Torched on Main Street in Lowell. The main production facility owned by Joshua Trudgeon is located in Holland.

For Lawrence, who wanted to be closer to home, opening a shop in Lowell was like a homecoming. He grew up in Lowell, graduated from Lowell High School in 2009, and worked as an inserter for the Buyers Guide. He likes the proximity of Lowell to the Disc Golf course in

Fallasburg.

He believes that everybody is an artist, but it takes time to find the right media. Once he saw the first glass rod melt, Lawrence knew glass blowing was his medium.

"This was it," he said. "I believe in the healing power of artwork. Every piece has a part of me in it, as it has my breath in it."

The main piece of equipment in glass blowing is the torch thus the name of the studio Torched. Lawrence also uses graphite paddlers, a reamer for opening up holes, glass cutters, tweezers and metal grabbers.

As a source of glass, he uses Mountain Glass Art, glass rods and glass tubes.

Beautiful glass-blown pieces start out as solid tubing or glass rods. To add color, Lawrence used either another piece of colored

glass or powder known as frit.

The process starts out with a glass tube that has an attached smaller tube to it for handling. The glass rests in a kiln at 1,050 F for 15 minutes to get the glass evenly hot before working it.

"I take one beam at a time, add color to it and shape the piece," he said.

To shape a glass piece, he attaches a hose and puffs air into it. Another glass rod called punty, which is an iron rod used to shape glass and weld it to the end, heats up a section to stretch it out or makes a thicker section. He manipulates the rods in the plane, and once it's shaped Lawrence throws it back in the kiln and lets it rest. He uses metal grabbers to remove the smaller piece from the blow tube and puts it back in the kiln. A program



Glass artist Anthony Lawrence shows the equipment he uses.

lowers the temperature over time approximately 10 to 20 minutes.

"I come back, and it's done," he said.

And it's all about creating functional glass art pieces like glass pipes for tobacco, cannabis, glasses and shot glasses and some decorative pieces.

Small delightful pieces of glass called mili, which are a treat for collectors and decorators, are made much like candy that is cut from a pole piece with a wet saw.

Lawrence finds inspiration for his art in nature when he goes camping.

"I am always fully immersed in it," he said.

Nature-themed shapes in Lawrence's art range from fish and a cactus to veggies and fruit.

Among the best-sellers

are hand pipes, cups and shot glasses. The pipes range in price from \$30 to \$50. If custom made, they cost more.

The production facility in Holland has two glass lathes and employs six full-time glass blowers. A 200-item catalog is available.

Lawrence plans to offer glass blowing classes within a month or so. The classes will start with the basics - melting the rod, using gravity and how to make marbles, beads and pendants.

"Each lesson will be a progression of the previous one," he said.

The classes will run for \$50 an hour with two hours to start out.

Torched studio will be participating in the community events such as Hash Rules Everything

on April 16, and the Pride Festival on June 4.

"I like spreading my art around me," he said. "I try to be active in the community."

Since traditional medicine doesn't work for everybody, Lawrence believes in the healing power of art and alternative medicine such as cannabis.

The studio also sells disc golf equipment and repairs glass. There will be discounts on April 20 at all locations in Lowell, Holland, Davison and Fremont.

The grand opening will be announced. The studio is located at 508 W. Main Street in Lowell.

For more info go to www.torchedartstudio.com



Glass artist Anthony Lawrence stands in front of his glass-blown pipes at "Torched" in Lowell on Main Street.

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Lowell author Amanda Filkins pens debut book "Be Still"

by Emma Palova
Contributing writer

Inspired by Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," author Amanda Filkins of Lowell has published her debut book "Be Still: God is Bigger than Worldly Deceit."

It is a book of individual experiences that focuses on specific issues such as sex, tithing, status, money, job position and more.

"I pretty much picked myself apart," she said.

At times, Filkins felt lost about her purpose in life. Equipped with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a master's in public health from Grand Valley State University, Filkins has always been an advocate for healthy living.

"Our culture is focused on ideal body image," she said.

But too much focus on body image can cause women to view everything in terms of calorie restrictions, according to Filkins.

