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Traditional Saint Patrick's Parish Festival is back

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

The Saint Patrick's Festival is back to its traditional format after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, with a date set for the last weekend in June.

The festival kicks off with Johnny's Run 5K race at 7 pm on Friday, June 24. Johnny Agar, who suffers from cerebral palsy, helped organize this year's 5K run.

"The run was instrumental in Johnny's life because it was during a past 5K festival run that Johnny walked his first mile," said Fr. Tom Cavera.

Agar has always wanted to be an athlete, but wheelchair sports were out of the question since he can only use one hand. He decided to finish a race on his own two feet with the help of his walker. In 2013, Johnny accomplished his goal at the Saint Patrick Festival 5K.

This year, there will be two opportunities to participate - the Johnny's Run 5K and Johnny's Impossible Mile Challenge. The one-mile challenge race starts at 8 pm and its intent is to challenge participants, who will have 30 minutes to carry an added 10 percent of their body weight in the form of dog/cat food, which will be placed in a backpack for one mile.

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Vandalism at Stoney Lakeside Park

Three incidents of vandalism at Stoney Lakeside Park have been reported recently.

The first incident involved suspects pulling the sinks and mirrors off the wall. In the second incident on Tuesday of last week, suspects tagged the restroom and skate park with graffiti. During the third incident on Thursday, witnesses saw some teens leaving the restroom. When they went in to check the restroom, they observed urine all over the floors, sinks, and hand dryer.

The restroom has been closed and the city is looking

into installing cameras at the park. The Lowell Police Department believes they know who the suspects are and they are investigating the incidents.

Photos courtesy of Michael Burns



Festival, continued

Agar stated on his Johnny's Run website that he was honored to co-direct the race this year with longtime director Tom Theoret.

"That 'Impossible Mile' has led to an abundance of blessings — one of which is being able to co-direct this traditional race that the Festival Committee agreed to dub now as Johnny's Run."

The pet food will be donated to the local Humane Society. The race is limited to the first 50 to sign up. Awards will be given to the top finishers.

"Our goal this year is to return with our festival on the traditional date and to offer standard festival activities," said Cavera. "It is important for our

parish that we get back to a regular schedule with our community events."

So, the mainstays of the parish festival are back at full speed. The Euchre tournament, Johnny's Run 5K race (3.1 miles), and live music by The Adams Family on Friday. Saturday activities start with a Mass at 4 pm followed by the Festival Auction Registration and Silent Auction at 5:30 pm. Live music by Topsy & The Kickstands from 7:30 pm to midnight and Vegas tent. Food and beer tents on both days open at 5 pm and run until midnight, on Friday until 11:30 pm.

Sunday boasts its famous chicken dinners, starting from noon to 5 pm.



Johnny's Run 5K race.

Annual antique car, truck and tractor show runs from 9 am to 5 pm. The quilt exhibit runs from noon to 4 pm. Live music is provided by Stan Mroz Polka Band. There will be a cash raffle.

The money raised is

always first benchmarked for tuition assistance in our pre-K through 8th-grade Catholic school. Any money raised beyond that need is used to help maintain the campus facilities, according to Cavera.

"We are delighted to be able to offer the parish festival this year, as we continue the tradition of gathering as a community in Parnell, that dates back to 1865 when Saint Patrick Church began having a

parish picnic," Cavera said.

To sign up for Johnny's Run 5K race, go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Ada/JohnnysRun>

New business helps with computer driving systems

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

Each year new cars and trucks install more complex computer systems — such as, lane changing assists and blind spot detection called Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) — that are put in place to help drivers keep safe and avoid car accidents. As a driver, it is hard to keep up with these new systems, what they mean, how they can help, and when to use them, but once they are understood, these systems can reduce accidents in so many ways. But if you were to get into

an accident or have damage to your car, there is a new business in the Grand Rapids area that caters to fixing and calibrating these specific ADAS, and most of the time, it is taken care of by your insurance company, dealerships, and auto body shops.

The new business, ADAS Solutions, based out of Wyoming, works closely with auto body shops and dealerships to help recalibrate your computer systems. "Any time there is a body shock to your vehicle, it needs to be done," said part-owner of ADAS Solutions

any structural damage to your vehicle, including removal and replacement of windshield or any radar sensor, structural damage that affects cameras or radar sensors, bumper replacements, and most wheel alignments. ADAS Solutions uses cameras

has to be level within an eighth of an inch. You have to have a full tank of gas and sometimes have to have the lights out to use lasers. Everything is very specific and we tailored our shop to what is recommended."

Friedrichsen, along with her partners, Gayle DeYoung and Justin Slowcum, had the idea to start this business together in 2020. "We were talking a lot about ways to start a business," said Friedrichsen. "This is something we knew was up-and-coming and promising; we wanted to be the best in whatever we chose. Obviously, vehicle safety is important to everyone. It's been a really rewarding experience because we're meeting a lot of body shops that go above and beyond and really look out for their customers. Quality is very important to them."

ADAS Solutions opened its doors January

3, and so far, business has been good. Since it is such a new concept to drivers, Friedrichsen wants to make sure that people are aware of these systems they have in their new cars, and also drivers should be in contact with their insurance companies to make sure that recalibrating such systems is covered. Located on Stafford Street and 44th Street in Wyoming, ADAS Solutions wants drivers to know that they are here to support their needs. "We partnered with a company that has a lot of experience and they have amazing support for us," said Friedrichsen. "The process has been pretty seamless. It's just a matter of getting the word out there, creating those relationships, that trust, and showing them what we can do." For more information, you can visit their webpage at adassolutionsllc.com or email them at admin@adassolutionsllc.com



Heather Friedrichsen. "We have a system that follows the exact guidelines of the vehicle manufacturers."

These complex systems need complex tools and ADAS Solutions has the top-of-line, most updated systems in place to help calibrate your vehicle if you've had

and other systems to help with this calibration. "With cameras you need to have an environment that doesn't have any obstacles in it," said Friedrichsen. "Everything (in the control area) is painted white and does not interfere with any of the cameras, and the floor



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City approves street fix-up plan, discusses special event insurance for Market on Main

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

The Lowell City Council approved the local street fix-up plan that will allow the allocation of more than 50 percent of Act 51 major street funding to be used for local street improvements at the regular city council meeting on June 6. The Street Asset Management plan will be filed with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

“This plan will continue to change as we move forward,” said city manager, Mike Burns. “Projects could be moved up, delayed, or added, based on revenue.”

Dave Austin of Williams & Works suggested the plan should be put on the city website. “It will be reviewed annually as opportunities come and needs change,” Austin said.

According to the Street Management Plan, the city maintains and operates over 20 centerline miles of roads within its corporate boundaries, which present challenges due to limited financial, staffing, and other resources.

