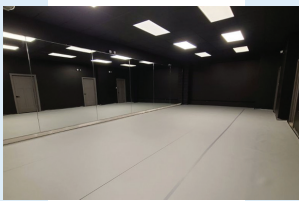




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The Kent County Youth Fair is this week!

Each year, the Kent County Youth Fair provides an exciting summer fun opportunity to nearly 1,000 exhibitors and more than 40,000 patrons!

The Kent County Youth Fair is centered on developing character and leadership traits in young people with an interest in agriculture.

Exhibitors compete in a variety of events that enhance their presentation skills, demonstrate their dedication to farming, and showcase their talent. Exhibitors learn valuable skills such as responsibility, a good work ethic, and leadership. Not only during the fair week, but also in preparing their exhibits beforehand, exhibitors at the Kent County Youth Fair work diligently to provide a quality project. During the fair, their hard work is rewarded with excitement and pride on a job well done!



Look in next week's Ledger for more fair coverage.

Third Community Worship Service to be held August 17

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

The Lowell Ministry Alliance (LMA) will be hosting their third Community Worship Service at Stoney Lakeside Park, located at 1200 Bowes Road in Lowell, at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 17.

The special guest speaker for the event is Pastor Glen Marks from the Evergreen Missionary

Church. Pastor Marks recently celebrated his 97th birthday in July.

"This is a mighty man of God, filled with faith and passion for God," commented Jim Sommerville, a member of the LMA. "He has been through the Great Depression and fought for our country at the Battle of the Bulge in World War Two."



Rev. Glen Marks

In his 72 years as a pastor, Marks has overseen the construction of multiple churches, including Evergreen in Lowell, where he still attends and volunteers with upkeep and maintenance of the church property.

The LMA is made up of nine local churches, Flat River Outreach Ministries

(FROM), the Alpha Care Center, and the Churches of Lowell Intercessors. They have hosted two other community worship events in June and July, as well as their annual Worship Gathering on the showboat stage during the Riverwalk Festival.

"The purpose of the LMA is building unity among the churches and ministries of Lowell as a platform for futures collaborative efforts to serve our community," noted Sommerville. "The LMA ministries and churches have respect for each other's doctrinal differences, while celebrating in love and action, our oneness in Jesus as our resurrected Lord and Savior."

The service at Stoney Lakeside Park is projected to last one hour, and immediately after, will be a time of fellowship and ice cream treats, as well as yard games for the whole family.

LAHM to hold fundraiser on the new Showboat

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

The Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) will hold the 6th annual Summer Fest Fundraiser, on Aug. 19 from 6 to 9 pm, on the new Showboat.

"We wanted to spotlight our local history, local food, and beverages," Lisa Plank, museum director said.

And the icing on the cake is this year's venue - the brand-new Showboat, in all its soft elegance and beauty. In the past years, the fundraisers were held in the museum garden and galleries.

"We wanted to give people the opportunity to see the new Showboat," Plank said. "All the proceeds go to the exhibits and the programs at the museum. We have all local sponsors."

Tables on both levels of the Showboat will feature different local restaurants and caterers showcasing food from their businesses. Miss P's Catering will have mini grills including San Marino with pesto mayo, Campari tomato, mozzarella, and mini Italian with salami, pepperoni, marinara, and mozzarella; Mynt Fusion's crab rangoons; B.C. Pizza's assorted pizza bites; Heidi's assorted fruit turnovers and a selection of local melons, Big Boiler's cheese dip; and Ripple's quesadillas.

You can enjoy a magnificent selection of wines; from Michigan's Burgundy, known as Black Star Farm's Pinot

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Noir, to Chateau Grand Traverse Chardonnay, Chateau Chantal Pinot Blanc, and Lemon Creek Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Easy Idle String Band, with Dave Simmonds, will play live music on the Showboat.

“We hope to encourage

people to support the museum, to do it in a fun way, like coming out on the Showboat,” Plank said, “enjoying what summer in Lowell has to offer.”

The tickets are \$40 and include a souvenir glass, all the food and drinks. They

are available by calling the museum at 897-7688 or on Brown Paper Tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5481017>.

Approximately 100 to 125 people attend the annual museum fundraiser. “It’s a fun night,” Plank said. “We get a good turnout.”

“We encourage people to come out to see the new Showboat and have a fun night,” Plank said.

Mark your calendars for more upcoming museum events: Sept. 10, 1-3 p.m. Oakwood Cemetery Tour; Sept. 17-18 Fallasburg Festival Apple Dumpling Booth; Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Madame LaFramboise Talk and Nov.18-20 Christmas Through Lowell



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August is Child Support Month in Michigan

For every dollar spent on child support program, \$6.19 is collected to support children

In recognition of tireless efforts of child support workers, employers, state and county departments, hospitals and community partners to support Michigan children and families, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has declared August 2022 as Child Support Month in Michigan.

