

## Second annual Lowell Pride draws large crowd

by Cliff Yankovich  
contributing reporter

Saturday, June 4th on the Riverwalk, began with beautiful cool temperatures, an almost-summer quiet morning with an empty lawn and sidewalk. The only sounds were chirping birds and ducks arguing over a patch of water. But all of that was about to change in a celebratory explosion of color and sound: Lowell Pride 2022 – Authentically You was preparing for launch.

The Riverwalk was wall-to-wall people a short time later.

This is the second annual Pride event in Lowell, and if you ask anyone on the Lowell Pride Board of Directors, they will confirm that large scale events like this do not happen without the power of volunteers. Board Member and Lowell resident, Erin Foltz, knows this first hand. She took charge of volunteer co-ordination, signing in and passing out t-shirts to the more than ninety people from Lowell and surrounding communities who volunteered.

Emily VanMuers lives in Grand Rapids, but volunteered this year after attending the first event. “I really enjoyed it,” VanMuers stated. “The



The second annual Lowell Pride drew in people from all over West Michigan.

general community and support this event provides is just great.”

Many local and regional vendors had booths. Craig Fonger, Tina Siciliano-Cadwallader, and Alan Rumbaugh of the Fallasburg Historical Society stood outside their booth. Despite our repeated attempts, the

lady next to Craig declined to comment for the Ledger.

Julian Pabon, aka Chaysin Pleasures, is from Lowell. This was his first time giving a drag performance. Many in the crowd knew him from when he worked at the Lowell Meijer. When asked how his life might have

been different had Lowell Pride existed when he was younger, Julian commented, “I wish this was here when I was a kid. It would have been like a dream come true.”

Not all the work needed at a Pride event is glamorous. Board Member and Green Team Leader,

Betsy Lopez-Wagner, was busy with the accumulated trash and recycling at the end of the day. She hopes to steer the event toward an even smaller carbon foot print.

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## Garden Club beautifies downtown

Submitted by Mary Bernthal

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club (LSGC) has decked out the city's historic district with splashy new floral plantings for the warm weather months. On May 27 club members gathered to plant “the town beautiful.”

New this year are the addition of eleven large irrigated flower boxes, bringing color to the downtown bridge. Funding for the boxes came from the Donna Jean Ford Fund. A philanthropic community booster, Donna Jean Ford passed away in late 2020, leaving the City of Lowell a bequest to be used for the express purpose of public right-of-way landscaping. The funds are administered



New flower box in downtown Lowell. Photo courtesy of David Drain.

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## Kent District Library's 30-Day Challenge

This year, Kent District Library will take you on a Summer Wonder journey of reading, learning and exploring through the great outdoors right here in Kent County! KDL has teamed up with Kent County Parks to bring you a spectacular summer of outdoor discovery, scavenger hunts, STEAM activities and lots of fun for everyone. The program runs through August 13.

Participate in the Summer Wonder 30-Day Challenge by picking up a Summer Wonder Workbook at any KDL branch or signing up online at kdl.beanstack.org. It's free and includes adventures and prizes

for all ages. KDL is the perfect place to keep summer learning alive and growing.

“Summer Wonder is back with more outdoor adventures than ever before,” said Kris Vogelar, Branch Outreach and Programming Specialist. “If your kids think summer learning is boring, Summer Wonder will certainly prove them wrong!”

Summer Wonder is a great opportunity to limit the “summer slide” that negatively affects learning between the end and start of the

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in consultation with LSGC. The decision to add flower boxes along the pedestrian walkways of the Main Street bridge came as a result of a survey conducted in 2021. A poll of downtown area merchants indicated a desire to see more flowers planted in the historic district. City officials, in conjunction with LSGC, chose to add flower boxes to the bridge.

The boxes showcase Proven Winners brand Supertunia Vista Bubblegum petunias, generously donated by Snow Avenue Greenhouse. The bright pink flowers will eventually spill over the edges of their containers and trail several feet. Snow Avenue Greenhouse personnel also designed the Ford Fund-purchased plantings in the large pots along the Riverwalk and the Lowell Showboat's many hanging baskets. In addition to the same variety of petunias

used in the bridge boxes, the pots contain Proven Winners Prince Tut, a dwarf form of Egyptian Papyrus. Reaching up to two and a half feet in height, Prince Tut features pom-pom-like strands on the tops of its stems. The hanging baskets house a mix of Supertunia Vista petunias in pink and white.

LSGC appreciates the assistance provided by Lowell's Department of Public Works in the preparation and installation of the bridge boxes. The many plants will continue to be maintained by the Lowell Showboat Garden Club.

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club's next meeting is on Monday, June 20, at the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center, 11715 Vergennes Road, beginning at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in hearing more about the Wittenbach Center or the LSGC, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club invites you to be their guest.

# \$630,000 in grants to local companies for increased production facilities, sustainability practices and 39 new jobs

*Investments in small businesses in Lowell, Allendale, Paw Paw, Traverse City, Zeeland*

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development voted to approve grants to five local Michigan businesses, totaling an estimated \$630,000. These funds will allow businesses to increase production space, expand services through a sustainable and scalability focus, and create 39 new good-paying jobs. The grants were awarded to Wine Chips, Great Lakes Malting Company, King Milling Company, La Colombe Coffee Roasters, and Townline Poultry Farm.

"When we make investments in local businesses, we're investing in the future of our agricultural industry in Michigan," said Gary McDowell, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. "These five businesses will now be able to increase production, provide good-paying jobs for Michiganders and help to ensure that 'Made in Michigan' is known and respected around the globe."

Wine Chips was founded in 2017 by Jonathan Strietzel and Jon Kraft, two tech-focused business entrepreneurs. Wine Chips produces gourmet potato chips designed with the help of sommeliers to be perfectly paired with wine. Operating out of Huntington Beach, CA, since 2019, they expanded production capacity and relocated to the Midwest. Wine Chips is currently working out of the Downey Potato Chip facility to produce products for distribution in hundreds of wineries, including



Robert Mondovi in CA, Lemon Creek, Tabor Hills, and Bregman Brothers in Michigan.

This grant opportunity of \$65,000 will allow Wine Chips to develop their Paw Paw location, which will enable production growth in the near and long term. This project will bring revitalization to a long-standing vacant property, with a unique and innovative, high value add product to be made locally sourced with Michigan chippier potatoes, in addition to growing the Southwest Michigan Wine Industry.

"We couldn't be more excited about charting our future in Michigan," said Jonathan Strietzel, Wine Chips' CEO. "Michigan grows absolutely perfect potatoes for Wine Chips, and we have been incredibly impressed with the people we've met as we've started to build our team here. We

have ambitious goals, and we couldn't have found a better partner or a better place than the state of Michigan to help us achieve them!"

The King Milling Company (KMC) was founded in 1890 on the banks of the Flat River in Lowell, Michigan. The company has been family-owned and operated from the beginning, and is now in the fourth and fifth generations of Doyle family ownership. KMC offers a variety of hard and soft wheat products, sourced and processed in accordance with the food industry's highest health and safety standards.

The commission's investment of \$250,000 will allow for KMC to build a monolithic flour mill with the future capacity to mill 10,000 hundredweight daily. Included are wheat storage bins, tempering bins,

wheat cleaning capacity, increased milling capacity and eight finished flour bins with 2,250 hundredweight capacity each. Additionally, King Milling Company will be able to hire six new employees.

This is the largest single investment King Milling Company has made in its long, 132-year history," said Brian Doyle, president of King Milling Company. "It is a long-term investment that will provide benefits to Michigan's agriculture and food-processing sectors for many years to come. We appreciate and thank the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for its assistance on this significant project."

Great Lakes Malting Company (GLMC) is a craft malt house located on the

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DATE OF MEETING: June 13, 2022

PLACE OF MEETING: Administration Building  
Board of Education Room  
300 High Street  
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HOUR OF MEETING: 6:50 p.m.

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# Lowell church creates memorial for Uvalde gun violence victims

By Michelle Smith  
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A Lowell church is hoping to bring healing to the community regarding gun violence, as well as provide an outlet for people to express themselves.

The Lowell United Methodist Church on Main Street set up a memorial honoring the victims of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting. The memorial consists of 21 chairs representing each victim who was killed at Robb Elementary, May 24.

Davin Risk, the church's worship pastor, said the idea for the memorial comes from other Methodist churches across the country who are creating similar tributes.

Risk said his church, along with other churches, have expressed a desire to take action to bring about greater awareness of the problem of gun violence, especially in the nation's schools.

Not claiming to know what the answers are to gun violence, Risk said many feel a call to action. He said

engaging one another in productive conversations is a good first step.

"This is important enough that the conversation has to happen, and everyone has to feel this. If this much pain, that's regularly in our faces, is what it's going to take to elicit some kind of response, then that's what we need to do," he said.