The plan helps to demonstrate the city’s responsible use of public funds by providing elected and appointed officials, as well as the general public, with the inventory and condition information of the city’s road assets.

“It gives taxpayers the information they need to make informed decisions about investing in the city’s essential transportation infrastructure,” the plan states.

The most recent Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) data, collected by the Grand Valley

Metropolitan Council in 2020 and 2021, was 23 percent of the streets are in fair condition.

In 2021, the city made improvements to portions of Foreman Street, Jane Ellen Drive, and Amity Street, according to the street management plan.

In unfinished business from the May 16th meeting, the city council discussed liability insurance for special events, such as Market on Main, to be held on Aug. 13 this year.

This special event was started by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce during the 2020 pandemic to help downtown merchants get business. It also allowed non-storefront vendors to participate by setting up vendor booths on Main Street.

In 2022, the event was transferred from the chamber to the Lowell downtown merchants, thus causing concerns about the city’s liability due to high traffic on Main Street.

The city requires the organizers to submit special events permits, which are then forwarded to the insurance carrier, according to Burns. While this isn’t an issue with chamber events and Kent County Youth Fair, that have an umbrella policy where the city is listed as an additional insured, in the case of the Market on Main or block parties with road closures, it remained unclear how to shift the liability away from the city.

“The city is on the hook for the liability in the event something negative occurs at these events,” stated Burns in his report. “We have two options for the city to consider for these events.”

Chris Arendshorst,



City Council at Monday, June 6 City Council meeting.

an insurance agent from BHS, addressed the liability concerns at the meeting. According to Arendshorst, there are two options to consider. The first option is to have a blanket policy, once the city determines which events they would like to cover, and pay for an additional insured rider to the policy.

The second option would provide a waiver for participants to sign that they agree the city is not liable in the event something occurs.

“The easiest solution for us would be to have a waiver,” said council member, Cliff Yankovich.

Arendshorst discouraged the blanket policy and spoke about customized waivers per each event, as in the case of many communities.

“They sign a waiver,” he said, “that I am not going to hold the city of Lowell responsible.”

Mayor, Mike DeVore, was concerned about a blanket policy for the city or for the participants. “Market on Main is a concern for me,” he said. “Is the insurance

liability a deterrent for the participants?”

“It is a deterrent,” Arendshorst said. “The next best thing is to sign a waiver.”

He used an example of a community, where each week, a vendor turns in a signed waiver for a special event.

Mayor pro-tem, Marty Chambers, questioned whether the vendors could be insured through the city, much like they are at the fair through the Kent County Youth Fair.

It was the consensus of the city council members that there could be a combination of a city policy and a vendor waiver, depending on the event.

“I am in favor of both ways if the event is big

enough,” Chambers said.

“I would like a waiver and getting a policy for the merchants,” Yankovich said.

Approximately 80 to 90 percent of vendors don’t have storefronts in the city of Lowell.

In other business, the council approved \$15,600 for phase II of soil analysis in the contaminated area on the Moose property on Front Street at Washington Street. The debris from street sweepings were placed in piles on the Moose property that could have contaminated the area. Depending on the level of concentration on the site, there may be a way to mitigate onsite, according to Burns. However, there is a possibility, the city may

need to haul off pilings to a landfill.

Renee Pewitt, from BLDI, explained that the state does not need to be notified since the contamination has not migrated. The soil sampling will be for petroleum and heavy metals.

“We might as well catch the problem now,” said DeVore.

Other sites may be investigated as well, on N. Washington Street, for possible contamination.

The public hearings for 1016 Monroe St. and King Milling have been moved to June 20th.



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Jon Stott brings Michigan's upper peninsula to you in *Summers at the Lake*

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

With gas prices soaring above \$5 per gallon, summer travel may be in jeopardy and a staycation for many is the only option. Along with visiting your local festivals and supporting local businesses you can immerse yourself in summer reading.

Indie author Jon Stott, brings Michigan's upper peninsula to you in his delightful summer book.

Part-time Yooper Stott has penned *Summers at the Lake* based on his extended summer stays in his little cabin in the big woods near Crooked Lake. The relaxing collection of essays reads like prose poetry and puts you in the right mood as you enjoy the sites so eloquently described by Stott. From his sitting dock, aka research dock, to his 27-mile-long swimming adventure to Munising, and onto the

Pickle Barrel in Grand Marais, Stott brings a smile to your face.

"At 11:57 this morning, I arrived at the corner of Elm and Superior in downtown Munising, 22.7 miles from my cabin. It took me 37 days to get there. That's because I swam all the way," he writes in Chapter 7 "On the Dock of the Bay."

At 82, Stott, professor emeritus of English, at the University of Alberta, who

later taught at WMU, enjoys new adventures every day such as his recent Zoom podcast interview directly from the Munising School Public Library sitting 500 feet away from Lake Superior.

Annually he takes a road trip from Albuquerque to the cabin near Schoolcraft in the UP wilderness.

"I keep coming back every summer," he said in a recent podcast interview. "I am the old hermit of the woods."

He was inspired to write journal essays by his father who was a newspaperman. Stott's new book is about the progress of the seasons in the UP along with his memories of growing up on Vancouver Island where the family had their groceries delivered.

"I meditated about little things at the cabin just by looking and listening," he said.

Among the little things, Stott writes about are chopping wood, unripe blueberries, and being his own lakeside reporter instead of getting the Mining Journal due to the lack of postal service and the internet.

"Summer has always been a time for reading," he writes. "Until the last few years in the UP, we had only one TV station. So, we read, inside on rainy days,

on the dock on dry days."

Stott goes to Munising to buy bookcases and to Marquette to Snowbound Books to buy books, and pick up his royalty checks. One royalty check was for \$7.37.

"That's like the plane," he laughed.

Bookcase number five is home to his upper peninsula collection that he uses for research to retell stories. Each trip is more like an expedition with carefully crafted grocery lists not to repeat mistakes of the past. In one essay, Stott shares the story of how he had forgotten the pie shells for the blueberry pie he was going to make for his guests. He made the run to Munising just in time to finish the pie.

Stott eavesdrops on morning conversations at coffee shops.

"There's this bunch of old guys coming for coffee and I listen to their gossip," he laughed.

In Chapter 6 "Day Tripper", Stott takes us on a trip to Grand Marais which

looks like a New England seaside village with a year-round population of 300. He acts as a knowledgeable and funny tour guide as he writes about "Life in a Pickle Barrel" about the history of the Pickle Barrel House.

He aims to evoke memories for readers of similar incidents and feelings at other lakes and at other times.

"I wanted to share my personal experience that other people will recognize as well," he said.