The Michigan Child Support Program strives to help families support each other, both financially and emotionally.

The Michigan Child Support Program is a partnership of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office of Child Support, Friend of the Court offices, prosecuting attorney offices, the State Court Administrative Office, employers, hospitals and other community agencies.

“The work of our partners in the Michigan Child Support Program has never mattered more than now,” said Erin Frisch,

director of the Michigan Office of Child Support. “As many Michigan families continue to feel the impacts of the pandemic through economic instability and inflation, child support can make the difference in paying for groceries, clothing and health care.”

The program provides professional, non-judgmental services to help mothers, fathers, grandparents or guardians get the financial resources they need for their children. It also provides parents of all income levels with assistance in obtaining financial support and medical insurance coverage for their children, helps locate parents, establishes paternity, and opens and manages child support cases and collects and disburses support payments.

Every dollar spent on the program collects \$6.19 to provide support to Michigan children.

Highlights for 2021 include:

The Learn, Earn and Provide program (LEAP) was expanded to five counties and served

117 child support payers with career training and mentoring.

The Community Advisory Council marked its first full year of meetings.

County and state child support offices in Michigan provided services for more than 828,000 children and their families.

More than \$1.23 billion was collected and distributed to Michigan families.

Families who receive cash assistance and child support, received \$2.65 million directly, instead of these funds reimbursing state and federal program costs. Governor Whitmer created this “pass through” allowing families to receive the additional funds, beginning with the signing of the fiscal year 2020 state budget.

Additional information about Michigan’s Child Support Program is available in the one child support fact sheet. Child support information for parents, employers and hospitals can also be found at Michigan.gov/ChildSupport.



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Residents voice concerns over parking issues due to six-story project at 115 Riverside

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Lowell residents voiced their concerns over parking issues due to a proposed six-story project by Copperrock Construction at 115 Riverside, also known as the line shack.

In a special meeting, the Lowell City Council approved the project on a 3 to 2 vote, which was certified last week, and the council has until Aug. 15 to vote on the resolution. This will require four votes, according to city manager Mike Burns. The city-owned property sits on 0.10 acres with the existing line shack building on it.

Copperrock is proposing a six-story

building, a combination of apartments or condos and possible commercial. The closest parking available is the municipal parking lot with 32 parking spaces and some overnight parking. If the project moves ahead, approximately 34 parking spaces could be taken up. Also, a height variance is needed for any project above 40 feet, according to Burns.

Tonia North, owner of North Star Antiques, requested that her letter be filed with the city council proceedings. Clerk Sue Ullery read the letter at the Aug. 1 meeting. North, along with other residents, requested the city council reconsider its decision to

award the bid to Copperrock Construction.

“Lowell is not Grand Rapids,” North wrote.

She mentioned that the project would be taking downtown parking spots from retailers. “Is everything about money?” she wrote. “Somebody got a backroom deal. Does the city believe the 6 to 12 months timeline?”

North called the project grandiose and the council should reconsider before making another poor decision. She was referring to previous failed attempts to put the line shack property to use to help offset the operations of Lowell Light and Power (LL&P).

LL&P General Manager Charlie West, assured everyone that the sale will offset the operating costs and keeps the rates down. “We are pursuing the sale of the property,” West said. “The sale of the property will be a gain for our customers, our ability to maintain our utility rates.”

However, downtown residents and business owners maintained that parking for a six-story building with 17 units will be a problem, and it will add to the water usage problems.

Perry Beachum, chairman of LL&P and Riverside resident, supported Greg Canfield’s proposal of the extension of the existing Main Street Inn on the line shack property, with a \$150,000 cash offer to the city council. The hotel would only require 10 additional spots in the evening. Also, the six-story building proposal would cause an increase in traffic on Riverside, while blocking it during construction with no space to put the crane.

“There are a lot of things that need to be thought through,” Beachum said.

Bartkus Construction which interviewed in the special meeting, filed a letter with the council asking for other alternatives for the project. “That parking lot is crammed,” Eric Bartkus said. “Please take

it seriously. It’s a pretty fast decision to make. A six-story building is out of place.”

Both Lowell Arts and The Old Theater are using the municipal parking lot, along with other businesses on Main Street. Moreover, the character of the West Bank enjoyed by fishermen and kids would be disturbed by the tall building, according to many residents.

“People enjoy the charm of the small town,” a resident said.

Lisa Reed, owner of The Old Theater at 315 W. Main, said parking is a concern. “We need more access to the river,” she said, “not more high-density housing. We need to celebrate the historic ambiance here. Seventeen units are going to push it over the edge. People will be disgusted.”