Risk said many people have visited the memorial from the church and around the community, and many have had conversations about it on social media sites. He noted, as well, that the cars that pass by their very visible location will at least bring attention to gun violence and keep passersby thinking about it.

Pastor Brad Brillhart said getting people to think about gun violence, and engage in conversations about, it might be a first step toward finding a solution to the problem.

"We want to get people to think about it, engage it. Not that we want to play off our emotions, but sometimes



Lowell United Methodist church's memorial dedicated to the Uvalde shooting victims.

that's what it takes to engage our minds and our hearts and find a solution together," he said.

"We want it to be the community's memorial."

Brillhart and Risk said the memorial will remain up

for the foreseeable future. Risk said the memorial has changed by adding artwork and sidewalk chalk for people who would like to write a message.

Risk said the church opened up their educational wing as a space for the community after the Oxford, Michigan shooting Nov. 30, 2021. The church provided canvases and art supplies for students to express themselves through art. It ended up being a very emotional time for some high schoolers, not all affiliated with the church or youth group.

"As an adult, you feel it in a way that is important, but these kids, they see it

on the news, they feel it, and then they have to put their backpack on and walk through the doors the next day. This allowed them the opportunity to express that kind of pain," Risk said.

The memorial is set up to be impactful because it gives a visual to how many lives were taken in the Uvalde shooting.

"When you walk past 19 chairs, and you just imagine the kids that would be sitting in those chairs,

or if you go out there and you sit in one of the two teacher's chairs, you feel it in a different way. It's just really powerful," Risk said.

"We have a problem that has to be addressed in some way, and yet we don't know the answers," he said. "If every single person doesn't feel this and is drawn into a conversation, it's scary to think what it's going to take if it hasn't already."



Lowell United Methodist Church's Worship Pastor, Davin Risk, and Pastor Brad Brillhart, display artwork created in response to gun violence in schools.

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# In My View

By Cliff Yankovich

## Treat guns like motor vehicles

When automobiles first came on the scene, operating one was a matter of having the resources to own one and figuring out how to manipulate the horseless carriage down the path.

Fast forward to today. In order to legally manipulate a modern vehicle down the network of paths that constitute our streets, roads, and highways, the process is

a bit more involved. In fact, in Michigan, the process has gotten a little more complicated than when I took drivers education in 1974 and later got my motorcycle endorsement in 1976.

The reason for the up-tick in requirements needed to drive on the road legally is that vehicles have changed drastically since the 20

horsepower Model T with a top speed of 42 mph. We, as a society, have also recognized various challenges facing younger, less-experienced drivers, and so have made more regulations for them being on the road.

To drive legally one must possess a license. To obtain said license, one must meet certain criteria in Michigan. In essence, we have to register ourselves with the State and carry around proof of having done so. Furthermore, to legally drive a vehicle, said vehicle must also be registered with the government and part of that process includes identifying the year, make, and model of the vehicle and

providing a proof that the vehicle is insured, in case it becomes involved in a claim involving property damage, personal injury, or death.

All of this is done because we, as a society, while greatly appreciating the freedom and mobility vehicles provide, have rightly recognized that within the operations of said vehicles there also is the potential of harm that can be caused to other members of society and/or property owned by them. We don't just put Dick or Jane behind the wheel of a vehicle, hand them the key (or key fob) and wish them the best. Allowing an untrained person to operate a four thousand pound rolling assemblage of metal and glass, at speeds that can reach two and three times what the Model T could do, would be criminally stupid.

Why are we so hesitant to put the same requirements on gun ownership?

Please let me assure you that I am not anti-gun. One of my grandsons is eager to learn and enjoy target shooting with his father. As a licensed, trained and registered motorcyclist since 1976, I cheer on the deer hunters every fall because I have had many, many encounters with deer and applaud all efforts to thin the herd in Michigan.

As a motorcyclist, I can attest that the requirements to legally operate one on the road have gotten more involved since I got my first cycle endorsement in 1976. My two-wheel test consisted of showing a Kent

County Deputy that I could start and stop my bike in the parking lot. It was less involved than my driving test in a car. Now the test is much more complex. This is only logical, since it is now possible to purchase stock motorcycles from a dealer that are capable of acceleration and top speeds that were not even possible on race tracks when I was 18. Putting someone astride a modern crotch-rocket with no training or preparation is a disservice to that person, as well as, society as a whole.

When the Constitution was penned, gun ownership had little to no regulation. Back then, guns were loaded down the muzzle - a multi-step process that called for making the first shot count, whether you were hunting dinner or in a war. I have read reports from modern day people who hunt with muzzleloaders saying they can reload and be ready to fire in a minute or slightly less. This is a far cry from the modern guns that can shoot 30 to 50 rounds in a minute, out of the box, and can easily be altered to fire hundreds of rounds. Firing a pistol in 1776 was a chore that took time and resulted in limited accuracy. Fast-forward to today and we see handguns holding clips of eight, all the way to 33 rounds, in the case of a "Glock Stick."

Just as vehicles, both two and four-wheeled ones, have advanced to levels of performance never dreamed of by the original makers, modern guns become

something unimaginable to our founding fathers. They could no more imagine one person shooting hundreds of rounds of potentially lethal bullets in 60 seconds, any more than Henry Ford could imagine a Mustang Mach E-GT launching from zero to 60 miles per hour in 3.5 seconds.

We need to give guns the same healthy respect we give vehicles. In order to own and operate them, training must occur with written and practical tests being given. Health requirements should be taken into account for gun use just like motor vehicles. If my peripheral or distance vision fails, then so does my right to drive on the road. If I were stricken with an ailment that limited my movement, perception or response time, medical professionals will urge me not to drive. Guns should be titled and tagged at each point of sale. Periodic renewals and inspections should be conducted for the safety of everyone involved with the weapon. Liability insurance for certain classifications of guns should be put in place.

The effectiveness of saving lives and preventing devastating injuries that came as a result of seat belt requirements for vehicles on the road, cannot be disputed. The increase of deaths and long-term injuries, since the helmet law for motorcycle riders in Michigan was repealed, cannot be disputed.

Regulations work for the collective good. Guns need to be regulated.

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## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 15, 1922

Miss Ruby Brezina was severely injured and narrowly escaped death in a head-on automobile collision near Cottage Grove school house last Friday evening, when the Willys Knight car in which she was riding with Wilkinson and son, of Saranac, collided with another car driving at high speed around the curve.

Four men, identified, according to officers, as escaped convicts, were captured by Grand Rapids detectives and deputy sheriffs early Monday morning after an automobile they had stolen at Ionia leaped from the road a mile and a half west of Ada and was wrecked.

During the thunderstorm Friday last lighting struck a large walnut shade tree less than two rods from the house of Mr. and Mrs. James Needham, Jr. Plenty close enough.

On account of the graduating exercises of the Alto High School, the committee in charge of the Men's Community club program have decided best not to hold any community club exercises for the month of June, but will combine it with the Alto High school exercises. Everybody is very cordially invited to attend.

St. Patrick's Academy, of Parnell, will have its graduation exercises at Lowell City Hall, Wednesday afternoon, June 21 at 3:30 o'clock and wishes to extend a cordial invitation to any one who can attend them. The graduates are Clare Byrne, Marie Tobin, Clara Howard, Nellie and Marie Bowler, Gladys Gahan and Ruth Howard.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 12, 1947

A new schedule is being drawn up for the base ball league to allow Fallasburg and Foreman's Chicks to compete. This revised schedule will appear in next week's Ledger. The league now has eight teams.

Raymond and Darrell Hesche of Lowell, R2, appeared in the Search for a Star program on WOOD last Friday night.

Friday, Frank and Lester Antonines found a two-year-old buck on their farm, which had mired in a swamp and drowned.

Little Nila Hesche suffered a ruptured appendix Thursday evening and was taken to Butterworth hospital for an operation. She was reported out of danger Monday.

Residents are very proud of the new Bowne Twp. and Alto fire engine. It has 6 flood lights, pumper-type water instead of chemicals and many other improved features. The following have been appointed drivers: Ken Lyon, Merle Rosenberg, Buell Hayward, Elmer Dintaman and Paul Dintaman.

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 15, 1972

Come on singers and join in...get on the boat of fun and gaiety as the 1972 Showboat prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary, and bring to center stage two top professional men in the business, Jerry Reed and Bobby Goldsboro.

Six complaints of larceny and one of destruction of property have been and are under investigation by the Lowell Police Department since the first of June.

An Ada youth was killed early last Thursday, and his companion, who tried to pull him from the burning wreckage of their pickup truck, was hospitalized following a collision on Int. 69 in Ovid Township, Branch County.

Forty-six students escaped injury, and one received minor injuries, when a Lowell Area School bus hit a tree about 3 pm on Peck Lake Road last Tuesday, according to the Ionia State Police.