Stott wrote the book as journal entries over five or six years to give them shape as new memories kept popping up. In response to the question, "What have you learned about yourself from writing this book?" Stott laughed.

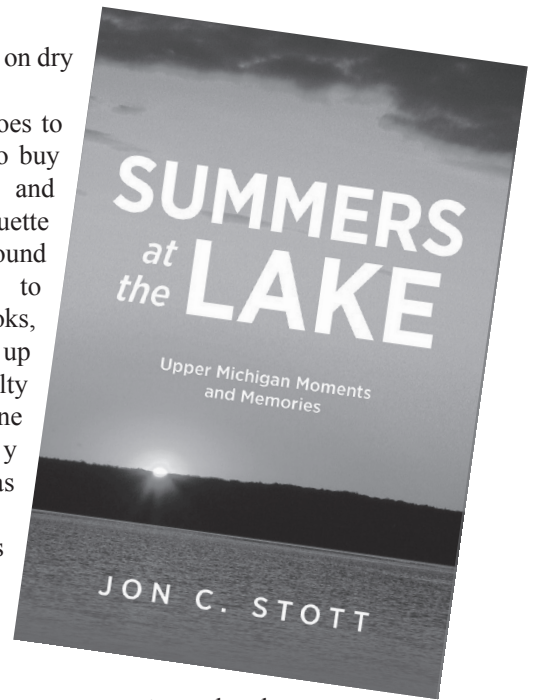
"At 82 years old, I am becoming my father," he said. "I am paying tribute to my father and I am exploring new ways of writing, seeing, and using words."

Stott describes the growth of craft breweries in "The Ale at the End of the Trail" story.

"These are clubhouses where people meet," he said. "These places aren't dark, dingy, roadhouses."

For example, Lake Superior Brewing in Grand Marais has tables with displays of local agates, and you can see Lake Superior from the windows. Stott said he might write a sequel that would focus more on people. A possible title could be: *The Lake is Calling and I Must Go*.

To listen to the podcast interview on For the Love of Books Podcast for a chance to win a signed copy of *Summers at the Lake* go to <https://emmapalova123.podbean.com/e/author-jon-stott-pens-summers-at-the-lake/>



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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1922

The Alumni of Lowell High School is stronger by 43 members than it was before Thursday, June 15 when Mr. O.J. Yeiter presented that many diplomas to seniors at City Hall.

Miss Marion Byrne, of Moseley, ran into the hydrant at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Main street, Wednesday at about 2:20 o'clock. It caused quite a flood of water, which took the men about twenty minutes to stop. The car was damaged also.

J.E. Tower lost a good work team by lightning last Friday afternoon. He replaced them Monday by purchasing a team from Emerson Davenport of Keene.

The latest excitement in town was the blaze at Vanderlips's, when his engine caught fire. Everybody thought it was his house. "All's well that ends well."

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 19, 1947

Everyone in this community has felt deep concern over the absence of Newton Grimwood, proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, who dropped from sight, so to speak, about noon last Thursday, June 12. Despite diligent search, not a word has since been received as to his whereabouts. Mr. Grimwood told his wife he had been hit on the head by a brick that had fallen from a building.

The Lowell Showboat will hold a contest for outstanding talent in the communities of Western Michigan. The contest will be held on Wednesday, July 16 at the Showboat stadium. This will be a week in advance of the big Showboat program, which will open July 22 and continue through July 26.

The Lowell Board of Trade recreational program for children will get under way next Monday. Morning activities will be for boys and afternoons for girls. Morning will be devoted to baseball, softball and team sports. Afternoons will be divided between tennis, horseshoe and individual programs.

Inspectors at the Lowell post office last week authorized a complete change-over, from delivery by name in the village to delivery by street address, Mrs. Cecil Bibbler, Lowell postmistress, announced this week. The village council has been asking to put new signs on all street corners, and householders should get numbers and put them on their houses.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1972

The Lowell City Council Monday night named Blaine Bacon as city clerk and Betty Rogers as city treasurer. The appointments by the Council fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Laura Shepard, who has served for the past 12 years as city clerk and treasurer.

A ground breaking ceremony at the Lowell Municipal Airport took place Tuesday afternoon. The affair marked the coming construction of a new hangar and office, which will be built at the Lincoln Lake entrance of the airport.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new middle school building will be held Sunday, June 15, at 3 pm at the site on Foreman Road. Although site grading has been underway for a couple of weeks, excavation for the building footings is just beginning.

At the Lowell Rotary meeting last Wednesday, Arnold Wittenbach announced his candidacy for County Commissioner of the Third District.

Ten-year-old Jack L. Rossell, Jr., of Lowell, a passenger on a motor bike with Bernard Number of Lowell, was slightly injured Saturday around 8:30 pm when the riders were going up a hill on the Nummer property in Boston Township. Nummer told state troopers the machine reared over backwards, causing the accident. Rossell was treated at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 18, 1997

Dan DesJarden, an employee of the city for the past 16 years, has been appointed to the positions of public works director.

Lowell Charter Township has re-upped with the Lowell Cable system for another 15 years, but with some minor modifications. The township wanted the cable company to put some of its profits in the township for future cable expansion.

Fred Bunn, of Grand Rapids, led the pack of the third annual Cherry Creek Classic and set a new course record in a time of 15:18, 36 seconds faster than the record set last year by Bill Boguslawski.

With the purchase of 72 acres of land from Wayne Norton, Lowell Charter Township's next step is to determine how much it will cost to develop a park and where the funds will come from.

Lowell High School honor May students of the month: Dave Arnold, Sheila Yeiter, Jim Platte, Ryan Lynne Roth, Nicole Darling and Annie McMahan.

to the editor

Dear Editor,

To follow is NOT a "poem" I wish to share. All kidding aside, we all know Alan Teelander did not submit a poem, but his opinion. I, on the other hand, will be honest and state that I am submitting my opinion (which I'm certain MANY will agree with).

"Your" body IS your body until there's another body inside. The left constantly reminds us to "follow the science", so I am writing to remind them of that. I believe in extenuating circumstances where it may be necessary to take the life of a child to save the life of the mother, and I still have difficulty with this. In most other cases, the morning-after pill is available.

"If our voices remain silent..." You're uninformed if you don't understand that the reversal of Roe is actually GIVING you a voice! You're uninformed if

you're spouting an opinion without having READ the opinion! Nobody is taking away anyone's right to vote, quite the contrary. It's giving BACK that voice, that vote, to the states and to the people.

I'm sorry you're feeling misled, but that's on YOU for not having read and understanding the opinion and only following unreliable news sources. The opinion is only 99 pages and easily found. Yes, there's legalese that I didn't quite understand, but in its entirety, ANYONE can understand the reasoning for giving the voice back to the people because of a poorly written and unconstitutional law. People need to research for themselves and stop listening to the wailing voices that have not.