Other residents questioned why was Greg Canfield’s cash offer was turned down.

“Look what he has done with the community,” a resident said referring to Canfield’s complete renovation projects including Ripple, Main Street BBQ and Main Street Inn.

A resident, on behalf of Dominik Santero, expressed his opposition to the project.

“We’re going to be

a laughing stock if we do this,” said David Reed, theater owner. “We want to preserve the aesthetics of the city.”

Matthew Hall, preconstruction manager, spoke on behalf of Copperrock. “The plan provides for flexibility,” he said. “It’s a challenging site. We want it to be a good project and to add parking spots. We’re invested in Lowell; we have future projects here.”

The company is applying for economic incentives to keep the rents at a reasonable level while considering a four-story option. “I am excited about it,” he said.

Dean Copperrock, the owner, said the company would hire Canfield for their projects. “We have worked in Lowell and hired Canfield,” he said. “It’s a small footprint, we have to go vertical. We’re not bad guys. We want to make it something that the community will be proud of.”

In other business, the council approved \$34,455 for four body cameras for the police department.

The next meeting will be held on Aug. 15 at 7 pm at the city hall in downtown Lowell.

MIHealthyLife will strengthen health care coverage

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing MIHealthyLife, an initiative to strengthen Medicaid coverage by seeking public input as the department rebids its Medicaid health plan contracts.

“Under the banner of MIHealthyLife, MDHHS seeks to bring together the investment, creativity and commitment of the department and its partners – including health plans, providers and communities – to create a more equitable, coordinated and person-centered system of care dedicated to ensuring Michiganders a healthier future,” said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel.

Medicaid and the Healthy Michigan Plan provide health care coverage to approximately 2.2 million Michiganders, including

low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities. These plans are key to achieving the MDHHS mission to improve the health, safety and prosperity of residents. Through this online survey, MDHHS hopes to receive input from people currently enrolled in Medicaid and their families; advocacy groups; community-based organizations; federally recognized Michigan Indian tribes; providers of health care, behavioral health, dental care and other providers; health systems; health plans and other interested parties to identify opportunities for innovation and improvement in the services and supports provided by the Medicaid health plans.

Survey questions seek feedback on broad priorities or strategic pillars – which

are principles that will guide the state’s policy and program areas to assist in determining where the state should focus its efforts. Examples of pillars include giving all children a healthy start, reducing racial and ethnic health disparities and using data to drive outcomes.

Feedback will help guide planning and decision-making in preparation for the implementation of new Medicaid health plan contracts, as well as other MDHHS efforts to improve the health of residents served by the programs.

Survey responses must be submitted through the online survey, no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 26.

For more information, visit MIHealthyLife. All procurement-related questions can be sent to mdhhs-mihealthylife@michigan.gov.

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By Alison Yarger

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MeL! Isabel Allende once said, "The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night." How true this is.

Like me, many avid readers keep lists of the books they've read, recommending the better ones to others. Some subscribe to *Goodreads*, which lists hundreds of terrific books that are suited to each person's taste in reading. With thousands

of authors and topics out there, it's very easy to find the subject matter you want to read about, whether it's escaping into pleasant fiction, murder mystery, biography, romance, fantasy, historical fiction, or simply books about history, no matter – the volumes are out there.

Especially in the summer, we like what's referred to as "beach reads" – light, escapist, fantasy – and these are not just for women! Nobody wants to lie on the beach reading something that triggers negativity or is too intense.

Garnered from a variety of sources, including my

own reading, here are a few books for both genders that should be appealing.

Cover Story, by Susan Rigetti: Full of lies, fraud, and stolen identities, this is definitely a page turner.

The Guest List, by Lucy Foley: A bit darker than most beach reads, it's a terrific mystery.

The Happy Ever After Playlist, by Abby Jiminez: Winner of all kinds of book awards, this is about a 20s ish lady, a dog and a rock star. Easy to figure out, it's a wonderfully light and easy read.

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell, by Robert Dugoni: Because of an anomaly at birth, a young boy is teased throughout his childhood; however, the dilemma he faces is finally resolved at the end of the story, but it's a long road to get there.

The Perfect Couple, by Elin Hilderbrand: This fabulous author transports the reader to Nantucket to

solve a whodunit! Easy to think you know "whodunit" but it brings a surprise at the end.

Razorblade Tears, by S. A. Cosby: A provocative murder mystery of retribution, change and redemption.

Queen Bee, by Dorothea Frank: Very southern in its setting, three women get overly involved in fixing relationships of others. Light and easy to read.

The Unhoneymooners, by Christina Lauren: Set in Hawaii, this reads like a romantic comedy. A little cheesy, but very fun.

Every Summer After, by Carley Fortune: For anyone who has had a 'summer love', this will bring back memories. Great for those who believe in second chance romance.