Ferris Pharmacy Award Winner - Brenda Roudabush, Ferris State College senior from Lowell, won the Merck Award for attitude and academic achievement in her course work in Pharmacy at Ferris State College. She was also named to "Who's Who Among American College and University Students"

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 11, 1997

The 201 members of the graduating class of 1997 fondly recalled and reflected on their four years at Lowell High School and looked at what lies ahead.

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission pulled Woodruff Palmer's special use permit for a golf course on Cascade Road, citing lack of development. According to the township's zoning guidelines, a special use permit may be taken back if no activity has occurred for more than 12 months.

Lowell's public works director, Art Gall, announced last week that he will leave his post at the end of the month to take a position with the village of Oak Lawn, IL.

Jim Reagan dryly asked that his board peers help him pick up signs after learning that he had been voted to a four-year school board term. The Lowell dentist was appointed in March to fill the seat vacated by Marshall Wilcox when he resigned as board president.

## outdoors

### Michigan wildlife

Dave Stegehuis

Wildlife of all kinds inhabit the fields, forests, streams, and lakes of Michigan. The diversity of habitat invites many different species to make their home here. Wildlife are a significant part of Michigan's identity as a state.

Maintaining wildlife populations and the supporting habitat has been a challenge as the expanding human population demands more private and commercial development. A place where I once hunted pheasants is now under a concrete highway interchange.

Fortunately, all is not lost. Government and private entities have recognized the problem, and work is being done to maintain and improve the condition of our wildlife.

Habitat loss is a major factor affecting wildlife survival. Before any alterations are made to critical habitat, the impact on wildlife and the environment in general is considered. In some cases, damaged habitat is restored. This includes land as well as water.

Wildlife that once were absent or rare in

the Michigan landscape have been reintroduced or restored through conservation efforts. Moose were captured in Canada and transported to the western Upper Peninsula and released. Today there are about five hundred moose roaming the U.P. forests. The piping plover is holding its own on beaches where nesting areas are protected. Reestablished jack pine stands provide nesting areas for Kirtland Warblers. Salmon were non-existent in the Great Lakes, but now are a major portion of that fishery. Elk were gone by the beginning of the last century. They are now present in huntable numbers in the northern lower peninsula. Wolves are again roaming the forests of the U.P. Wild turkeys are probably the greatest success story in wildlife conservation. Eastern wild turkeys went from none to huntable numbers in almost all counties across the state.

Work is being done to bring back ring necked pheasants in some areas. Grouse habitat is being improved to help increase

water.

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### The Wonderful World of Henna

Tues., June 14, 4 - 5 pm. Explore the history and culture of henna, then practice designs using henna cones and basic worksheets. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. For teens 11-17.

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Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. This unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc., pairs kids with a trained therapy dog and their handler. Kids read their favorite book and the pooches curl up, listen and enjoy. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and secure a time slot. First come, first served. For ages 5-10

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Tues., June 21, 1:30 - 2:30 pm. So much wildlife can be found near Michigan's waters. Visit animals from around the old watering hole. Live animals, taxidermy and artifacts will be featured in the presentation by Outdoor Discovery. For ages 5-10.

### Universe of Stories and Music

Thurs., June 23, 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Interactive stories combine with beautiful music to offer full audience participation and hands-on fun with musical instruments from many parts of the world.

# ABCs of Lowell history

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is introducing a new weekly series. Each week we will explore the history one of the buildings in the downtown Historic District.

Address: 219 W. Main  
Date Built: 1883  
Owner when built: Freeman S. Jones  
Builder: B. G. Wilson  
1st business: J. W. Crothers Dry goods

Freeman Jones, who had been the owner of the Franklin House when it burned in 1882, hired B. G. Wilson to build his building, the first to be constructed after the fire. It was divided into two storefronts with a stairway in between. This is the west storefront.

J. W. Crothers ran an ad in 1883 offering Linen Damask towels and tableclothes, silk parasols, ostrich plumes for hats, and jeans for boys wear. G. W. Hatch followed, also operating a dry goods store. In 1888, J. L. Hudson, who had been operating a store in Detroit since 1881, bought Hatch's goods and opened here. He soon had an arch made between 217 W. Main and 219 W. Main so he could utilize both storefronts. E. B. Holland managed the Lowell Store. Hudson closed this store at the end of 1891 because he was incorporating as the J. L. Hudson Company and expanding his business in Detroit. J. L. Hudson Company went on to have the second largest department store by square footage, after Macy's, and was also one of the largest



In 1870, R. Hudson & Son (Joseph L. Hudson) had a general store in Ionia, Michigan. It failed due to the Panic of 1873. J. L. Hudson moved to Detroit in 1877 but remained interested in our area. In 1888, when he heard that the G. W. Hatch store in Lowell was going bankrupt, he bought the goods and hired a manager to operate it. He immediately expanded into the adjoining storefront also. This is 217 W. Main and 219 W. Main, Lowell.

in sales. It expanded with Hudson stores around the nation. In 2000, Dayton-Hudson Corp. took the name of its most successful operation and became Target Corporation.

From 1892 to 1947, A. W. Weekes & Son (Harold Weekes) operated a dry goods store here. Augustus Weekes had regained his

health after retiring from his partnership with E. R. Collar. He was active in the community and served as a State Representative and two terms as State Senator. Cary Stiff purchased the business in 1947 (until 1979) and changed the name to Cary's Dry Goods. Cary opened the wall between here (219 W. Main) and 221 W. Main and

expanded his store into both buildings. His clerks were Sophia Wingeier Gramer and Ms. Bailey.

Later businesses were: West Apparel, White Lace Fashions, Stitchin' Pretty Fabrics, Pippi's Playhouse, Dream Pieces, Fire and Water Art, and Flat River Gallery and Framing.

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their population. Great Lakes fishing management is complex because of biological and political concerns, but because of the attention given to the issues the future looks promising.

Our wildlife resources are important for our quality of life, environment, and economy. We should all pay attention to what is happening out there and take advantage of our

good fortune by supporting conservation efforts and finding ways to get out to enjoy our outdoor heritage.

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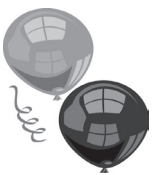
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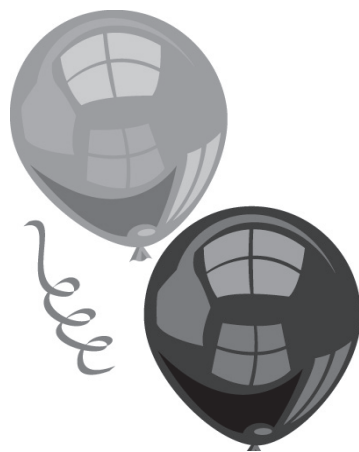
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**JUNE 11**  
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Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah Green.



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shores of Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City, MI. Since 2016, they've been supplying an assortment of malted grains to the brewing and distilling industries across the Midwest. GLMC has been running at 100% of their capacity for the past nine months to keep up with growing demand.

The commission approved an investment of \$40,000 to allow for Great Lakes Malting Company to keep up with the increasing demand for Michigan-grown brewing and distilling malts. GLMC will undergo an expansion project to double production capacity, which includes two additional custom germination boxes.

The company's mission is to supply the highest

quality malt while providing unparalleled service and an unwavering commitment to supporting local agriculture. Michigan is already recognized as "The Great Beer State". By promoting Michigan's agricultural diversity and producing high-quality, locally sourced malted grains, that reputation can only grow stronger.

"We are honored to have our expansion project selected for funding by the Michigan Agriculture and Rural Development Commission" said Jeff Malkiewicz, Great Lakes Malting Co.'s Founder and President. "With the support of the commission, we will be able to increase our capacity to meet the rising demand from craft brewers

and distillers for high-quality, Michigan-grown grains."

La Colombe, a leading coffee roaster known for ethical, long-term trade practices with growers, was founded in Philadelphia in 1994. Considered one of the pioneers in specialty coffee, it provides signature classic blends and exceptional single-origin coffees to cafés, hotels, restaurants and retailers around the world. In addition, the company owns and operates 32 cafés in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Austin, and Washington, D.C.. In 2015, the company made headlines in the ready-to-drink business with its Draft Latte – the world's first-ever textured cold latte. In

2016, it purchased a plant in Norton Shores, MI. Today La Colombe, who is the largest independently owned 4th-wave coffee company, is leading the charge in the ready-to-drink coffee category. In the U.S., the ready-to-drink coffee market is estimated at \$4.5 billion. La Colombe ranks No. 1 in the premium category and its ready-to-drink coffee beverages are available in thousands of grocery and big-box stores nationally. This investment, from the commission of \$200,000, will allow for the production facility to start two major projects. The first being, to create a high-speed bottling line for the 42 oz. multi-serve product. The second being, bringing the proprietary Cold Brew manufacturing process to Michigan, creating the largest cold brew production

facility in the United States. These projects allow La Colombe to more readily meet the growing demand for its beverages while utilizing more Michigan milk.