Finally, it is NOT a constitutional right to take a life.

*Nancy Stroosnyder
Lowell Township*

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Family Storytime

Thursdays, 10 am - 11 am. Read and sing together as a family. Enjoy stories, music, movement and rhymes that develop early literacy skills. For ages 0-5 years.

Movie Madness

Sat., June 18, 1-3 pm. Enjoy a family movie at the library! The library will post the movie titles on our Facebook page and in the branch. All movies will be rated G or PG.

KDL Lab Experience

Tues., June 21, 1-3 pm. Drop in and allow children to think creatively, tinker, explore and collaborate while engaging in a variety of hands-on activities based on STEM concepts. For children ages 5-10.

Drums for All!

Wed., June 22, 1-2 pm. Using instruments from cultures around the globe, learn how to express yourself musically and communicate using a language older than words. Drums provided. Open to people of all abilities. Please contact Josh about extra-sensory support his program can provide. Open to all ages.

Ruff Readers

Wed., June 22 and June 29, 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.

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: 217 W. Main
Date Built: 1882
Owner: Freeman S. Jones
Builder: B. G. Wilson
1st business: Howard & Pease Clothing

Freeman Jones, the owner of the Franklin House when it burned in 1882, contracted B. G. Wilson to build this building, the first to be constructed after the fire. It was divided into two storefronts, this being the east half.

Howard and Pease opened a clothing store here in 1883, leaving in 1888. J. L. Hudson, who had recently opened his business next door, decided to utilize both storefronts. He cut an archway between the two. Hudson's was here from 1888-1892. This building was then occupied by the Coons family for the next 90 years.

A.L. Coons (1892-1935) and his son, Harvey, then 22, opened a men's clothing store in spite of their inexperience in the business and the fact that there were already six other such stores on Main Street. Another son, Frank, came into the business about 1920, the year of his father's death. The store was known as F.F. Coons (1935-1946). Frank's son, David, joined the firm in 1946 after serving in WWII. David owned and



In 1934, the Wolverine Shoe company did a shoe promotion. They froze a work shoe in a huge block of ice. The sign read, "Free! A pair of genuine Wolverine Shell Horsehide Shoes to the person guessing nearest to the time required for this cake of ice to melt." Mr. Coons said, "It proved to be a good sales stimulator, as well as a great publicity stunt."

operated the store, after his father was incapacitated by a stroke in 1954, until he closed the store in 1974. The store was simply called "Coons" after David took over.

A. L. Coons and his wife bought the building from Mrs. G. W. Parker in 1919. You can still see the name G. W. Parker painted on the back of 207 W. Main. Parker had a farm just west of Lowell and lived on Hudson St. He raised, bought and sold horses. Perhaps he had an office upstairs in this building. David's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Coons, lived upstairs after she was widowed in 1920 until she could no longer do the 22 steps up.

Lowell Savings and Loan (1928-1983) operated simultaneously with Coons. It was organized in 1888 to give loans for homes.

Originally, it was called Building and Loan because the business strictly gave loans for homes and held savings accounts. When Harvey Coons became Secretary in 1928, it was moved into the Coons' Store from Harry Shuter's Shoe Store. Frank Coons was the next Secretary and David Coons followed, 1954 -

1983. Other businesses at this location after David Coons were: State Farm Insurance - Roger Chapman, First Savings of Saginaw, The Federal Savings and Loan, Great Lakes Bancorp and currently the Red Barn Consignments and Antiques since 2017.



David Coons Men's Clothing store in 1968. Dick Peckham worked for David Coons.

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The Will of the Voters

by Cliff Yankovich
contributing reporter

People complain all the time that our elected officials, in Lansing and/or Washington DC, do not pay attention to the will of the people who voted them into office. I heartily agree with sentiments like these, and in my opinion, the majority of the blame for this disconnection can be placed at the mega-billion dollar industry called lobbying. This is done by lobbyists supported by Corporate monies. It makes for a devastating one-two punch when it comes to the will of the people.

The Oxford dictionary defines "lobbyist - a person who takes part in an organized attempt to influence legislators."

Lobbying had fairly innocuous origins. Suppose we were in a rural area with a lot of apple farmers and someone had the great idea that a representative for all of those people growing apples should travel to Lansing and share some of the concerns of apple farmers with them. Fantastic idea, until fighting for the attention of our representatives started to become a matter of money. Big money. Back when

the amounts of money were small, lobbying was pretty tame. Then Cliff, on behalf of the Lowell Apple Farmers, might take Representative Smith out to lunch to better explain their position on something. Not a big deal. As things moved along, all the apple farmers were too busy farming to go to Lansing, so they hired someone to do it. The innocuous went to terrible when the Supreme Court ruling about Corporate spending opened the floodgates to the maximum, creating rivers of money that flow from lobbyists to campaigns.

It has gotten way out of hand when millions are being spent on State House or Senate seat elections, never mind the outrageous sums spent on national races. When I ran as a Green Party candidate in 2016 for State Representative, I spoke with our current State Senator, Winnie Brinks, at an event at Aquinas College. She was a State Representative for a district in Grand Rapids at the time. She was in a district that was pretty evenly split and told me that her campaign, as well as that of her opponent, spent over one million dollars each on the last election. Over two

million dollars spent for a two-year State Rep job. That money could do so much good elsewhere.

That is wrong for many reasons. First, how much of her time had to be spent raising money just for the election? The election cycle for that office happens every two years and she had to raise over a half a million dollars a year. Secondly, how much clout does a regular guy like me, who might give \$100 toward an election, really have with someone in office? In theory, each voter in a given district should have access to their elected officials. But suppose Cliff calls at the same time the lobbyist, from the United Apple Consortium that donated \$50,000 or more to the campaign, calls. Who gets the ear of the elected person?

One of the issues in Michigan that got my attention, and actually played a part in my run for office in 2016, was Pipeline 5. This pipeline runs underneath the Straits of Mackinaw and moves millions of gallons of Canadian tar - sands - oil through pipes that are close to a decade past the 50-year life span bestowed on them

by the engineers who built them. (Go to YouTube and type in "Pipeline 5" and see for yourself.) This highly toxic sludge is running under the confluence of two Great Lakes that supply drinking water to millions, to say nothing of the recreational and fishing industries that depend on clean water.

One thing that Democrats and Republicans agree on in Michigan is that Pipeline 5 needs to be shut down NOW. Back when Snyder was the Governor, polls were taken by the State of Michigan and something like 80 percent of respondents asked for it to be closed ASAP. Six years after I found out about it, the fight to close line 5 rages on to no end in sight. How can this be when people of all stripes want it closed? The call to close it comes from business as well. Businesses of all sizes in Michigan want it closed - from little Chimera Design in Lowell to the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. Can you imagine if a few hundred thousand gallons of tar - sands - oil washed up on the Island? Would you want to pull a whitefish into your boat through a sheen of oil?