438 Days: An Extraordinary True Story of Survival at Sea, by Jonathan Franklin: Exceptional story

of strong will and survival skills.

Too Good to Be True, by Carola Lovering: a great psychological thriller told from three perspectives about one man, two marriages and an ominous scheme.

With granddaughters playing in fastpitch tournaments throughout the Midwest this summer, I've not spent as much time writing about the books I've read as I would have liked; however, their seasons end relatively soon and I'll be back on the bandwagon with some wonderful books to share that I've recently read.

Enjoy reading – it's such a pleasure and escape. As Charles Eliot said, "Books are the quietest and most constant of friend; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

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without needing to provide documentation of their sex designation."

People who update their sex marker in Social Security's records will need to apply for a replacement SSN card. They will still need to show a current document to prove their identity. However, they will no longer need to provide medical or legal documentation of their sex designation once the policy change goes into effect. SSN cards do not include sex markers.

In February 2022, we issued guidance instructing employees to accept evidence documents that contain non-binary identifiers (e.g., "X") for original SSN and replacement SSN card applications. This guidance applies to other updates to our internal SSN records. We are exploring possible future policy and systems updates to support an "X" sex designation for the SSN card application process.

You can also learn more about our programs and how we are there for same-sex couples and the LGBTQ+ community at www.ssa.gov/people/same-sex-couples.

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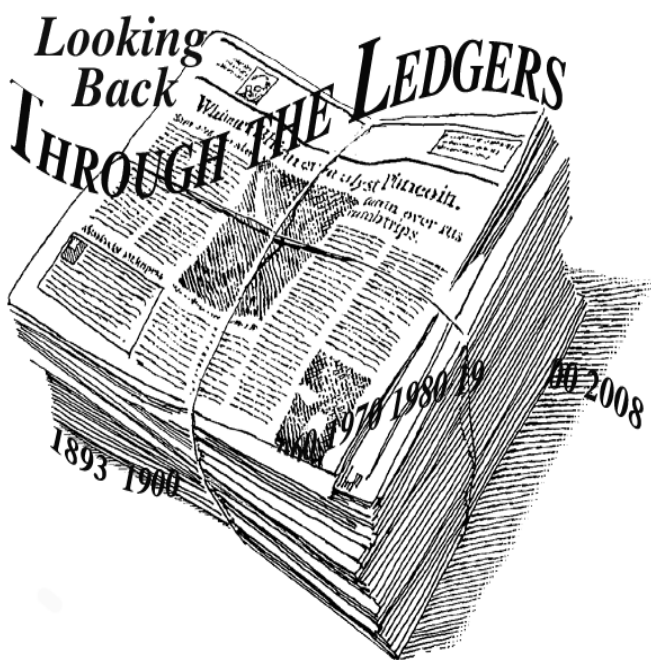
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125 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 12, 1897

The next meeting of the Lowell District Horticultural Society will be held on the Island in Lowell on August 17 at 10 am. Mark D. Sucathen will have a paper on diseases of the peach tree. Ruby A. Fox will have a paper on the relation of our women to horticulture.

There is to be a bee at the Marble cemetery on August 17, to clean the yard and fix up the graves and do what they think will be necessary. Anyone that has friends laid away here and are interested in any way, are invited to come and help, bring tools to work with and we will see what can be done, as the cemetery really needs the work.

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 17, 1922

Driving between Lowell and Saranac, on M-16 at 11:00 o'clock, Thursday evening, Lloyd Gibbs saw a new tire in the road. He stopped to pick it up, and as he reached for it, someone jerked on the rope to which it was attached, while from both sides of the road came sounds of laughter. It had the appearance of an old joke.

John King is very poorly, and he and his wife go Tuesday to St. Louis, Mich., to take baths for rheumatism and hope it will improve his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Lowell Center, have had their phone added to the 67 family, and their number is 67, 4 short, 1 long.

Motorists and picnickers have had some time picking up nails that malicious children strewed broadcast in the road, nails taken from the carpenter's bench at the town hall. Reports made of two or three hundred dollars damages done to cars.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 14, 1947

Final plans are well-made for the 13th annual 4-H Club Fair at Lowell next week. From requests for Bangs test and a check-up on some entries, this year's livestock show should be the largest the fair has ever had. Extra pens have been built and extra tents arranged to meet the entries.

Expressions of gladness were heard when word reached here Saturday morning that Newton Grimwood, proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, who had been missing for nine weeks, had turned up alive at Monmouth, Ill. Mr. Grimwood walked into the police station Friday at Monmouth, laid his billfold on the desk and fainted. Monmouth police called a doctor immediately, who said Mr. Grimwood was apparently well, although in a dated and weakened condition. When he recovered consciousness, he couldn't remember how he got to Illinois.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life August 24, 1972

A strong-armed robbery, at the Lowell Light and Power Company Sunday night, is under investigation by the Lowell Police Department. Two young subjects entered the plant, beat up the operator Bob Havey of Smyrna and made a quick get-away. They left Havey with multiple bruises and broken glasses. They took his wallet, which was empty.