Townline Hatchery was established in 1913 by Jacob and Ada Geerlings, and originally, began as a cow farm. Due to the growing poultry industry in town, it quickly became a chick hatchery. Not long after, the poultry industry began to dissipate in Zeeland, due to the relatively inflated expense of raising poultry in the cold climate of Michigan. Many moved south for reduced feed and heat costs. Others shut their doors, altogether, due to a lack of interest from buyers or heirs. Fighting on, three of Henry and Gertrude's sons; Jack, Richard, and Don, took over the farm in 1988 as 3rd generation owners and operators. Since then, Jack's sons, John and Bill Geerlings, began leading the 4th generation of operating the hatchery, acquiring ownership from their father and Richard, upon their retirement, over the last 8 years.

The \$75,000 investment will allow Townline Hatchery to build a new 13,000 square foot addition for some of the most reliable, energy-efficient, leading-edge technology incubation equipment on the market, along with new packing and shipping areas and a loading dock. In addition to the expansion, this will create six new jobs in Zeeland.

"We are excited for such an amazing opportunity to not only continue, but build upon, grow and advance the legacy our family began 108 years ago when the farm started in 1913," said John Geerling, president at Townline.

The Food and Agriculture Investment Program provides financial support for food and agriculture projects that help expand food and agriculture processing to enable growth in the industry and Michigan's economy. Projects are selected based on their impact to the overall agriculture industry and their impact to food and agriculture growth and investment in Michigan.

## college news

The Alma College Model UN team competed at the 2022 National Model UN Conference in April, in New York City, and received two "outstanding delegation" awards for its representations of the countries of Egypt and Sierra Leone, along with numerous individual accolades.

This year marks the 25th consecutive year Model UN has received at least one "outstanding" award at the national conference, considered the world's largest and most prestigious collegiate Model UN competition. In total, Alma has received 49 "outstanding delegation" awards at the national conference, more than any other school in the 96-year history of the conference.

"We called this our 'Back to New York Campaign', because of the COVID-19 pandemic for the past two years, we couldn't be in New York to compete," said Derick 'Sandy' Hulme, Arthur L. Russell Professor of Political Science and faculty advisor to MUN. "In

addition to competing in-person and the benefits that come from that experience, we also had time to explore the city, and the students had a lot of fun with their discoveries."

"I'm very proud of this group of students," Hulme continued. "Their performance reflects a collective effort that overcame the challenges of the past two years in a way that students in the previous 30 years never had to deal with. They set the bar for the world's competitors to try and meet."

Team competitors included: Elizabeth Vredevelt of Alto, who represented Egypt.

The University of Saint Mary celebrated the close of another academic year and the achievements of the class of 2022 during two commencement ceremonies at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 in McGilley Field House on USM's Leavenworth Campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

Traditionally, the

university has honored all graduates at a single event. Because of the growth in the number of graduates, USM has elected to hold two ceremonies.

The 2022 commencement events honored the university's 361 graduates — a group composed of 209 undergraduate degree recipients, 111 master's degree recipients, and 41 doctoral degree recipients. The graduates hail from coast to coast and international destinations.

The ceremonies featured performances by the USM Community

Band and Concert Chorale. Reflections were provided by student speakers Reagan Webster, an elementary education major from Saint Joseph, Missouri; Mary Christina Morrisey, a Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate from Topeka, Kansas; and Carrie Soper, a Master's in Counseling Psychology graduate from Overland Park, Kansas.

Local graduates: Kara Rasch, of Lowell, Master of Business Administration, Business Administration (Masters).



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# The Cinderella Story of Sparrow

by Cliff Yankovich  
contributing writer

Lowell is home to a canine princess who just might become queen. Sparrow recently ascended into princess-hood at the most recent National Show for Boston Terriers that was hosted in Loveland, CO. She competed in three classes that saw 178, 222, and 341 other Bostons as competition. She placed first in two of the events, second in the third and came away being recognized as the best female Boston Terrier in the country, and as such, is qualified to show at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

and for the European equivalent – the Crufts Dog Show, held in March 2023 in England.

When she is competing, Sparrow shows up under her full name: MBISS GCHB CH Jingle’s A Site for Soar Ayes at Onirama. Whew – no wonder Jill Moore just calls her Sparrow, which is an homage to a certain pirate we know from Disney films. Moore took the time to explain the meaning behind all of the letters and play on words involved in the long name, the most important part of which is the fact that “Jingle Boston Terriers” is the name of the kennel owned by Jill and her husband, Glenn. You may

have seen them holding classes on the Riverwalk in warmer weather over the past two summers. All the capital letters refer to the various titles and achievements Sparrow has racked up, in spite of the odds against her.

We do love rooting for the underdog, right? (Sorry, I had to write it.) In the big world of show dogs, the story of Sparrow deserves our support because she has overcome more obstacles than an agility champion.

“I just think the story is kind of cool because we are just a rag-tag group of people who came together via their love for the breed,” Moore commented. “Unfortunately, we don’t have a whole lot of money, being we have managed to get a dog that was plagued with issues to the top.”

First, we can deal with the “we” Moore mentioned, and then we will get to the plagues. Sparrow is co-owned by the Moores and Dr. Constantinos Androu, a veterinarian from Cyprus. Because of a knee injury that Moore suffered at a show, and then made worse in Michigan snow, Sparrow is shown and handled by Candice Waters from Indiana.

Moore helped me to understand that campaigning a show dog can generally require thousands of dollars a year. Some of the handlers can



Dr. Constantinos Androu, Candice Waters, and Jill Moore with Sparrow.



Candice Waters and Sparrow

charge as much as two hundred thousand dollars a year for their services. The Moores did not venture into breeding Bostons with an eye on making a fortune. She made that clear when she passed along the old adage: “How do you make a million dollars breeding dogs? Start with two million dollars.” Sparrow brought home some beautiful ribbons from Loveland, but the actual prize money didn’t cover the hotel room.

And now to explain the plagues our Sparrow overcame to earn her crown. Moore started that story by explaining that Jack, Sparrow’s dad, was anything BUT a show dog. He was a very good looking fellow, but when show time came he was much better at lifting his leg and urinating in Moore’s shoes or “chewing up something priceless” than he was at impressing any judges in the ring.

Moore did say that even as a newborn puppy, “they frankly, all look like fat potatoes with legs”, there

was something very special about Sparrow. Moore admits that she, like all breeders and trainers who are true lovers of a breed and work to elevate the breed to its utmost potential, had dreams over the years of “the one” showing up in a litter of pups.

Beyond having a dad who didn’t belong in a show ring, Sparrow has been beset with other challenges. For one, she had a terrible un-show-worthy gait. Moore called it “pacing” and made comparisons to a drunken camel. Trying to break Sparrow of this style of presenting herself took miles and miles of walking her and rewarding the correct stride, while gently putting the kibosh on the pacing.

January of this year found Sparrow on antibiotics for an indelicate condition that we will pass on mentioning here. Then when she was ready to return to the ring in March, Sparrow experienced a false pregnancy and began

lactating, which was followed by contracting demodex, a skin condition brought on by a compromised immune system that caused a variety of symptoms, including causing her hair to fall out. At one point, Sparrow was wrapped entirely in wet cabbage leaves to combat her condition. All of this left her unable to show at all in March, April, and May.

To say that the expectations of Team Sparrow as she headed to Loveland were low is to put it very mildly. “We weren’t a threat, no one, no one expected us to be more than ‘point fodder’, bringing points to their dog to win her over,” Moore related. “And yet, we won.”

Another understatement would be to say that Moore and the team are excited to have Sparrow show at Westminster. Moore has attended Westminster several times and once had a dog qualify to be in the show, but it went no further. She explained that in order for us regular folks to see Sparrow on TV from the Westminster Show, she will have to compete against 17 others to win Best of Breed, Boston Terrier. Should she win that, then she moves up to compete in the Non-Sporting Group show which is televised.

Whoops, I need to revise that to better reflect the positive attitude of Team Sparrow: WHEN she wins Best of Breed, THEN we can all watch her on TV. Best of luck, Sparrow.



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# Lowell PRIDE



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Betsy Lopez-Wagner, Green Team leader.



Lowell Pride board members left to right: Betsy Lopez-Wagner, Paula Patterson, Nicole Lintemuth, Erin Foltz, Michael Lowery, Shayna Woodwyk and Shannon, Hanley.



Erin Foltz took charge of volunteer co-ordination and can be seen here signing in and passing out t-shirts to the volunteers.