Pipeline 5 is owned and operated by the same Canadian Oil giant that ruined a 30-mile stretch of the Kalamazoo River in 2010: Enbridge Oil. Enbridge Oil has a terrible track record of oil spills all over the US and Canada. Enbridge Oil also has millions of dollars to spend lobbying legislators in Michigan and other places. They also spend millions on spreading misinformation and dis-information about what they do and how they do it. When that fails, then they direct their millions to lawyers to drag it out in the Courts.

There are steps that can be taken to put an end to this. Many countries limit both the amount of money and the length of time that can be spent on political campaigns. Wouldn't that be a relief to not have ads for the next election pop up before you pull the "I voted" sticker off your shirt from the last one? If campaign spending was limited, then the one-two punch of Corporate funded lobbyists would be nullified.

Another method requires the discipline of the candidates - to not accept the string laden Corporate money. One of the main

reasons I was attracted to the Green Party was their refusal to take Corporate money in ANY race. Candidates who refuse Corporate money scare the heck out of those who profit most from our system, which is why they do not gain much traction in the big elections, but the tide is slowly changing. Many engaged voters are recognizing the absolute stupidity of allowing the men and women who make the rules and regulations, and more importantly the TAX LAWS that affect Corporations, to take gobs of money from said Corporations. If you see someone with that kind of stance, support them.

Many mysteries are solved by "following the money" in fiction and real life. The disconnect from the will of the people, to how our elected officials behave and what gets accomplished, is a four-lane highway of money from the Corporations to the Lobbyists to the politicians and back again. We need to support changing campaign finance, corporate taxation and break the hold money has in Lansing and DC.

2022 Grant recipients for county fairs

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director, Gary McDowell, has announced the recipients of the 2022 competitive grants to county fairs to make building and other capital improvements on their fairground facilities. Additionally, MDARD also awarded grants to associations or other organized events hosting fairs/expositions showing livestock and commodities.

The submitted grants are awarded through a competitive process and reviewed by a joint evaluation committee. The capital improvement program provides additional funds for county fair officials to help make needed improvements to their fairground facilities; including, but not limited to, structural improvements or other renovations to buildings. There was \$1,455,000 in funding allocated for the 2022 grant cycle with 28 recipients receiving funding.

The shows and expositions grants provide financial support for awards, in the form of premiums or promotional activities of the livestock and commodity expositions, fairs and festivals. Livestock expositions hosting

expos must meet the required number of exhibitors

Eligible applicants for the capital improvement grant program include fairs incorporated under Act 80 of 1855 or county owned and operated fairs operating under Act 11 of 1929 and have not received a grant in the 2021 grant cycle. Also, they have submitted all required annual reports for the prior three years.

The selected and confirmed recipients for the Capital Improvement grants are listed below:

Bay County Fair & Youth Exposition, equine facilities revitalization, \$100,000

Berlin Fair, Parking and ADA access improvements, \$63,666

Calhoun County Agricultural Society, Lockwood - Avery Granary, \$60,000

Cass County Fair

Association, fire suppression system for exhibit, \$100,000

Cheboygan County Fair, Electrical Improvements, \$50,000

Chippewa County Fair, electrical upgrades, \$56,000

Dickinson County Fair, bathroom remodel, \$25,913

Eaton County Agricultural Society, expand and improve grandstand area, \$62,000

Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair, fiber optic cable install, \$16,000

Fowlerville Family Fair, horse barn improvements, \$71,829

Gratiot County Fair for Youth, roofing project, \$45,000

Isabella County Youth & Farm Society, horse barn restoration, \$41,000

Kent County Youth Fair, livestock barn and security fencing, \$100,000

Lake Odessa Fair, grandstand modernization & accessibility, \$100,000

Marquette County Fair, youth building upgrade, \$18,500

Mecosta County Free Fair, grandstand and office building improvement, \$50,000

Newaygo County Agricultural Assoc., NCAFA office roof replacement, \$52,666

Northern District Fair, grandstand infrastructure

upgrade, \$22,666

Saginaw County Fair, cement floor, \$12,300

Sanilac County Fairgrounds, roof replacement, \$50,065

Shiawassee County Fair, electrical upgrades, \$83,323

Clair County 4-H, Goodells parking and ground improvements, \$38,500

Joseph County Grange, pathways to the fair, \$61,000

Tuscola County Fair, roofing improvements, \$60,000

UP State Fair, dairy and speed barn roof repair, \$82,286

Van Buren Youth Fair, pavement restoration, \$22,286

The selected and confirmed recipients for the Shows and Exposition grants are listed below:

Isabella County Youth & Farm Society, Senior Showman Scholarship, \$5,000

Ogemaw County Ag Expo, Return of Premiums, \$5,000



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The Accidentals to perform June 23

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

Lowell's Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, continue to roll when Michigan's own, The Accidentals, come to town on Thursday, June 23 at The Showboat at 7 pm. The Accidentals, made of band members Sav Buist (violin/guitar/vocals), Katie Larson (cello, guitar/vocals), and Michael Dause (drums), bring their upbeat popular music to the Lowell stage for the second time, this time hoping for some better weather.

"We love Lowell!" said Sav Buist. "Last time we played the Lowell Showboat, there was a huge rainstorm and we were unable to take the stage for at least an hour for safety reasons. Everyone in the crowd just donned their rain jackets and umbrellas and waited out the storm together. It's one of our fondest memories. We can't wait to come back."

For the concert, The Accidentals plan on playing many songs from their last three records, *Vessel*, both *Time Out* EPs, as well as songs from their upcoming releases



The Accidentals - Michael Dause, Sav Buist and Katie Larson.



Reimagine and Play Your Paragon (a compilation of cover songs). They are excited for a full summer of concerts in Michigan and other midwestern states. "We're working on an album with the Kaboom Collective called *Reimagine* which features twelve of some of our favorite songs, with arrangements

and performances by the Kaboom composition team and studio orchestra," said Buist. "They're extremely talented kids, ages 15-25 years old, and we're

taking a handful of them on tour with us in August to do an album release tour!" Also, Patty Pershayla will be joining them at various venues throughout

the summer. For more information about their music and summer tour, check out their website at www.theaccidentalsmusic.com

college news

Northern Michigan University announces the Dean's List for the winter 2022 semester.

The following local students qualified with a grade point average of 4.00: of Ada: Rachel Cole, Meghan Meyer; of Lowell: Marlie Fowler, Claire Jorgensen.