She found herself exercising at 2 am and struggling to understand her purpose in life during the final semester of her bachelor's degree studies in 2019.

"I was praying and crying one night, asking God what was I made to do," she said.

Then she heard a whisper that flipped a switch, "Be still and know."

"That night in my heart I felt the calling to write this book," she said. "It gave me a sense of purpose."

Filkins first explored faith-related writing in her blog in 2018 sharing her individual experiences. This eventually transformed into writing her debut book that addresses women 30 and younger.

"I worked hard to make this book relatable, and not to sound preachy," she said.

Writing from the place of her heart was important for Filkins in order to sound genuine to young women of her age.

"I am excited to let God open doors and lead me in the direction that he has planned," she said.

Filkins is passionate about helping young women to see their worth,

find their gifts and live out their purpose faithfully.

Although self-published, she worked with Christian Faith Publishing based in Pennsylvania to get the publishing legwork done, while still in grad school.

"I was a nobody for traditional publishing and I wanted to write it my way," she said. "I didn't want anyone telling me what to do."

In the chapter, "Healthy Means Put Together," Filkins advocates healthy living.

"I value purpose in everything I do," she said. "I try not to be so hard on myself. We're never going to be perfect."

With the release of her debut book, Filkins hopes that readers will feel encouraged and excited that there is more meaning to life and to explore their purpose.

Her advice to prospective authors is to go for it when they have a story to tell.

"There are people who want to listen," she said.

Be Still will show readers that they are not alone facing their battles and will equip them with the encouragement and confidence to overcome societal pressures and immerse themselves in their divine purpose.

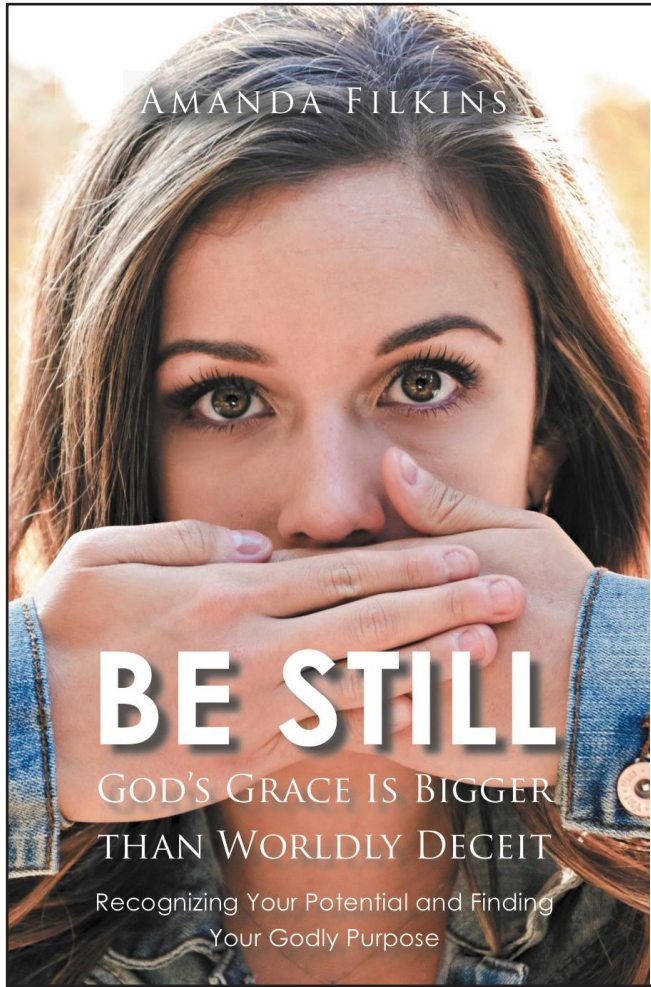
Be Still is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble,

Walmart and Kindle in the following formats

Hardcover \$24.95, softcover \$14.41 and eBook for \$8.49.