It's muggy - periods of thunderstorms and the sighting of one tornado last week, south-west of Lowell, has prompted area residents to seek the cooler side of life, as the humidity continues to make life just plain miserable. Friday night's storm saw several trees fallen, people left without electricity, and many taking shelter in their basements.

Dave Christenson, Lowell swimmer, swimming for the Grand Valley Swim Club of Grand Rapids, came home with six trophies for his efforts at the Battle Creek A.A.U. Invitational, August 18-20, that attracted over 400 swimmers representing eight states.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 13, 1997

A new two-year contract with teachers, support staff, bus drivers and mechanics will cost the Lowell school district nearly \$400,000 in the 1997-98 school year.

Erosion control remains the last obstacle for developer Russell Heibel to complete before building permits can be granted for his 22-site condominium development at 1750 Grand River Dr.

A memorial service for Oren Jack Frost will be held at the Vergennes Methodist Church. Frost, a painter and graphic artist, was well known for his many works, which include the Republican elephant. Frost, who grew up in Lowell, died at his home in San Diego on March 25.

Kristin Hufstader, age 9, of the Boondockers 4-H Club of Lowell, submitted her work, entitled "Barnyard Friends", to the 1997 Sichuan, People's Republic of China International Children's Painting Exhibition. Children from all over the world were invited to participate.

to the editor

Letter writer opinions are their own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this publication.

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify a comment made by Mayor Mike DeVore at a recent City Council meeting, reported in The Ledger. Mayor DeVore addressed rumors about the City selling the Boy Scout property, part of the City's Scout Park, located at the north end of North Washington St. In The Ledger, DeVore is quoted stating the City's lack of interest in selling this property, and denouncing as lies, the flyers being circulated that purportedly state otherwise.

As the likely source of these flyers, the Lowell Scout Park Association (LSPA) seeks to clarify that we are making no claim that the City seeks to sell Scout Park, and any interpretation of our flyers, to the contrary, is simply wrong. We do seek to alert the public to the fact that currently there is an approximately 2.4 acre road frontage parcel of City property, a currently unprotected inholding within Scout Park, that we advocate for eventual inclusion as part

of Scout Park, as originally envisioned when it was established in 2008.

There are also other parcels adjacent to Scout Park, the Flat River and/or N.Washington St., which confusingly, may or may not be protected by park status, depending on the map referenced. Much more detail is available on the LSPA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Lowell-Scout-Park-Association-110440111662581>.

We appreciate the Mayor and City Council's commitment and efforts to ensure accuracy.

*Bruce E. Matthews
Lowell Scout Park
Association*

To the Editor:

Nancy and I will be supporting Parker Liu in the upcoming Lowell Area School Board election.

For Democracy to survive, we must have well-

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We love to hear from you!



The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

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Saturday, August 20, 1-3 pm. Enjoy a movie at the library! All you need to do is show up and we'll have a family movie ready to roll. The library will post the movie titles on our Facebook page and in the branch. All movies will be rated G or PG. For all ages.

Toddler Time

Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement and stories while helping to develop their language, motor and social skills. For ages 0-5

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.

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1st business: Molly Wepman's Clothing and Shoes

This was the only building rebuilt after a fire on January 2, 1958, incinerated six buildings from this building eastward. While it was still burning, O. E. Bieri promised Molly Wepman, that he would rebuild for her. Molly had owned and managed Wepman's Clothing and

Shoes since her husband's untimely death at age 40 in 1950. Although a tiny woman, she was determined to succeed and to support her two young children as a single mother and a business owner.

She had immigrated from Poland at the age of 17, knowing no English. She met her husband, Herman Wepman, while living in Boston; they married and moved to Lowell, where Herman took over his father Ben Wepman's store. Molly continued to work hard to achieve her dream. She was named Michigan's Small Businesswoman of the Year in 1958. She continued operating her clothing and shoe store until she retired in 1976.

Some of the businesses in this building since



Molly Wepman was named Michigan's Small Businesswoman of the Year in 1958.



The remains of Molly Wepman's building after the fire of 1958. Molly and friends pulled smoke damaged goods out, cleaned them up and held a "fire sale". She paid her suppliers off, a little at a time, until every debt was settled.

Wepman's were the operating here. It has been the Riverside Fireplace Shop (1976) and Pfaller's Riverfront Clothing Store (1979). It became a pool hall and video arcade in 1987. By the early 1990s, the Flat River Trading Post, featuring western wear, was

operating here. It has been Dr. Judd Carroll's dental office for 25 years - since 1997.