The following local students that qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99: of Ada: Kelsey Hill, Olivia Jarzabek, Amanda Lemmeyer, Jacob Lenderink, Olivia Maynard, Eric Mooney, Lena Ostergren, Adam Stoner; Lowell: Keana Fahrni, Soren Hanson, Olivia Rose, Madison Sage.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."

Local student: of Ada: George Cobb, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List.

The Michigan Municipal League honored 20 graduates of its 2022 Elected Officials Academy during the league's annual Capital Conference in Lansing.

Now in its 25th year, the Elected Officials Academy is an ongoing four-level program that educates and recognizes elected officials across the state for their dedication to becoming as professional and knowledgeable as possible in the role of public servant. The Elected Officials Academy, a voluntary education and recognition program, was created in 1997 by a board of elected officials working with League staff.

Local recipient of the 2022 Level One Education Award, who has completed 25 academy credits, is the following elected official: Mike DeVore, Lowell.

There were no local recipients of the 2022 Level Two Leadership Award, 2022 Level Three Governance Award, or the

Level Four Ambassador Award.

The following local students that have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2022 semester at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Lowell: Kari Kroll, Architecture and Nolan McGahan, Civil Engineering.

Goshen College recently recognized 214 graduates as a part of the Class of 2022 during its commencement ceremony on May 1, 2022.

Austin K. Branagan, from Lowell, was one of the graduates and received a Bachelor's degree with a Business major.

This was the 124th Goshen College Commencement Ceremony and the first in-person ceremony with friends and family in two years.



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New fairgrounds project on track for 2023 opening

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

The new fairgrounds project on Cascade Road, known as the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan located on the grounds of the former 140-acre Deer Run Golf Course, is on track for the 2023 opening.

The tree clearing has been completed; dirt removal, prep. work, and major underground work will start at the end of June. The construction management company is Wolverine. The utility work is scheduled to start in the fall. By next spring several buildings will be up.

"It's moving right along," said Bill Zasko, president of the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association (KCYAA).

The first phase focus is on four buildings, a horse arena, campgrounds, and drives, with a total cost of \$12 million. There will be a midway and a track with grandstand type of events. When the master plan is complete, the price tag will reach \$20 million.

The fundraising started before the purchase of

the land in 2016. It is a combination of public, private foundations, grants and individual support. KCYAA received a state grant for \$5.2 million last fall, and the organization is anticipating a federal grant for \$2.1 million. The campus will be home of the Kent County Youth Fair and the Grand Agricultural Center. The new facility, or campus, will be able to serve 150,000 visitors annually, growing to 300,000 when the campus is fully built out.

In response to concerns that the youth fair will be put on the back burner, Zasko said that the focus will always remain on the youth fair. When fully built, the state-of-the-art facility will be open 365 days a year with horse shows, an expo center, a four-season arena for livestock, an ag education center, horse barns, and arenas.

"We got a great start moving this forward," said Zasko. "Once we get the utilities and infrastructure done, the buildings are a lot faster."

The venue will be for the entire state of Michigan and

a big economic draw to the area bringing in equestrian shows, according to Zasko. It will complement other facilities such as the MSU Pavilion and Midland Fairgrounds.

"There is a need for this," he said. "This is a great location right off the highway exit. We are planning for the next 100 years."

However, there is some nostalgia around the old 19-acre fairgrounds in the city of Lowell, despite the obvious flooding issues.

"Every time it rains, we worry about flooding," Zasko said. "If we want to grow, we need to move out of the spot."

The changes at the new fair will include starting earlier by one week because of the onset of school activities in August. Next year's start date for the fair has been set for July 31st. The earlier start date will allow older exhibitors from all over the county to participate in both the fair and various school activities, such as the marching band.

In response to concerns about the loss of long-time volunteers, Zasko said volunteers go through cycles of change.

"We have a terrific group of volunteers in line," he said. "It's going to take a lot of grace to get this done."

Fair mainstay Elliott's Amusements has booked another show and the rides will be replaced with a smaller children's carnival, Mason Railtime Adventures from Mason. The fair animals will continue to be released earlier on Saturday due to safety concerns.

"Last year, it went smooth," Zasko said. "It was the best day ever."



There will be no poultry or waterfowl show if the Avian Flu persists and the ban is still in place by the fair date of Aug. 8-13. Instead, the exhibitors would participate with models, virtual shows, and judging, as was the case in 2014. A cornhole tournament will be held on Saturday. The food booths will be a combination of

both old and new vendors.

"All of our favorites will be there," he said.

Zasko expects a great fair this year as people itch to get out after Covid.

It takes a village to put on a fair. The first fair was held in Lowell in 1935.

"The goal is to keep it going for the next 85 years," Zasko said.

The interim executive director is Morgan Doyle and KCYAA is looking for an executive director. Go to <https://www.kcyf.org/>



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~ the man behind Yooperlites

by Martha Hayden

Using a black light, I found my first Yooperlite along Lake Superior's shoreline. The orange speckled glow from the gray rock was captivating! I wanted to know more. Once I returned home, I messaged Erik Rintamaki, the founder of Yooperlites, and asked my interview questions, sharing my contact information. My phone rang the next night. I was thrilled that he'd called me personally! Recently, he's been on the History Channel, the Discovery Channel and featured on the cover of Rock and Gem Magazine. His enthusiasm shined as we chatted! I was honored that he had taken the time to talk with me, The Man Behind Yooperlites!

"Well, I should start at the beginning." I could hear Erik's smile over the phone. "Rock hunting has been a family tradition. My grandfather, Viljio, came from Finland and owned Macs Jewelry in Newberry, Michigan." Viljio had hunted for rocks with his son, Erik's dad, and made them into artistic pieces for his shop. "My Grandfather died when my dad was ten," Erik's voice dimmed. "As kids, my dad took us rock hunting." Erik's enthusiasm returned. "I was nine and would get to drive the 1973 Scout. I've always liked rock hunting!"

As the oldest of three kids, Erik would lead his siblings in searching along

Lake Superior's shoreline. Erik was the perfect person to have discovered, revealed and named this new find for Michigan, Yooperlites! This all took place just a few years ago in 2017!

Rocks Can Be A Business

Erik had been a poker room manager at a nearby casino, when a friend encouraged him to create a business from his admiration of rocks. This friend had just been to a rock show where a Lake Superior agate was sold for \$4,000.00.

Erik purchased some inexpensive agates on Ebay and was able to resell them for a slight profit. It was satisfying and fun to locate deals and make a little money on the side. Agates were in demand! Agates were created by puddles of quartz-rich deposits crystallizing inside a pocket of low-fluid pressure. The agate's layering reminds me of Gobstoppers, a layered orb-shaped candy.