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- MASCOTS

## SPORTS

## Surrounding communities part of last chapters of controversial school nickname

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

When Lowell met Saranac on the softball diamond last week, there was very little evidence of Saranac's school nickname. This has been true the last several years as Saranac is in the middle of a school nickname rebranding. Their board unanimously approved to get rid of the controversial "Redskins" nickname in October of last year and that will be officially enacted upon the decision of a new nickname. The district got local community input on new nickname choices before narrowing down to the final choices of either "Redhawks," "Ravens," "Storm," "Sabercats," and or "Red Raptors." The final decision has yet to be made, but is expected in the coming months.

It's nearing the end of the road for the school nickname in Michigan. Camden-Frontier near the Ohio border is the last Michigan high school with the "Redskins" nickname. Even there, the name has slowly been phased out by Camden-Frontier over the years with the board considering a permanent change. While other Michigan high schools have completed name changes in the past few years including Hartford (Indians to Huskies) and Okemos (Chiefs to Wolves), no nickname has been as clear-cut and generated as much controversy as the "Redskins" nickname. In 2020, Saranac was one of

five Michigan high schools with the nickname, four of which, including Saranac, have confirmed a name change will take place. The other three were Paw Paw, Sandusky, and Clinton.

The debate has stirred up strong feelings on both sides for decades at a high school, college, and professional sports level. Since the 1940's, the National Congress of American Indians has worked to eliminate negative stereotyping of Native Americans in sport nicknames.

"Redskins" is a slang word seen as generally offensive in the Native American community. The largest study of this topic published in the << IITLICA Social Psychological and Personality Science >> in 2020. Completed through a partnership between Cal-Berkley and the University of Michigan and surveyed 1,021 Native Americans from 50 states, 148 tribes, and of diverse life backgrounds. They found that those who most participated with tribal involvement and that most identified as Native Americans were most bothered by the "Redskins" nickname.

In March of 2017, Belding High School also got rid of their "Redskins" nickname, changing to the "Black Knights," a process that took two years to complete.

Nickname rebranding is expensive. Teams often need to get new uniforms for

every sport, middle school through varsity. Equipment such as golf bags, helmets, and trailers need modification. Basketball courts need to be revamped, football fields repainted, and signage replaced. The process can cost schools hundreds of thousands of dollars. Belding got help with this in the form of a \$334,690 grant from the Native American Heritage Fund Board.

The fund offers grants to schools around the country opting to remove Native American nicknames that they say perpetuates stereotypes.

Other Native American nicknames include "Braves," "Indians," "Warriors," and localized tribe names such as Florida State using the "Seminole" tribe name. The latter are often less controversial as many work closely with their local tribes on continuous approval for the name.

As of 2020, nearly forty Michigan high schools use Native American nicknames that are not "Redskins." The Michigan High School Athletic Association has remained neutral on the issue. Since these school names are often less controversial than "Redskins," so long as cultural depictions are respected it is likely many

of these school nicknames will remain.

Chippewa Hills High School in Mecosta County, using the "Warriors" is an example of that. "We have no intention of changing the Warrior name. We explained [to the tribe] that our desire was to move to a situation that we could feel proud of what we were representing as a district, we believe that we can do that moving ahead as the Warriors, but that what we just needed was a rebranding of our logos," Chippewa Hills Board President Guy Stickler told the Big Rapids News last fall. Chippewa Hills also got a grant from the Native American Heritage Fund to help with logo changes.

Another such school is Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant who uses the "Chippewa" nickname with the blessing of their local tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The two work closely to message appropriate ways of honoring the Anishinaabe people during athletic events.

"The tribe is the one that determines how we use it," Central Michigan President Bob Davies said to the Detroit Free Press in 2020. "At any point in time, that can change. That's the tribe's decision, not necessarily our decision."

The "tomahawk chop"

is noted by the university and tribe as one of the harmful representations of Native Americans. That chop, a staple of Atlanta Braves games, has cast a negative spotlight on the defending World Series champions. The Braves have had ongoing talks with the National Congress of American Indians on the best way to move forward. Other high profile collegiate and professional team nickname changes include the University of North Dakota (Fighting Sioux to Fighting Hawks), Cleveland Indians to Cleveland Guardians, and Washington Redskins to Washington Commanders.

Lowell has not had to deal with such debates having a non-Native American nickname. Over a span of a few weeks in 1947, backlash from the community prompted a change from the briefly adopted "Red Devils" nickname to the "Red Arrows" over concerns of the anti-Christian implication of "Red Devils." Twelve Michigan schools use a nickname with "Devils" in it.

With the "Redskins" nickname being phased out of Michigan High School sports, one might think Watersmeet might be the next school to change their nickname, but they would be wrong. Their opponents are

calling them "Nimrods." Nimrod is often a word associated with its slang usage for "jerk" or "idiot." It's okay though because "Nimrods" is actually the official nickname of Watersmeet High School. Watersmeet is a small town in the western upper peninsula where hunting is extremely popular. So Nimrod, a mighty hunter with biblical roots, was chosen as the school nickname and represented by an outdoorsman nickname. The nickname is extremely popular with community members and the school was featured on ESPN in the early 2000's.

Two towns right next to Lowell have dealt with history, the nickname controversy brings cultural changes of society to high schools just a short drive away. When it comes to Saranac, the school will likely mirror the transition of Belding High School no matter what new nickname is chosen. Whether it ends up as the "Saranac Redhawks," "Saranac Ravens," "Saranac Storm," "Saranac Sabercats," and or "Saranac Red Raptors," school leaders know there is likely some resistance to change, but are hopeful the new nickname is as accepted and enjoyed as the Belding Black Knights became.



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Annika Sandman set a new school record going 4:56.71 to finish 10th at the MHSAA state meet. Photo courtesy of Lowell Track & XC facebook page.

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# SPORTS



## Soccer season ends in Cedar Springs

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Looking back on fond memories and a fun-filled soccer season is how parents, players, and fans will remember this year's girls soccer team.

It was a season where the girls debuted on their brand new turf stadium, their new home for years to come. Lowell swept Greenville, beat Forest Hills Northern for their second time in 22 tries, scored wins over the OK Red's Jenison and Grandville, and won a nailbiter 1-0 over Northview for their first win on a home turf field in program history.

The young Red Arrows season came to an end last Friday in the

district tournament at Cedar Springs, as the Redhawks took advantage of goals in each half to advance. Cedar went on to beat Forest Hills Eastern in the district semifinal before losing to Forest Hills Central in the district final.

"I am incredibly proud of how hard this team fought all year and never gave up through adversity from difficult weather conditions, injuries, and tough competition. We played some of the best teams in the state and our ladies proved that they could compete with the best. We are a very young team and will be potentially returning 17 players next year that will be determined to improve upon their results from this

season," Lowell girls soccer head coach, Joe Woodruff said.

Lowell finished the season at 6-11 and graduated three seniors from this year's team, Jenny Underwood, Lilly Kooistra, and Madison Borelli. Aubree Lee had 210 saves throughout the season at the goalkeeper position. The program has an all-time record of 237 wins, 195 losses, and 26 ties.

Lee was one of three members of the soccer team to earn all-conference honors. Lee, along with Borelli, earned all-conference in girls soccer. Isabel German, playing two sports in the same season, earned all-conference in track.



Aubree Lee was one of three Lowell soccer players to earn OK White All-Conference Honors.

- GOLF

## Golfers stymied in electric day at Lake Doster

By Justin Scott  
Sports reporter

High school golf is a sport where one might think the atmosphere is a bit tame. Quiet, relaxed. Maybe a bit boring.

It used to be that scoring was only done by pencil and scorecard. To know where your team was on the leaderboard, you could merely guess. Knowing your teammates' scores involved a game of telephone between you, your coach, and your teammates. The only other option was thumbs up or thumbs down as you made eye contact across the course, or the always classic choice of a level hand to say "I'm doing okay, but not okay enough to give you a definitive answer, answer."

Now, it's all done online through an application called Iwanamaker, a scoring app partnered with the MHSAA, using a name that plays on the PGA Championship trophy. There, the story at Lake Doster unfolded, allowing a day of drama both on the course and for those watching from home.

The top three teams go through the regional to state. Lowell hasn't done it since 1990, and that was on the minds of everyone today. Going into the tournament, two teams were the runaway favorites, Unity Christian and Grand Rapids Christian. That

assumption became clear as the day went on. Those two teams had locked up their spots, and there was a battle for third place that would get all of the attention.