Molly Wepman was named Michigan's Small Businesswoman of the Year in 1958.

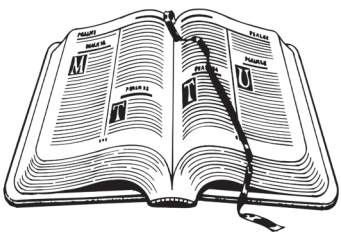
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The Kari Lynch Band making a stop in Lowell

By Bill Lee
contributing writer

Lowell's Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature the Kari Lynch Band on Thursday, August 18 at 7 pm. Based in Nashville but originally from Grand Rapids, the five-piece band has been traveling the country providing its audiences with dynamic live performances. According to their website, "They have built an extensive fanbase throughout the country and earned an impressive resume, opening for some of the world's most recognized artists including: Kacey Musgraves, Miranda Lambert, Little Big Town, Dierks Bentley, Josh Turner, Alabama, Brothers Osborne, Charlie Daniels Band, Thomas Rhett, Kelsea Ballerini, Don Felder (formerly of The Eagles) and many more."

Band members Kari Lynch (lead vocals/guitar), Travis Radaz (Lead electric/vocals) Eric Ellis (Rhythm guitar/vocals), Sam Corey (Bass/vocals), and Brian V (Drums) are happy to return to Lowell. "I am very excited to play in Lowell. Lowell has always been a town that feels like home to me!" said Lynch. "It's one of the very first places I began to play around Grand Rapids when I started the Kari Lynch Band over ten years ago, and I've always felt a ton of love and support from Lowell throughout my career."

The Lowell audience can expect a mix of styles and energy during the performance next week. "We are an alt-country/rock band, so you can expect a fun, high-energy show with some moments where we bring it down as well," said Lynch. "My ultimate goal during every show is

for people to have fun and feel like they are a part of it with us, to get to forget about anything else going on in their lives, and get to live in that moment with us. I always hope everyone who comes out to KLB shows feels welcome and leaves the show feeling like they got to be a part of something special."

In the near future, audiences can expect much of the same, as the band loves to perform, write music, meet new people, and create new fans. "We're truly a group of best friends who have the wonderful gift of getting to make music together, and I just hope we get to keep doing that, making others happy and having a lot of fun while we do it," said Lynch.

To find out more about The Kari Lynch Band, you can visit their website at karilynchband.com.



Don't miss Free ORV Weekend Aug. 20-21

Taking place twice a year, Free ORV Weekend is a great time to see, experience and test out Michigan's off-road vehicle trails.

The final Free ORV Weekend of the year takes place Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21. On these two days, Michigan residents and visitors can legally ride Michigan's 4,000 miles of designated routes and trails, and the state's six scramble areas, without purchasing an ORV license or trail permit. All other ORV rules and laws still apply.

"Our hope is that after experiencing a weekend of off-road fun, riders will consider purchasing an ORV license or trail permit for the remainder of the season," said Jessica Holley-Roehrs, statewide motorized trails program analyst with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. "We always like to say that it's the perfect time to introduce – or reintroduce – friends and family to the fun and beauty of a ride."

The DNR directly reinvests ORV trail permit and license dollars back into the ORV trails system. The funds help pay for trail brushing, signage, maintenance, bridge and culvert construction, maintenance of trailhead amenities and other expenditures.

A Recreation Passport

still is required where applicable, such as at trailheads and scramble areas. Typically, there's an entrance fee at the Holly Oaks ORV Park (although no Recreation Passport



requirement), but the fee is waived for this special weekend.

Visit Michigan.gov/ORVInfo for the latest ORV trail, safety and closure information.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the matter of MADELEINE WALKER Guardianship File No. 22-211,801-GA.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Holly Walker 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 August 30, at 9:00 am at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Avenue 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.

August 8, 2022

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-401-5242

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board Kent County, Michigan HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan to determine the practicability of a five-year improvement project for Big Crooked Lake. The lake improvement project would include aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, phosphorus reduction program, and administration and contingency. The project would begin in 2023 and continue through 2027, with an annual budget of \$42,000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is available for public examination during normal business hours at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if the project is found practicable, the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board c/o Grattan Township Treasurer, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Big Crooked Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are being held pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board
Kent County, Michigan

NazCafe serves community dinners every month

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Taking Christ's word seriously to serve others, Lowell Church of the Nazarene serves community dinners on the third Monday of each month, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the fellowship hall, located at 201. N. Washington Street.

Pastor Trevor Workman found out that over 26 percent of Lowell demographics are at, or below, the poverty level, and the board decided to take action.