Erik was motivated to find more agates. Late into the night after work, when no one else was around, Erik walked the beach carrying a florescent black light. He had hoped that agates would show up more clearly under the short wave light. He found 36 agates using this device.

The Yooperlite



Discovery

This was followed by three nights in a row where Erik didn't find anything. He never gave up, though. On the fourth night, as he cruised Vermillion Beach at 4:15 am (south of Whitefish Point), he found three nickel-sized stones that glowed florescent orange patterns under his special flashlight. He'd never seen this type of rock before!

One was dotted with orange, another had lines of orange and the third had snowflake orange patterns. In regular light, each stone looked different, too. One was black, another tan and the third was speckled. But, by shining the black light on them, the florescent orange minerals glowed.

The Quest for Identification

Erik was on a quest to solve the mystery of these stones. He spoke with his friend, Gabe, a geologist from California. He brought the stones to rock shows and to his friend, Kelly Laughlin. Kelly connected Erik with geologist, Shawn Carleson.

Shawn was well known for discovering forty different minerals that had not previously been found in Michigan. Using the electron microscope at

Michigan Technological University, Shawn verified that the mineral in Erik's rocks was Sodalite from the Syenite family of minerals. Sodalite had originated from volcanic activity. Sodalite Syenite is a sodium aluminosilicate igneous rock which crystalized from sodium-

rich magmas. These rocks did not contain quartz, as agates do.

How Does One Find Yooperlites?

After our interview, I will now use Erik's proven method. He said to hold the black light at shoulder height and scan the rocky shoreline. He recommends

rock picking sessions, he polishes Yooperlites as well as agates to sell. In fact, I minored in science with my education degree. I had memorized over 300 rock specimens, but I have never held anything like this!

As you can see below, the Yooperlite rock looks plain under regular lighting. However, when a black light is passed over the stone,



The Yooperlite I found is on the left and Erik's Yooperlite is on the right. Erik said he makes the most income from selling the "Yooperlite" flashlights. Each flashlight holds his Trademark, "Yooperlite."

rich magmas. These rocks did not contain quartz, as agates do.

Sodalite Syenite rocks had never been found around Lake Superior. This unique rock has only been found in northern Nambia; Bancroft, Ontario; Ilimaussaq, Greenland; the Russian Peninsula of Kola; Magnet Cove, Arkansas and Litchfield, Maine.

Naming The Sodalite Syenite Rocks

Erik and his brother-in-law wove webs of words while walking along the beach. After some time, his brother-in-law thought aloud, "Something - lite." "Yooperlite!" Erik felt like the label fit his find on many levels.

"Yoopers" is a nickname for residents of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. "U.P." has transformed into "Yooper." Combining "Yooper" and "lite" (from Sodalite) captured the sense of where these rocks were found and their origin.

Sodalite Syenite Source Is In Canada

Later, it was determined that these rocks had been formed from a volcano in Canada. A glacier had brought them to the basin of the Great Lakes. Sodalite Syenite has now been located around each of the five freshwater lakes.

Yooperlite Business

Erik handles his business, along with the help from a lady, two days each week. Erik has been interviewed by magazines and television shows alike. He organizes sales of flashlights, Yooperlite rocks and nighttime tours three times each week April - October. After

standing still and scanning slowly. Take a few steps and repeat.

My First Yooperlite

I had brought my small black light to the shoreline of Lake Superior last month. DaViking and I had traveled to Whitefish Point, Crisp Point Lighthouse and Vermillion Beach to learn

neon orange and blue jump out at you. The Sodalite shines brightly!

Once we arrived back at home, I reached out to Erik Rintamaki to learn more. He graciously granted me the phone interview. That same night, DaViking ordered a "Yooperlite" flashlight



Crisp Point Lighthouse Museum had displays of the rusty-colored Lake Superior agates.

about the life saving stations which were once along the shore.

I had scant knowledge of Yooperlites, but had heard about these specialty rocks and figured this would be a perfect opportunity to have a look-see. The water lapped gently along the shore on this September night. I moved my light slowly over the rocks. The quartz shined like stars in the sky. My breath caught each time thinking I'd found a Yooperlite. I collected small white stones as I continued my caper.

Suddenly, orange beamed from a small spot in the pile, as my light danced over a section. I slid my beam back over the same spot. It was unworldly! "I found one!", I called out. THIS was definitely a Yooperlite. It was unlike anything I'd ever seen!

Rock Hunting

I have always enjoyed

from Erik's site (listed below). Erik included a large Yooperlite stone along with the flashlight. What an awesome gift!

Erik's outgoing, fun-loving, hardworking manner has struck a chord with me, bringing out my smile! Meeting Erik and learning about him and his pursuits has been an adventure. Encouraged by Erik, I am hooked on rock hunting once again. I'm planning to purchase a rock tumbler, too. Keep looking behind the curtain of life, learning from others and finding curiosities!

Resources:

Erik Rintamaki's phone interview
<https://store.yooperlites.com/>
<https://geology.com/minerals/sodalite.shtml>



Erik Rintamaki discovered, revealed and named the Yooperlite. Photo Credit: Erik Rintamaki's Facebook Page.

Red Arrow SPORTS

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



Baseball season ends in district semifinals

By Justin Scott sports reporter

The high school baseball season ended for the Red Arrow baseball squad on June 4. Lowell fell to OK White champions Forest Hills Central in Saturday's district semifinals in a 7-2 game. The Rangers would go on to beat Caledonia 8-6 to win the district championship.

Peyton Teachworth and Blake Bennett earned all-

conference honors for the Red Arrows. Jaxson Carlisle earned honorable mention honors from the conference.

Lowell finished 11-10 in conference, and fifth place in the conference out of eight teams.

The Lowell varsity baseball team had a unique historical score occur in three of their games this season.

A 12-2 win, 17-1 win,

and a 19-2 win. Those scoring combinations had never occurred in the history of the program. There have been 302 unique scoring combinations in 1,855 games in Lowell baseball's history!

In the next few years, Lowell's Baseball program will surpass the 10,000 run and 1,000 win milestone, tremendous feats for any program.

Softball last sport to fall

By Justin Scott sports reporter

Of all the MHSAA sports left standing for Lowell, it was the softball team last in competition as they won their district semifinal on Saturday before falling to Rockford in the finals.

The Rams, an honorable mention ranked team in the MHSAA's latest Division 1 softball rankings, beat Lowell 11-1 in six innings.

The game was tied at 1-1 after the third inning before Rockford scored three, three, and four runs in consecutive innings to break the game open. Rockford would go on to win the district and eventually fall in the regional final to Hudsonville.

In the semifinals, Lowell beat Northview 13-6, in part thanks to a quick 6-0 start by the Lowell

offense. Kamie Venema and Taylor Clark each hit a home run in the semifinal. The two combined for six RBIs in the game. Macy Huver pitched four innings and recorded six strikeouts.