Zeeland East launched into that spot early on, but faded into a pack of eight to nine teams that all were chasing Hamilton. Hamilton came into the field as one of the teams Lowell had not beaten in competition this season. LHS had lost to Holland Christian and the Hawkeyes by five strokes in the pre-regional tournament, held at the same course just one week prior. So that the other 12 schools, teams Lowell had beaten this year, Allegan, Allendale, East Grand Rapids, Holland, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg, Otsego, Plainwell, Wayland, Zeeland West, and Zeeland East, along with less competitive schools, Hastings and Ionia, had faded out of play. South Christian underperformed, leaving Lowell, Holland Christian, and Hamilton to duke it out in the end, which seemed almost too good to be true.

The teams had played almost exactly as one might've penciled them in were they to make pre-tournament predictions. Hamilton, though, looked tremendous. They were not beating Lowell by five midway through the tournament, they were

up 12. The Red Arrows responded with a second nine charge that led them to the brink of history, a return to the state tournament.

With three holes to go, sophomore Nick Lothian sunk a birdie putt that tied Lowell with Hamilton. Holland Christian nestled just behind the two schools. It's a shame high school golf is not a classic spectator sport. One can imagine the roar of a hypothetical Lowell crowd as that birdie fell. The tremendous momentum shift that followed a Hawkeye triple bogey and that Lowell birdie. Competing fan bases and the trade of cheers across the golf course as each team bobbed up and

down the leaderboard over the day.

Of course, high school golf does not have that football-style atmosphere, but the atmosphere at Lake Doster was electric, especially for taking place in the middle of a Wednesday work day.

Golfers knew the situation and how close things were in the race for third. They are able to see where their team sits in the standings, though most will not dive in, instead choosing to focus on their own game. Beating the opponents they can control.

Hamilton was too stout though. Led by Eli Timmerman who shot a 76,

tied for top score the entirety of the day, the Hawkeyes shot a 335. In the end, that beat out the Red Arrows by seven strokes. Perhaps for the best. When teams lose by one stroke, players may go, "Oh what if I made that putt, didn't take a drop," commenting in undeserved frustration. After all, this is just high school sports. On this day, Hamilton was simply better, though by a slim margin.

Both Hamilton and Lowell outperformed their pre-regional rounds at Lake Doster, Hamilton by 21 strokes and Lowell by 19. Lothian bested his score by 10 strokes, Veldman by six, de Voest by 2, three, and Sluss by one.

Lowell did best Holland Christian, avenging the earlier tournament loss by four strokes, and outperforming what would have been a projected fifth place finish, finishing fourth and beating out 14 other teams.

The Red Arrows were led by Drew Veldman (82), Patrick de Voest (84), Lothian (86), and Cam Sluss (90). All of those players are either juniors or sophomores and will be part of a team looking to make another run at history next year.

Veldman just missed out on an individual state tournament appearance, the top three golfers on non-state qualifying teams advanced and those scores came in at 81.



- BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## Volleyball closes out season in final four

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

In very few Michigan high school sports is the west side of the state the dominant side, so a little celebration had to be done. Three of the boys volleyball final four teams came from the west side of the state, Lowell, Grand Haven, and Hudsonville. The other team was Lansing Christian. Most boys volleyball teams are currently in the western part of the state where the

sports popularity has been noticed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

It's been a similar story of growth in Lowell, and with that growth, two straight trips to the Michigan boys volleyball final four.

The Lowell boys volleyball club finished out their season in the state semifinals a couple of weeks ago, losing to eventual state champion Hudsonville at

Grand Rapids Christian's Quest Center. Last season, it was also Hudsonville that ended Lowell's season, then in the state championship game. Hudsonville went on to beat Grand Haven in the finals.

In districts, Lowell bested Forest Hills Northern, Caledonia, and South Christian to earn a spot in the regional. There, they beat Northville to advance to the final four.



# obituaries

## BEWELL



Richard "Dick" Eugene Bewell, age 97, formerly of Lowell, MI passed away peacefully on May 31, 2022. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 72 years, Emma Jean Bewell; an infant daughter; three brothers and seven sisters. He is survived by sons James (Maria), Robert (Jill); "daughter" Sandy Bewell (Rich Dykstra); granddaughters Sister Paisia, Angela (Josh) Thompson; grandsons Andrew (Ashley), Christopher,

and Thomas Bewell; great grandsons Samuel and Abram Thompson; and several nieces and nephews. Dick was born in Boyne City, MI. After the death of both parents he moved to Lowell, MI to live with his sister, Helen Bewell, who Bewell Ave was named after. Dick proudly served in the US Navy during



WWII on the destroyers USS Parrott and USS Higbee as a sonarman. Upon his return to civilian life, he became a Grand Rapids Police officer where he dutifully served for 31 years before retiring. In 1948 he met the love of his life, Jean VerBurg, a Butterworth E.R. nurse, and after a short courtship they were married. Together they built two homes and a cottage, and settled in Lowell, MI where they proudly raised their two boys. Dick was one of the handiest men you'd ever meet. He enjoyed wood working, and could build, fix, or create anything. In his retirement he was instrumental in creating the Lowell Methodist Church food pantry (now known as the Flat River Outreach Ministries) and maintained the grounds at Schneider Manor into his 90's. He was a generous, kind, and loving man who will be greatly missed by his family. Funeral services will be 11 AM, Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Brad Brillhart officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331.

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## MULDER

Annie Laurie Mulder was an angel among us. Annie had a passion for helping others and living her Christian faith. Whether it was being a wife, mother of four, mother-in-law, grandmother of sixteen or her work as a nurse, church volunteer and community leader, she influenced many lives. Always among the first to volunteer and to give of her talents and resources, she inspired the same among her children and community. Annie Laurie (Hubbard) Mulder passed away on May 27, 2022, at her home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, surrounded by family. Annie was born at home in Pierson, Michigan, on February 5, 1935, to Charles and Alfreda (Liichow) Hubbard. She grew up on a farm and was very close to her grandparents, William and Annie Liichow. She was joined at home by her younger brother Gary. Annie was raised in the Evangelical United Brethren Church which later became the United Methodist Church. The highlight of her summers was the annual Fahner reunion where she developed a close relationship with her many cousins. Annie excelled academically at Howard City schools, graduating as valedictorian. She continued her education at Blodgett School of Nursing in Grand Rapids, graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1957. During nursing school and at a church dance, she met Allen Mulder, a young man from Wyoming Park who was working at General Motors. While they were dating, Al took a two year leave from his job to join the U.S. Army. During that time, they became engaged and were married in Howard City on January 18, 1956. Annie then joined Allen in Washington State. They often spoke fondly of their time together in their early marriage and their chance to travel. Upon their return to Grand Rapids, they continued their careers, Allen as a millwright with General Motors and Annie as a dedicated nurse. Annie had a 40-year career in nursing which included time working at Blodgett Hospital, Porter Hills retirement community and the Holland Home retirement community. She specialized in geriatric nursing and was a skilled trainer who taught hundreds of health care workers how to provide compassionate care to the elderly. Annie and Al had five sons, Craig, Kevin, Cliff, Keith (died at birth) and Kenneth. They lived over 40 years on Bailey Dr. and loved being in the country. Annie was a loving Mom who fostered a love of learning in all of her sons. While raising her family, she taught preschool and remained working as a nurse. She was active with Lowell First United Methodist Church, serving in many volunteer roles including a district representative for the United Methodist Women. She served as a den mother, Sunday school teacher and member of the Lowell School and Lowell Library Boards. She lived an inspiring life and her strong values set an example for her family and community. As a deep thinker and lifelong learner, she fostered a love of learning in her sons and their families. She was a strong supporter of public education. She took pride in the many academic achievements of her family. In retirement, Al and Annie had a chance to travel

the United States and especially enjoyed going out west and camping. They also arranged times for their children and grandchildren to be together. Cabin's Week at Platte Lake is an annual tradition the entire family has cherished for 30 years. Grandma/Gigi developed a close relationship with all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Through advent gifts, homemade birthday cards, Easter egg hunts, phone calls and emails, she stayed close to her family.