"We started a process

of how our church can help the community, based on what is God calling us to do," he said. "Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry."

Workman said the church had trouble getting the word out about the new community dinners.

"We wanted to take seriously Jesus' call to help people who are hungry," he said. "We have talked with FROM and other churches to ensure that we are all on the same team, championing each other's efforts."

There is no criteria; anyone can come - whether

they can't afford to make a meal, don't feel like cooking, or are just plain lonely. "If you're hungry, we're going to feed you," Workman said. "We're not going to turn anyone away."

The congregation donates as much food as they can, and it also gives monetary donations. "Anything that is not donated, we go out and buy it," Workman said.

This year, the church also started a community garden on the east side of the property. A table with produce is set up in front of



The volunteers, from left to right are: Kristi Stremmer, Laura Stilson, Evan Nanninga, Sue Gillhespy, Charmain Burke, Al Smith, Trevor Workman, Debbie Bradley, and Cindy Smith.

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it, where anyone can take any produce they need. "We use our own produce," he said. "Our goal is to have healthy meals."

For Monday, Aug. 15, a lighter summer fare is planned. It will be a chicken salad sandwich plus dessert, lemonade, tea, water, and coffee.

"Our goal is to have 50 people," he said. "We would love to have it more than once a month."

So far only 20 to 30 people have been using the monthly service. And what does it take to put these on?

Approximately six to 10 volunteers per night and \$100 to \$200, depending on how much has been donated. The church is looking for more volunteers, who don't have to be members of the congregation. There is an \$80 cost for a health permit from the Kent County Health Department. Church donations cover 30 to 40 percent of the cost of the community dinners. "We want to do whatever we can to serve," Workman said.

The other goal is to put the church in a different light, due to the recent stream of negative news about churches. "The church can and does help people," he said. "We want to step out. Our goal is not growth, but simply that we will feed the hungry."

Community dinners are also served at the First Congregational Church of Christ, on Lincoln Lake Ave. on Thursdays. "We wanted to do something similar on a different night," he said. "You can go to both. We're trying to work together on this."



Lo/MI Studios want Lowell dancing

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

Julia Schaefer and her team at Lo/MI (pronounced “low my”) studios are bringing lots of dancing energy to Main Street in Lowell. Schaefer is the owner/director of Lo/MI Studios and she has handpicked some very talented people to help her teach pretty much every form of dance one can imagine – from ballet to hip-hop, ballroom to jazz and contemporary. LO/MI wants everyone and anyone, from one year olds to old geezers like me, with an interest in dance, to consider themselves invited to come and learn.

in competitive gymnastics before transitioning into dance. She loved the floor exercise, and the summer she was 13, a friend convinced her to take a jazz dance class to help her learn some new moves for her floor routines.

“After my first dance class, I said, ‘You mean all of dance is like this?’”, Schaefer recalled. “Like one long floor routine? This is awesome.’ I found something that encompassed both the training and expression aspect that I loved about gymnastics. My training transferred over well; I was accepted into the Company and haven’t

“Dancing on a moving stage was definitely interesting during stormy nights,” Schaefer said. “By the end of ten months, my cast and I knew our routines so well we would invent games – like trying to rack up points by getting audience members to wink back at us.”

Another fond set of memories for Schaefer concerns the Interlochen Arts Academy. During her four years of college in the dance program at Western Michigan University, she assisted during the three week summer program at Interlochen. She earned this opportunity by attending a six-week musical theater program the summer after her junior year in high school, and doing so well there, that she landed the lead in a musical and was subsequently invited back to help.

During her junior year at WMU, the dance program received a grant to take eight juniors on an immersive trip to China and Taiwan. Schaefer was chosen as one of the eight and the trip was a life changer. They spent three weeks at three different universities and exchanged classes and performances with the students at each one. It allowed everyone involved to learn about a culture completely different from their own.

“The best part about this trip, hands down, was being able to bridge the gap between different cultures and language barriers through dance,” Schaefer explained. “Ballet terms are universally spoken in French. So we would use translator apps on our phones to communicate with the students outside of class, but in class, the teacher would say, ‘tombe pas debourre, glissade, jete’ and the whole class would be in unison. It was so cool.”



Noah Trulock, Hannah Trulock, Julia Schaefer, Olivia Gaudreau

So what would bring a world traveler to settle down and open a dance studio in Lowell? Love, of course. Her husband, Ryan Schaefer, is from the area and is in the Real Estate business with his dad, Patrick. They have two little ones; Kit is two and Ivan is one. The Schaefer family has done an amazing amount

class will focus on exposing them to different kinds of music, tactile instruments, exploring the environment, and developing basic coordination skills.

We asked if there was one former student that really stuck out in her mind and Schaefer was quick to reply, “The most impressive student I have ever worked

greatness,” Schaefer said. “We strive to help each individual make continuous gains toward their maximum potential as dancers and as humans.”