The Red Arrows finished the season with a 16-21 record. They finished third in the conference with a 10-7 record.



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Clutters connection to our mental health

They have studied just about everything and that includes how clutter and messy environments can actually affect our mental health. Studies show messy/cluttered environments can increase stress, depressive, and anxiety symptoms. So, if you are feeling stressed or have been diagnosed with anxiety or depression, you may find this article helpful.

The take away from many of these studies is that getting rid of things you are not using or don't need, finishing projects, and having a clean, organized space can produce feelings of calm, control, relaxation, contentment, and happiness. Why? Some of the main reasons are that clutter distracts and throws off focus. Cluttered spaces

bombard us visually and mentally. The brain views clutter as tasks that need to be completed, so there is a feeling of never-ending work to be done. This can feel overwhelming causing fatigue and depressed feelings. A messy environment can result in feelings of guilt and embarrassment. It can cause a lot of frustration when needed items can't be quickly found and can also affect both personal and professional relationships.

Benefits of Cleaning, Decluttering, & Organizing Clutter can play a large role in how we feel about our work place, home, and even ourselves. A few of the possible benefits include:

Improved focus. Clutter can make it difficult to find needed items. It can also cause visual and mental distractions. Getting rid of visual clutter can help you focus better on tasks.

Reduced Physical Health Risks. If you are an allergy or asthma sufferer, you understand this. Clutter makes it difficult to really clean and dust. Clutter can be breeding grounds for mold, mildew, dirt, dust, and pests. It can also be a trip and fall hazard.

Supports better relationships. Clutter/messy areas can cause frustration and conflict with family, co-workers, roommates, significant others, etc. So, cleaning up can reduce

frustration, show that you care about others feelings, and you won't feel embarrassed to invite others into your home or space. A clean and organized space at work suggests to others that you are organized and capable.

Supports self-worth/esteem. Decluttering, cleaning up, completing projects, and organizing can support/promote feelings of pride in ownership and of a job well done.

Improved well-being. Things are easier to get done in an organized space. Studies also show most people sleep better in a clean and organized bedroom.

There are many good resources for decluttering and organizing. Check out books, online blogs, etc. Recently, I read an interesting book called "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo, which was available on the local library app called Libby and the Hoopla App (free to borrow with a library card). There are also many good YouTube videos on different organizing methods. Try to have fun with it. If possible, make it a family event. Turn on some good music and tackle the clutter to help support your mental health and overall well-being. I hope you find this information helpful but as always, it's not intended to diagnose or treat.

Faster processing of disability claims for people with Alzheimer's disease

Currently, more than five million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease. Since the onset of Alzheimer's can occur in people before they retire, it may strike during an individual's working years, preventing gainful employment as the disease progresses.

As a result, people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers must figure out how they'll pay for care. Our benefits and services are vital to people with early-onset Alzheimer's who are unable to work and have no other source of income.

For more than a decade, Social Security has included early-onset Alzheimer's disease in our list of Compassionate

Allowances program. The program identifies debilitating diseases and medical conditions so severe they meet our disability standards. Compassionate Allowances allow for faster processing of disability claims for individuals with early-onset Alzheimer's disease and several other neurodegenerative disorders.

You can read more about our Compassionate Allowances program at www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances. To learn more about how Social Security disability insurance works and to apply for benefits, visit our disability page at www.ssa.gov/disability. Please share these resources with friends and family.

Vonda Van Til is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT KENT COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE: 22-211287-DE

Estate of EDWIN B. FERENC, deceased. Date of birth: 10/20/1925.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edwin B. Ferenc, died 02/22/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will

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obituaries

BRYAN

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request, cremation has taken place, and there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rotary International at Rotary.org.

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Michigan's Age-Friendly Action Plan approved by Gov. Whitmer

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have approved and submitted Michigan's Age-Friendly Action Plan to AARP.

This plan was the culmination of more than a year of collaboration with AARP and MDHHS's Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration to craft a comprehensive strategy to help Michigan's older residents live well and safely in their communities.

Michigan's plan can be found on the AARP website.

The plan follows Michigan's designation in October 2019 as an AARP Age-Friendly State, the first step in a multi-year process to make Michigan more livable for people of every age. Michigan was the first state in the Midwest to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. So far, eight municipalities in Michigan – Auburn Hills, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Lansing, Novi, Royal Oak and Southfield – have joined the Age-Friendly community network and many more are in the planning stages.

"One of MDHHS's priorities is to ensure that Michiganders can age in their homes and communities for as long as possible while continuing to contribute to the economy

and live healthy lives," said Farah Hanley, MDHHS chief deputy director for health. "The Age-Friendly Plan will help us accomplish this important goal."

Michigan's residents 60 and older make up roughly a quarter of the state's population.

Under the plan,

Social Inclusion – Prioritize resources to promote social interaction and connectedness, including expanding access to technology and transportation.

- Social Participation – Increase the number of aging network services that can be offered virtually, like

them to age in place.

According to AARP, Michigan's Age-Friendly Action Plan is the blueprint needed to help adults 50 and older remain in their homes and communities for the long-term.

"We know from a recent AARP survey that 77 percent of older adults want to age in



Michigan's Age-Friendly work will focus on six areas:

- Community and Information – Expand the reach of information and awareness of aging network services, ensuring all older adults and caregivers can access culturally and linguistically appropriate quality services where and when they need them.
- Respect and

Personal Action Toward Health and support groups.

- Transportation – Ensure older adults and caregivers have transportation options that meet their needs in their communities.

- Community and Health Services – Increase the number of well-trained, qualified and supportive multicultural direct-care workers through collaboration by elevating the workforce, improving retention, promoting its collective value and supporting opportunities to increase wages.

- Elder Abuse & Exploitation – Leverage services and resources to ensure older adults have access to programs and services they need to make their own decisions to enable

place, and there's no doubt, helping them do so makes sense for everyone," said AARP Michigan Director, Paula D. Cunningham. "Older residents earn money, pay taxes and purchase many goods and services, particularly locally. An age-friendly state sustains not only the individual but our communities, and that will become even more critical in just six short years when Michigan will have more people over the age of 65 than under the age of 18 for the first time in our history."

Michigan will now turn to implementing the recommendations and working with local partners alongside AARP to encourage age-friendly initiatives in all parts of the state.

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6:30 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

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8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Food Tent
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Beer Tent
5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.



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4:00 p.m.

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5:30 p.m.

Live Auction Begins
6:00 p.m.

Live Music: Topsy & The Kickstands
7:30 p.m. to Midnight

Food & Beer Tents
5:00 p.m. to Midnight

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