For more info go to: www.bestillamandafilkins.com

Listen in to the episode with Amanda Filkins on For the Love of Books Podcast on <http://emmapalova123.podbean.com>



Amanda Filkins - Lowell author Amanda Filkins pens "Be Still: God's Grace is Bigger than Worldly Deceit."



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APRIL SCHEDULE

- Mikel Classen, True Tales, April 5
- Elizabeth Fust, The Hungry Kittens Tale, April 8
- Amanda Filkins, Be Still, April 13
- Phil Bellfy, UP Colony, April 22
- Mike Carrier, To China with Love, April 29

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Easter traditions, continued

coming year.

They cite the following Easter chant:

Hody, hody, doprovody, dejte vejce malovany, nedateli malovany, dejte aspon bily, slepicka vam snese jiny.

Loosely translated as: Give me a colored egg, if

you don't give me a colored one, give me at least a white one, and your hen will lay another.

In return for the whipping, the revelers get a ribbon tied to the whip, a colored egg, and a shot of plum brandy and they help themselves

to open-faced sandwiches and desserts, such as festive kolache and lamb pound cake.

"By noon you're tired," said Pala.

In some regions, if the group arrives after 12 p.m., they get doused with water.

However, in Slovakia, the Easter custom is to douse the women and girls with water or perfume in the morning.

According to a 2019 survey, 60 percent of

Czech households follow the tradition of spanking (or watering) someone on Easter Monday.

In the past, young boys would chase young girls

in the village streets with the whips, and vintage illustrations by Josef Lada of people in traditional folk costumes show girls running or hiding as if playing tag.



Czech and Slovak egg art "kraslice."



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Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 87 feet in depth, and drawing from the Grand River watershed. They are located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant.

Source water assessment and its availability

The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderate.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic

contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township hall, 2910 Alden Nash s.e. Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Brian VanVeelen at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at WWW.epa.gov/safewater/.

Level 1 Assessment

During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 Assessment. One Level 1 Assessment were completed. In addition, we were required to take one corrective actions and we completed one of these actions.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct the problems that were found during these assessments.

Variance and Exemptions

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 to December 31, 2021. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the

concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year,

Additional Information for Lead

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Lowell is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Lowell water supply has 0 lead service lines and 434 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 1302 service lines.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring levels; these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

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WATER QUALITY REPORT, CONTINUED

Unit Descriptions	Definition
Term	
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
positive samples/month	positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive
positive samples	positive samples/yr.: The number of positive samples taken that year
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variations and Exemptions	Variations and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	Range High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Trihalomethanes [Total] (ppb) City of Lowell	NA	80	19.9	NA	19.9	2021	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Trihalomethanes [Total] (ppb) Lowell Twp.	NA	80	16.1	NA	16.1	2021	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acid (ppb) City of Lowell	NA	60	2.00	NA	2.0	2021	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acid (ppb) Lowell Twp.	NA	60	2.97	NA	2.97	2021	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm) City of Lowell	4	4	.456	0.25	0.65	2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm) Lowell Twp.	4	4	.490	.37	.72	2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants								
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	1.0	0.9	1.1	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.71	0.35	0.88	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (optional) (ppm)		MPL	18.0	15.0	21.0	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	0	2	NA	NA	2021	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform/E. coli - in the distribution system (positive samples)	0	0	0	NA	NA	2021	No	Human and animal fecal waste
A violation occurs when a routine sample and a repeat sample, in any given month, are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive.								
Radioactive Contaminants								
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	2.7	NA	NA	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)								
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process	
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments	
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds	
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	ND	ND	2021	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments	
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ¹	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb) City of Lowell	15	0	1	<1.00 to 21.00	2019	1	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper - action level at consumer taps City of Lowell Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0	0.00170 to 0.0186	2019	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb) Lowell Twp.	15	0	0	<1.00	2019	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper - action level at consumer taps Lowell Twp. Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0	0.00179 to 0.0115	2019	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

¹Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

For more information, please contact:

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows in History - the first State Champions?

by Justin Scott
Sports Reporter

Welcome to Red Arrows in history, a weekly look back at some of the most famous Lowell High School sports teams, people and moments in school history. We'll be revisiting some of the periods in time that have changed the history of Lowell High School sports.