Annie was blessed by her relationship with close friends, including Barbara Berkompas, Marsha Wilcox, Donna Bieri, Greta Parsons, Sue Behnke and many others from Lowell and Clark retirement community where she lived her last eight years with Al. Annie was thoughtful and empathetic. She was always the first to offer a compliment, write a special note and hold a hand when a friend was in need. Annie was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Alfreda Hubbard and her infant son, Keith. Annie is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Allen; brother, Gary Hubbard (Darlene); sons, Craig Allen (Kathi), Kevin Charles (Beatrice Maugeri), Clifford John (Brenda) and Kenneth Paul (Emily); sixteen grandchildren, Bryan (Jessica), Keith (Lisa), Tara (Stephen) Celia, Hannah (Hazen), Laurel (Michael), Philip (Riley), Elizabeth, Gabriella, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Mamie Beth, Thaddeus, Annamaria, Leila and Amos; and five (soon to be six) great grandchildren, Matilda, Charles, Maxwell, Ellie and Sofia; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Her special niece, Becky (John) Bylsma, provided companionship and support over the years. A memorial service for Annie will be held at the Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 11 am with a luncheon following. Visitation will take place at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, on Friday, June 17, 2022, from 5 pm to 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to two of Annie's favorite charities that represent her love for her neighbors, locally and globally: Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. East, Lowell, MI 49331, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief, 458 Ponce de Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

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## BUTLER

John A. Butler, Sr. (Jack), 89, previously of Grand Rapids and Ada, MI, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2022 at Suncoast Hospice, Pinellas Park, FL. He was born on November 20, 1932 in Grand Rapids, MI, to Oliver and Louise (Fuselier) Butler, who preceded him in death. Jack was a long-time resident of the Mainlands in Pinellas Park. He enjoyed taking his dogs to the dog-park, meeting the guys for coffee, and going out to dinner with friends. In his younger days, he loved riding his motorcycles, taking care of his horses, and building his "Farm". He loved his family, friends and pets. He was a graduate of Creston High School and Davenport College of Business. He worked as General Manager and V.P. of West Side Beer, and later owned the Rockford Hotel and several other small businesses. Jack leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Charlene (Hill), daughters Cindy (Richard) VanLuyn, Randi (Joe) Ellis, and son, John Butler, Jr. He also leaves behind 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sons, Eric and Stewart Johnson. Also, brothers Oliver (Loris), William (Marge), Robert (Dorothy), Richard (Gina), Edward (Jean) and Thomas (Carol). Arrangements by National Cremation Society, Clearwater, FL



## IRWIN

Stacey Rae Irwin was born to Donald "Donny" Irwin and Donna Cody, in Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 30, 1980. She was well known by the residents of her hometown of Saranac and the neighboring cities of Lowell and Ionia. Stacey was a graduate of Saranac High School, Class of 1999. She had a love for helping others, playing Bingo and hunting for hidden treasures at local garage sales and second hand stores. When she was not treasure hunting, she could be found spending time with her loved ones; especially her daughter and grandchildren. Stacey was a proud grandmother who loved to join in on movie dates and fun trips to McDonalds for impromptu shakes and chicken nuggets. From an early age, Stacey was diagnosed with brain cancer. She bravely fought and won the battle in 1999 and went on to be a supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, along-side her mother, who was also a cancer survivor. In 2021, Stacey was diagnosed with another brain tumor and underwent

treatments; however, on May 29, 2022, she experienced a severe brain bleed, ultimately leading to her passing on May 30, 2022. Stacey is survived by her immediate family; father Donald Irwin, mother Donna Cody, brother Casey Irwin, sister Shawna Pierce, daughter Alexis Osmolinski "French", son-in-law Michael Osmolinski, and grandchildren, Aaliyuh Swinehart, Grayson Osmolinski and Lincoln Osmolinski. Visitation will be held at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac, Tuesday, June 7, from 10-3, with service following at Saranac Cemetery. Those wishing, may make memorial donations to the Ionia County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)



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SANDERS

June E. Sanders (Travis), 82 of Tiffin, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Maple Ridge Manor in Lowell, MI from complications of cancer. June was born on November 28, 1939, in Defiance, Ohio to the late Herbert and Luella Travis. She married the love of her life, Gerald R. Sanders on September 16, 1961, and to the envy of their family and friends, they shared 60 beautiful years together. She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband, Jerry. Survivors include her son, Mark A. Sanders (Jane) of Lowell, MI; daughter, Alicia Tigges Blake (Gary) of Sandusky, OH; three grandchildren, Brendan, Kyla, and Jadan; brother-in-law, Gene Sanders (Michele); and two nieces, Lisa, and Jamie. June worked as a nurse for many years at Mercy Hospital, and later in life, for Jim Wilson Realty as an office manager and agent.



After retiring she enjoyed spending winters in Florida for many years. Her passion was her love of landscaping and gardening. You could say she had a "green thumb" and could grow just about anything! Her next love was horses. She enjoyed watching the horse races and visiting the beautiful horse farms of Kentucky. June loved spending time with her children and her grandchildren, sharing stories and her knowledge of the things she enjoyed and loved in life. She enjoyed visiting different wineries while traveling with the love of her life, Jerry. They would then enjoy a bottle of wine that they found along the way with their family and friends. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date, during the upcoming summer months of 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Seneca County Humane Society, 2811 OH-100, Tiffin, OH 44883.

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WHITMAN

Jason Ray Whitman, 45, of Grand Rapids, recently passed away unexpectedly. He was born December 27, 1976, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids to his parents, Bruce and Marlene Whitman of Lowell. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marlene; and is survived by his father, Bruce; brothers, Bentley (Kristy) Whitman of Harbor Springs, and Austin (Theresa) Whitman of Lamont; nieces, Abigail (Austin), Lily (Austin), and Taylor (Bentley); and nephew Conrad (Austin). Jason graduated from Grand Rapids City High School in 1994 where he fostered his interests in the



visual and graphic arts. A passionate creative, Jason expressed his talents through landscape design, first learning his trade at Rooks Landscaping in Ada, then refining his interest and expertise at several prominent firms in the Pacific Northwest. When Jason returned to the Grand Rapids area, he offered his considerable experience and skills to local firms including A to Z Lawn Care, Egypt Creek Landscaping, and his own company, Whitman Landscape and Construction. Jason's favorite designs typically showcased unique water features, many of which are proudly on display throughout the Grand Rapids area today. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend a celebration of Jason's life at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331 on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 AM. Pastor Richard Boshoven officiating. This memorial will be immediately followed by a brief funeral service at Oakwood Cemetery.

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BBB Tip: Watch out for student loan forgiveness scams

It's graduation season, and many hard-working college students are getting ready to walk across the stage and embark on a new chapter in their lives. This means the student loan repayment process begins soon too. However, scammers are taking advantage of recent changes to student loan repayment programs in order to confuse borrowers.

Currently, payments are paused on most federal loans through Aug. 31, 2022, and no interest is accruing. But that doesn't mean that scams are on pause. The

Better Business Bureau Serving Western Michigan encourages graduates to carefully research trustworthy sources related to federal repayment plans before giving any personal information.

Watch out for companies promising to reduce debt by lowering payments through enrollment in student loan forgiveness or other programs. They may also falsely promise to apply monthly payments to your student loans and to improve credit scores - all you have to do is pay a small fee so they

can negotiate with the lender on your behalf. In another version, dishonest collectors claim they can save money by consolidating loans - if a minimal fee is paid. Keep all of your personal information private and never give it to an unsolicited source.

"Beware of a quick fix or guaranteed elimination, as those are major red flags of a scam," says Lisa Frohnapfel, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Western Michigan. "Talking with your lender is the best way to find repayment and forgiveness options that suit you."

Protect yourself from student loan scammers:

Find a reliable source. Consumers can apply for loan deferments, forbearance, repayment and forgiveness or discharge programs directly through the U.S. Department of Education or their loan servicer at no cost, and do not require a third party.

Research the lender. Visit BBB.org to read business profiles and check out companies before working with them. The FTC has consumer education related to student loan debt relief scams at [ftc.gov/](http://ftc.gov/)

StudentLoans. You can also ask your college's financial aid office about the company.

Watch for red flags. Scammers use pressure tactics enticing you to buy now, or miss an opportunity. Beware of empty promises like guaranteed aid or immediate elimination of debt. Never pay a fee upfront for help.

Be wary of government imposters. Scammers often use fake seals and logos to seem legitimate, or pretend to be government agencies like the Department of Education.

Protect personal information. Never share sensitive information, such as your FSA ID. Never give out a credit card number or bank account number unless you know the organization is legitimate.

Report it. If you have been a victim of a suspected scam, report it at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker).

For more information: Visit [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov) for federal student loan repayment options. Student loans can be forgiven only under specific circumstances, so contact your lender directly to see if any options are available to you.

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE OF 139 S. BROADWAY ST.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell has been requested to hold a public hearing to consider the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate by King Milling (the "Applicant"), pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended.

The facilities will be located at 139 S. Broadway SE, Lowell, Michigan. The application of King Milling, is on file and available for review in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Lowell.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing shall be held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., local time, at the City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City, at which time the City Council shall afford the Applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City, and residents and taxpayers of the City an opportunity to be heard regarding the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Applicant.



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traditional school year. Extensive research shows that children involved in summertime reading programs, sponsored by public libraries, are more likely to maintain their academic skills, and in many cases do better on standardized tests.

KDL is also offering a great line-up of free programs for all ages,

including Wet and Wild Animals, Tom Plunkard's Amazing Adventures, Drawing Sea Creatures, The Wonderful World of Henna and Motherland House Concerts. For a full program listing including dates, times and locations, visit [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events).

For more information, visit [kdl.org/summer](http://kdl.org/summer).