The history of Lowell's sports teams can be visited through the Lowell High School Athletics archive on the touchscreen in the high school athletics hallway.

This week, we'll be looking back over 100 years. 111 years ago to be exact, in the 1910-1911 Lowell High School girls basketball season. The season was significant twofold. One, the interesting concept of women's/girl's sports pre-1970's. Why did these teams start up in the 1900's, last into the late 20's only to disappear until their reappearance permanently in the 70's?

Two, Lowell claimed their first state championship this year. To be clear, it's only a claim, and is not recognized, but it's a look back at a place in time where multiple "state champions" claimed titles and claimed championship games were the norm under a place in history with no athletic associations and regional-based play.

In 1910 there were five cars per 1,000 people in the United States. Despite this, travel for girls basketball was actually quite far with games against Lake Odessa,

Lakeview, Edmore and Belding. All of these schools impressively still exist today, except for Edmore in name, now Montabella.

The girls basketball team of 1910-1911 went 7-2 with one unknown result, an exhibition against the teachers of Lowell High School. Lowell's team was composed of Ruth Layer, Ina O'Harrow, Edyth Charles, Marie Perry, Ella Perrin, Lucille Tinkler and Elva Bowen. Many of these last names and families still exist around the Lowell area today. Perrin served as the team's captain, while Tinkler and Bowen led the team in scoring.

At this time in history, basketball is fairly new and far from the game we know today. In 1891, James Naismith came up with the sport. The first girls high school game happened in Texas in 1897, the first known girls result for Lowell came ten years later a loss against Fremont in the 1906-1907 season. Dribbling and fouling out of games would not fully be integrated into the game until the 1920's.

Lowell's state championship claim was noted in the April 20, 1911 Lowell Ledger. The girls did have a great season, but with no formal athletic association and travel too

difficult to make a true state tournament possible, there are no MHSAA recognized state champions before the 70's. In this era, county championships were the true grand prize for any high school sports team. Lowell's first state championship tournament win, the 1929 track team, was hardly mentioned in past yearbooks

Opponent	Result
Lake Odessa.....	W 12-5
Holland.....	L 4-5
LHS Teachers	?
Lakeview	W 33-25
Holland.....	Win
Holland.....	W 13-11
Edmore	L 9-13
Belding.....	W 42-8
Lake Odessa.....	W 15-8
Lake Odessa.....	Win

1910-1911 Girls basketball results

and Ledgers, though that trophy can be found in the athletic hallway. Though not MHSAA recognized, that 1929 championship was a true state tournament.

Why did women's sports seemingly thrive in the early 1900's only to disappear in the 1930's? This topic will be explored when we visit the 1970's boom of girls' high school sports, but the quick answer is the Great Depression returned many American women and girls back to the home. Prior to the 1940's, Lowell girls competed in both basketball and tennis.

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, APRIL 20, 1911

<p>GRAM LOWELL GIRLS WON A GOOD MAN GONE FORTY-FOUR</p> <p>Literary Defeated Lake Odessa Team for State Championship.</p> <p>The High school basket ball teams successfully closed the season last Friday night by winning two games.</p> <p>The girls proved their superiority over Lake Odessa by winning the third game from them. While the game was closely contested for a few minutes the Lowell girls soon took the lead and won 15 to 8. Captain Perrin is to be congratulated on the success of her team this season.</p> <p>The game between the High school boys and the "All Stars" was full of excitement from beginning to end. The "All Stars" had a good team and a good chance to win as the game went</p>	<p>Isaac H. Joseph Has Plowed His Last Furrow</p> <p>Isaac Harrison Joseph died at his home in this village Thursday morning, April 20, after an illness extending over several months. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. J. R. Wooton.</p> <p>Mr. Joseph was the youngest of eight children, born of German parents, and was the only one of the eight born in this country. He was born Feb. 27, 1835, in Seneca county, Ohio, and lived there until 1876 when he moved to Kent county, Mich., and settled on a farm in Boston township where he remained until coming to Lowell in the fall of</p>	<p>Miss Emma White Well. Died Th</p> <p>Miss Emma A. White died at her home in this village this morning, after an illness of several months. She was born in Boylston, Mass., Dec. 30, 1856. At the age of 15 she moved to Lowell, which has since been her home. Her father was a Civil war and died in Kansas where he was in his profession an age of 37. Miss White was a member of the Lowell school</p>
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obituaries

AYERS

Diana Rae Ayers, age 77 of Lowell, passed peacefully on April 6, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Benjamin; children, Gina, Jesse, Ben Jr., Kevin; grandchildren, Braeden, Caitlyn; many great-grandchildren; brother, Denny (Penny) Allen; aunt, Joann Laper; and many friends from Lowell. Diana had an appreciation for artwork and enjoyed traveling. A private

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Interment Graceland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be directed to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



SMITH

Thomas Lee Smith, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife Lynne; son, Robert; son-in-law, Mike Burchardt; and daughter-in-law, Lynne Smith. He is survived by his children, Diana Burchardt, Tom (Amy) Smith II, Cindy (Randy) Scoble; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Tom worked for 32 years for Amway, was an avid fisherman, hunter, and loved to bowl. Funeral services will be held, 1 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N.

Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation two hours prior. Rev. Barbara Fay officiating. Interment Chapel Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with funeral expenses.



SANFORD

Douglas "Doug" Warren Sanford passed away on March 29, 2022 at the age of 48 after battling an illness. Despite the challenges he faced throughout the illness, he remained sarcastic and strong until the end.



Doug was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 4, 1973 and grew up in Lowell, Michigan with his parents, Dennis and Sharon, and sister, Jan. He then met his wife, Heather, who he married in December 1994. They raised their two children in Belding, MI and in 2010 moved to Indianapolis where they eventually settled into their home in Sheridan, Indiana. Doug began his Law Enforcement Career with the Ionia County Sheriff Office Reserves in 2003 where he also did animal control until 2010. He then moved to Indiana in 2010 and began as an Animal Control Officer for Indianapolis until 2013. In 2013 he joined Carmel Police Department as their Community Service Officer until 2015. In 2015 he joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as their

Humane Law Enforcement Officer, and was also the vice president of Hoosier Animal Law Officers (HALO est. 2017.) Doug was a Deputy with HCSO until the day that he passed. Though Doug was very passionate about Law Enforcement and helping the animals of Hamilton County, in his free time he enjoyed shooting guns and pheasant and deer hunting with his friends. He also enjoyed spending time on Bois Blanc Island with his family and, of course, he enjoyed sitting in his recliner, drinking watered down Kool-Aid and watching YouTube. Doug was also a proud member of the NRA and HALO. Doug is preceded in death by his father, Dennis Sanford; grandparents, Kenneth and Phoebe Sanford and Paul and Elaine Collins. Doug is survived by his beautiful wife, Heather Sanford (nee Wright); son, Holdan (Erlmae); daughter, Brittney (Earl); mother, Sharon Sanford (nee Collins); sister, Janero (Steve) Babcock; best friend/brother, Jon Stollings; and his loyal hunting dog, Deke. Doug's celebration of life will be held on April 16, 2022 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Visitation will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, with the memorial service beginning at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting you donate to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN. 46060, or online at <https://www.hcsocommunityfoundation.com/donate> Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

ERICKSON

Lucille Edith Erickson, age 91 of Lowell, passed away Friday, April 8, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, John Erickson; stepchildren, Cindy O'Dib, Steve Thibodeaux; 5 grandchildren; sister-in-law, Esther Erickson; brother-in-law, Alvin Erickson; cousins, Steve Ridgway, Barb (Gary) Dykhouse; #1 friend, David Maltman; and feline companions, Nuisance, Blue Eyes, and Kitty. Lucille was a devoted wife, she loved to cook for her husband and take care of him. During her working

years, she was a bookkeeper. Lucille had a beautiful voice and sang in the Old Congregational Church Choir. She was an animal lover and had a fondness for her beloved cats. Visitation will take place from 6-8 PM on Monday, April 18, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Ken Ford officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be directed to Humane Society of West Michigan, 3077 Wilson NW Grand Rapids, MI 49534.