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of Robert Smith Guardianship File No. 22-211,461-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including his brother, James Smith, and any unknown children and heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 29, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids,

MI 49503 Courtroom 9C in person and via Zoom before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: June 6, 2022

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 401-6081

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attn: for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 109 E. Main St. Suite 11 Zeeland, MI 49464 (616) 633-0196

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.: 22-211372-DE

Estate of Teles D. Cloud, Deceased. Date of birth: 12/25/1927.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Teles D. Cloud, died 04/14/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shirley

A. Cloud and Melissa A. Turner, co-personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 23, 2022

John D. Mitus (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

Shirley A. Cloud and Melissa A. Turner c/o 1752 Lake Michigan Dr., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504

# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKU

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

## Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Canada on June 9, 1961. I started acting at age 15, and later moved to Los Angeles at age 18. I am best known for various roles on sitcoms and as a time-traveling teen in a popular 1980s movie franchise.

Answer: Michael J. Fox

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# KITTY CAT WORD SEARCH

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J	A	I	G	J	C	L	U	T	L	A	H	U	S	E	H	A	M	A	G
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R	O	F	C	P	B	G	O	K	A	S	B	O	A	U	A	A	W	A	R
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

KITTY CAT WORD SEARCH

CLOWDER  
DEWCLAW  
DIGITIGRADE  
DOMESTIC  
FELINE  
FERAL  
HAIRBALL

JOWLS  
KITTEN  
KNEAD  
MEOW  
NEUTER  
PAPILLAE  
PURR

SPAY  
STRAY  
STROPPING  
TABBY  
TONGUE  
WHISKER

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

R P R U

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Answer: Purrr

### CLUES ACROSS

- Slovenian mountain
- Growl
- Where things stand
- Made a sharp sound
- Female spirit in Irish folklore
- Deteriorate with age
- A way to save for retirement
- The Big Apple
- Intestinal pouches
- City in New Hampshire
- Giving a bad impression
- Samsung laptops
- Without (French)
- Scientist's tool (abbr.)
- System of one more computers
- Captures
- Authentic
- Female mammal's nipple
- Pandemonium
- Satisfy
- Arrived extinct
- Shipborne radar (abbr.)
- Network of nerves

### CLUES DOWN

- Looks at for a long time
- Solution for diseases
- Belonging to a thing
- Former Packers fullback
- Contemptible person
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Helps
- Final section of the large intestine
- Invests in little enterprises
- Look for
- Unbeliefs
- Susan and Tom are two

### CLUES ACROSS

- Monetary unit
- Showed old TV show
- They help you hear
- One who eliminates
- Congress' investigative arm
- Parties
- Most supernatural
- Takes illegally
- Breathes while asleep
- Sea eagles
- German surname
- Female sheep
- A poet writes it
- Affirmatives
- "Full House" actress Barber
- Traveled rapidly
- Long upholstered seat
- Set wages
- Peter Gabriel song
- Sides of a jacket
- More beautiful
- Actress Kate
- Furniture with open shelves
- Indicate
- The cost of a room
- Gets rid of something
- Impudence
- No No No
- Drunkards
- Middle eastern country (abbr.)
- Primary component of ribosomes
- An informal debt instrument

# Murray Lake Elementary tours historic Fallasburg village

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

The 1867 schoolhouse, in the Fallasburg historic village, came alive as the yellow Lowell Area School bus stopped in front of the white structure and the kids stepped out into a time warp last week.

The bell rang and the students from Murray Lake Elementary took their seats at the old desks in front of the black chalkboard inscribed with the letters of the alphabet.

Let the class of the past begin.

The teacher and tour guide was Ken Tamke, who is the president emeritus of the Fallasburg Historical Society (FHS). Together, with teacher Denise Washburn, they established the annual field trip tradition so long ago that no one can remember.

"This ties into first-grade lesson plans," Tamke

said. "They read Little House on the Prairie."

The one-room schoolhouse is the signature museum of FHS, and it remained a functioning school until 1961.

Tamke took the kids by groups on a whirlwind tour through the village where he pointed out the flowering Black Locust tree in front of the newly renovated Tower Farm.

"It is said to be the oldest tree in Michigan," he said.

The Tower Farm was built by Orlin Douglass in 1850. It was later acquired by the Towers. In 1896, the right half of the farmhouse was moved from a nearby location so that sisters-in-law, Tower and Stekete, could live together with their families.

They also paused in front of the Barn of the Year, 2014, named by the Michigan Barn

Preservation Network, and the community garden.

The kids toured the Fallas House built by the village founder, John Wesley Fallas and his brothers, Silas and Arad, in 1842. They loved the wooden "abacus" which was actually used as a wooden playpen to entertain toddlers.

The photo displays on easels attracted the kids' attention as the closest objects to the current times. One little girl, 7, marveled at a beautiful vintage wedding dress.

"When I get married, I want to get married in that dress," she said.

The dress was three times as tall as the girl and twice as wide.

"Ways to go before wedding bells ring," Tamke said, not sure about the provenance of the dress. "I don't think it was Phebe Fallas' wedding dress or anything like that."

At the Misner House, which stores the (FHS) artifacts, the tour took on a funny spin as Tamke talked about the predecessors of the modern washing machine-paddle laundry and microwave.

The 1850 Misner House is the most complete museum in Fallasburg, with



Ken Tamke and Murray Lake Elementary students by the Covered Bridge in Fallasburg.

recently installed climate control to preserve the artifacts, made possible through a grant. It houses the memorabilia collection that can also be found online as Collective Access at <https://collection.fallasburg.org>

The tour down the Covered Bridge Rd. included buildings that are part of the village, but not owned by the FHS, such as the former Fallasburg Inn built in 1859.

"People live in there?" a child was fascinated in front of the old yellow Stagecoach House.

And finally, the kids ran across the Covered Bridge, only to get fined for crossing at a speed faster than walking.

"I have a dollar," a child said.

That is one of the many jokes Tamke pulls

on the kids, as he tells them to run as fast as they can on the other side of the bridge. Shortly after, when he and the teachers arrive, Tamke asks the kids to read the sign at the roof line of the bridge, "\$5 fine for anything faster than a walk." Then he informs them they all owe \$5 for their transgression. The most prevalent answer is, "I don't have \$5."

The trip is an "end of the school year" celebration for the kids, which gives them a chance to get out of the classroom and have some fun. It builds on "the Little House on the Prairie", a story by Laura Ingalls Wilder about pioneer life the teachers use in their instruction.

"I like taking the kids on the tour and sharing some

of the local history," Tamke said. "It amazes me that most of the moms that accompany the teachers on the trip, even though local, have never been to Fallasburg. If they haven't been out, chances are the kids haven't either."

This year, one of the moms is descended from Ray Onan. The Onan's lived across the street from the bridge and were very early residents of Fallasburg.

"I believe it's important for these kids to embrace their local history and appreciate this remarkable place - Fallasburg Village," he said.

Had the Grand Trunk Line RR gone through Fallasburg, not Lowell, things might look very different in Fallasburg, and Lowell.



The coveted vintage wedding dress.



Yellow bus in front of the schoolhouse.



Inside the one-room schoolhouse.



## It's Time To Stand Up

By Gina Johnsen

In the past two years, during the pandemic, when things seemed out of control and our way of life was falling apart, who was standing up for you? Who was looking out for you, your family, and your ability to make a living? Everyone was affected by the shutdown, and it seemed like it would never end.

My name is Gina Johnsen. I am running for State Representative in the 78th District known as the Julie Calley District. My goal is to stand up for you and make a difference in the county, community and for you and your family.

I am not a newcomer to the battles in Lansing and in our state government. If you want change in a meaningful way, I am a leader who will defend you, your family, and all the people I will be representing. I will go to Lansing and fight for you. I will stand up for what is constitutional, dignifying, and respectful to all whom I serve.

It's time to restore Michigan to what Pure Michigan really is and to stand up for Godly values and principles.

I will make a difference for you and will stay engaged with you at the local level, even when I am in Lansing. What matters to you, matters to me. That's why I am running for State Representative -- to serve YOU and to help regain your ability to thrive in society again. But, I need you to assist me in making these necessary changes in Michigan.

I am a Christian businesswoman who also is the Director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center and the Michigan Capitol House of Prayer. I am unapologetically pro-life, pro-business and pro-Second Amendment. I am also willing to stand up for parents' choices in education and in healthcare. I want to hear from you. I want to know what's on your heart and mind, and to find out what issues are important to you.

Your comments are welcome and encouraged: [Gina4StateRep@gmail.com](mailto:Gina4StateRep@gmail.com), and I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information, please visit my website: [Gina4staterep.com](http://Gina4staterep.com).

**Please give me the opportunity to earn your vote on August 2nd.**

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