WOHLSCHIED



Gary Lee Wohlscheid, age 81 of Lowell, passed away, April 7, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Julius; mother & stepfather, Gertrude & Louis Wener; and twin sister,

Gail. Gary is survived by his wife, Gail; children, John Paul, Michael; mother-in-law, Gertrude Zygaj; brothers, David, Tom, Steve; sisters-in-law, Shirley, Lucy, and Gail; nieces & nephews, Mike, Sulyn, Todd, Tom, Steve, Shannon, Charann. He graduated from Davenport



University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Gary also was a proud veteran of the United States National Guard, serving 6 months active duty and 51/2 years active in the reserves. He also served as the President and Founder of These Last Days Ministries. Rosary will be recited at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 628 Diamond Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, with visitation following from 10-11 AM. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 AM with Rev. Msgr. Edward Hankiewicz presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell, MI. For Memorial Contributions, Gary's family ask for Masses to be offered in his memory.



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ABCs, continued

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misc.

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Large grid of letters with words highlighted in grey, including G H Y V, N I W A, I R A L, D R D S, E I W M, E G Z V, S A P A, E T R I, R I U W, Z O N C, M N I R, O V N L, L V G H, E Y Z V, S A W R, M L U T, Z B C M, S E O W, S P R W, I I O B, G E W R, P A G R, Y A W T, V S O I, L O R, N H T W, B A G R, E R D G, A N H T, N M L H, V S D P, E F O Y, N V W, A O O Y, T M Z S, E E A S, E U R Z, I E A U, W I N L, P Y P P, A, T F S T, V E W U, E U Y N, L H R, S M P E, A M G V, R E A V, A V E, C F O O, D S V Z, E W Y R, R H N S, C, R A L I, V F N D, U T S R, Z Y O P, Y L U T, E Z S P, A, C N O U, U E U I, H T A Z, V B, O P R G, G S A T, F P H Z, G, N A A H, O P R H, Y S R, T H A Y, C C T H, T E N L, A, D H L V, N U C O, F C S, E N R I, C H M E, N T S, V B C W, E O S D, S W, P I O F, V Z R W, E W

2nd trimester Lowell High School Honor Roll

Lowell High School has announced the Honor Roll for the 2nd trimester – 2021-22 school year. 2nd trimester term GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify based on final grades

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Grace Cadwell
Conner Casarez
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Zaiden Keith
Braddock King
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Sophia Konyndyk
Franklin Kraft
Leah Krieger
Tyler Lamoreaux
Jackson Lamoreaux
Molly Landgren
Austin Lay
Megan Lillie
Ivy Marsh
Quinn Massey
Jordyn McClymont
Julia Meier
Alyse Miles
Marisa Miller
Jacob Mitchell
Claire Mitchell
Quinn Mitchell
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Joset Nelson
Owen Newland
Claire O'Boyle
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Maximus Wasilew
Noah Wattenhofer
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Addison Weed
Alanna Wester
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Rowan Williams
Mason Wilterink
Rylon Winn
Ava Winter
Allie Wirth
Ean Wolters
Hope Worsley
Canon Zasko
Emily Zou

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Logan Acheson
Irene
Albelda Zorraquino
Samuel Albert
Sutton Alexander
Jesus
Aragoncillo Bassy
Gavin Barber
Grace Barnett
Brianna Berg
Kiera Bishop
Zachary Boehr
Graham Boonstra
Ryan Booth
Emma Boston
Evan Bray
Teige Bredin
Alice Bredwell
Tyson Bruinekool
Emma Bruwer
Landon Burgess
Gray Butler
Mara Carbines
Reese Carpenter
Antonio Casarez
Francesca Castello
Kelsey Catrell
Keegan Cisler
Alexis Clark
Olive Compton
Ainsley Cooper
Ella Curtis
Cloey DeGlopper
Caden Dennie
Kyle Dietz
Jace Dixon
Matthew Doyle
Wyatt Duimstra
Hiyori Eldred
Avery Elmhirst
Sophie Fenn
Lynsi Fetterhoff
Logan Foss
Jayden Franks
Micheal
Andrew French
Mason Fuentes
Wyatt Fuss
Emily Garcia
Isabella Garcia
Benjamin Gaskin
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Jailizza
Gomez-Tellez
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Megan McDonald
Abigail McDonald
Ari McFarland
Trevor Mead
Carter Melnik
Cole Meyer
Kaleb Meyers
Carmen Mika
Daniel Mitchell
Nathan Mohr
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Morgensen
Jacob Morrell
Noah Moser
Kayleigh Nanninga
Robert Nichols
McKenna Nietupski
Ellery Ostrander
Vaughn Outman
Todd Parcheta
Austin Parcheta
Mya Pender
Brycen Peters
Josiah Peters
Elly Phillips
Claire Pohl
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Claudia Radamonti
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Peyton Rike
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Christopher Rogers
Andrew Rogers
Jackson Schaedig
Kylei Schmid
Jake Schmidt
Silvia Scuriatti
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Loryn Shuck
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Andrew Smith
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Kailen Stokely
Brady Swift
Mitchell Swint
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Ella Todd
Joseph Tuuri
Tristan Tyler
Dylan VanAssen
Faith VanDuinen
Spencer VanVeelen
Marshall VanWagner
Matilyn Vogel
Melanie Wade
Molly Wade
Evan Wasciuk
Naomi Wattenhofer
Drew Weber
Chase Wilder
Nicholas Williams
Leah Wills
Alexander Winter

Nathaniel Worsley
Elijah Young
Jady Young
Haley Young
Samuel Zandstra

11th Grade

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Emily Ake
Jordan Alcalá
Ryan Baker
Gracie Bassett
Landon Battle
Hannah Bechill
Haylie Beers
Olivia Berg
Ian Berrington
Alexander Binns
Jace Blakely
Collin Blattner
Evan Blazo
Vivianne Bledsoe
Benjamin Bromley
Alonzo Bruinekool
Logan Buckingham
Tristan Bulthuis
Joclynn Burkholder
Colton Byrne
Katie Camphouse
Samantha Cazier
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Alaina Clark
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Samantha Conrad
Carson Crace
Keara Crawford
Riley Curnow
Jacob Davidson
Leah Davidson
Patrick de Voest
Emma DeGlopper
Joselyn Deible
Aidan Dennings
Kelton DeVito
Maeve Dougherty
Dawson Douma
Gage Dutkiewicz
Reid Eldred
Brooke Ellsworth
Drew Ferrill
Isabelle Field
Aidan Fitzpatrick
Ezekiel Flentje
Sophia Flickinger
Lucinda Foreman
Kyleigh Foss
Aidan Foster
David Foster
Hannah Fontaine
Noah Franz
Alfredo
Garcia-Tinoco
Grant Gasper
Lillian Geelhoed
Ian George
Audrie Gessler
Jadelynn Ginsberg
Ryan Goggins
Rebecca Gray
Kaden Gruizenga
Amelia Hancock
Tate Hare
Summer Havey
Anthony Havlik
Mason Hesche
Abigail Hewitt
Lily Hornik
Grace Hough
Alexis Howell
Dawson Huhn
Case Huisman
Delaney Huizinga
Rylee Jannenga
Nolan Jannenga
William Johnston
Chloe Jones
Lavonda Jousma
Krista Jungblut
Ashlyn Karp
Gwendolyn Kinney
Josiah Kissinger
Jonah Kniss
William Kolp
Jason Korzen
Ethan Krieger
Jaylin LaForce
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Alexis Lamoreaux
Grace Larson
Rhyann LeBarre
Riley Lester
Megan Liddle

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Murphy Malcolm
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Kaidance Martino
Gavin Mazarka
Emma McCormick
Augustus McDonald
Ivy McDonald
Luke McMillan
Janessa Mead
Jack Meier
Kaylee Meyer
Zoey Mierendorf
Avery Miles
Faith Miller
Landon Miller
Levi Mills
Hayden Mitchell
Eva Morgan
McKenzie Munson
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Gunnar Nelson
Aubrieh Oswald
Caroline Peal
Lauren Pearson
Ayden Pellerito
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Emma Proctor
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Alex Smith
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Peyton Teachworth
Jacob Thomas
Wyatt Thompson
Kadence Tiede
Brooke Tindall
Kevin Topolinski
Kiera Troost
Brady VanAlstine
Laney VanAssen
Kira VanGorp
Noah VanLaan
Andrew Veldman
Lauren Visscher
Henry Vredevelt
Mason Wade
Emmaline Wasciuk
Jordan Watkins
Courtney Witten
Alyssa Woern
Luke Wolters
Gabrielle Yeary
Gavin Yonker

12th Grade

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Amber Backing
Kira
Bailey-Waldron
Norah Baker

Bryce Balabuch
Zachary Bannan
Olivia Barber
Emma Barnhart
Paige Barnhart
January Basinger
Blake Bennett
Samantha Bennett
Kendra Berg
Alexis Berrington
Carter Blough
Madison Borrelli
Elyse Bosscher
Travis Boyd
Mariah Bracey
Eric Bryce
Hayden Burt
Kaylee Byrne
Cailey Calhoun
Owen Carpenter
Keegan Cater
Tatum Chambers-Lawrence
Elise Charron
Nathan Cleaver
William Compton
Liberty Cook
Chloe Coon
Samuel Cooper
Carra Couturier
Madison Coviak
Jazlynn Cowling
Kalel Creasy
Jacob Cremer
Evan Cross
Emma Cross
Ella Cusack
Thomas Danaher
Emma Dawson
Ella DeRuiter
Hanna DeVries
Aiden Dial
Anna Doyle
Brenden Duhr
Wyatt Ebmeyer
Jared Elliott
Mackenzie Elve
Savannah Escobedo
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Lani Fetterhoff
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FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

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!

GREEN THUMB WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

GREEN THUMB WORD SEARCH

AERATION
 COMPOST
 CONTROL
 CRABGRASS

DROUGHT
 ENRICHMENT
 FERTILIZATION
 GRASS
 GREENERY
 GRUBS
 HOSE

IRRIGATION
 LEVELS
 MOLD
 MOLES
 MULCH
 PESTS
 PLANTS

PRUNING
 RAINING
 RESEEDING
 SOIL
 WEEDS
 YARD

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in France on April 15, 1990. I rose to fame in a popular movie series based on books about wizards. I've since gone on to star in several other movies, including as a Disney beauty.

Answer: Emma Watson

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to lawn care.

L S I O

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Answer: Soil

1	2	3			4	5	6	
7					8			9
10			11			12		
13					14	15		16
17				18		19		20
21					22	23		24
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			27	28			29	
			30				31	
		32				33		
34	35	36	37	38				
39	40			41			42	
43			44				45	
46			47				48	
49								50
	51							52

CLUES ACROSS

- Runs PCs
- An entertaining, eccentric person
- Small, faint constellation
- Indigo bush
- Not excessive
- African antelope
- A way to fly a glider
- Tough softly
- In the course of
- Early Mesoamerican people
- A way to drop down
- Mistake!
- Housing developments
- Baseball stat
- No (Scottish)
- Type of cuisine
- British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- Marry
- Buffer solution
- Legendary rock band
- Recording industry show
- A way to consume
- Lake in Botswana
- Political action

CLUES DOWN

- Small, purple-black fruit
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Highly seasoned sausage
- Split pulses
- Northwestern Mexico town
- Edible fruit
- Upper-class southern young woman
- Sums up
- The most worthless part
- Dash
- Sufferings
- Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- Indian title of respect

- Poems meant to be sung
- Actor Cooper
- Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- Clumsy person
- Figures
- Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- Old cloth
- Explosive
- Automobiles
- 007's creator
- The Volunteer State
- Old Irish alphabet
- Japanese city
- Portrayed emotion
- Observers
- Mimicked
- Polite reference to a woman
- Male parent
- Peter Griffin's daughter

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