To learn more, visit LO/MI online at www.LoMistudios.com or better yet, set aside some time to visit their Open House on August 19, with tours from 4



Ryan and Julia Schaefer taking a short break from their labors.

Reading over the CV’s of the four people involved at Lo/MI, one almost crosses over into disbelief at the breadth and depth of experience available to dancers in Suite C at 508 West Main Street. Julia, along with the husband and wife team of Noah and Hannah Trulock, and Olivia Gaudreau, have decades of combined dancing and teaching experience. Click on the “Staff” page at their website and see for yourself – what you read there will give you complete confidence in their abilities.

stopped dancing since.”

Schaefer has since danced her way around the world. She was a professional dancer on Holland America cruise lines, a job that allowed her to wake up in a new place every day and meet people from all over the world. She enthusiastically related how great it was to perform every night and spend her days in such diverse settings as bungee jumping in Mexico, touring a Scottish castle, and riding a horse in Costa Rica. It was a perfect job for the young lady with an adventurous spirit from Traverse City.



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of work converting a space that has gone untouched for decades into almost three thousand square feet devoted to dance, with two studios and a host of amenities.

Speaking of one and two year olds, Lo/MI studios offers dance and movement classes to children in that age group. Schaefer taught children from nine months to four years old at various Appletree day-care centers, through a business started by her aunt. That experience, combined with having two children of her own, convinced her that it is never too early to expose children to music and movement. One-year-olds at Lo/MI will be accompanied by their “plus one” adult and the

with is Olivia Gaudreau, and I am honored to say that she is now a part of my team.” Schaefer taught her dance from eighth grade through senior high. Gaudreau has been with Schaefer as they did all the ground work necessary to launch the business. She will be studying abroad in France this fall, but will return and be on the teaching schedule in January 2023.

Schaefer and her crew are convinced that dance has benefits for people of every age, interest and ability. The classes they offer cover the age spectrum completely – there is even a Seniors Only class for those over 60.

“We provide a safe and welcoming space for all people to move freely and expand into their own

to 8 pm, and an opportunity to meet with the staff from 4 to 6 pm.

Schaefer extended an invitation, “We will be hosting a free trial week, August 29 - September 3. A full week of classes free-of-charge. This is for everyone; come see what we’re all about. Come to as many classes (for your age group) that week as you would like. Please contact us at info@lomistudios.com to sign up.”



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Are you addicted to drama?

Most of us have seen people that claim to dislike drama, but yet, they are regularly in the middle of it. It's like they're living a real-life soap opera. There are many ways people become addicted to drama. It often starts in early childhood, with abuse or neglect. Those living in a household with constant chaos eventually see the behaviors as normal. Since it's all they've known, it can lead to drama addiction because the drama/chaos (the known) is less frightening than change

(the unknown). Drama addiction is also often seen in those with other types of addictions.

The drama cycle Regardless of how the person became addicted to drama, the brain feeds this addiction. Drama causes the brain to release endorphins. An endorphin release produces feelings of pleasure and suppresses pain similar to the feeling people get from using opiates and heroin use. It then becomes a vicious cycle because,

like any "high" over time, you build a tolerance and eventually need more to get the same effect. This means you need more drama/crises to get that same endorphin rush. So, the payoff for those addicted to drama is the getting wanted attention and the endorphin rush.

Our media and entertainment often supports and reinforces drama and chaos. Think about soap operas, talk shows, reality television, most television shows/movies, and the news. The focus is typically on drama and dysfunction. For example, social media often has a toxic environment. Sometimes you see inspirational quotes or feel-good posts. But often it is drama, complaining, and oversharing. Those that feed on these types of posts often leave negative or hateful comments which keeps the drama cycle going. People

don't typically want to see someone with a calm, peaceful life, as that isn't exciting. So, chaos and drama have become a norm in the entertainment world.

Signs you may be a drama addict

Below are some common traits seen in those with drama addiction.

You love to gossip.

You complain regularly.

You don't like it when you are not the center of attention.

You focus on negative past events. Regularly thinking or talking about a negative past event that can't be changed is typically a drama fix.

You tend to overreact.

You're regularly fighting with someone and relationships are rarely easy.

Issues/situations are almost always someone else's fault.

You overshare on social media and regularly post about the latest drama.

You get involved in arguments & dramas on social media. You make negative comments on others posts.

You find it almost impossible to let something go or forgive someone for a perceived "wrong doing."

You yell and scream to make your point.

You're always involved in other people's business.

You regularly end or threaten to end relationships.

You like to "stir the pot".

Tips to help stop the drama

Avoid gossip

Avoid negative thinking

Find positive ways to bring excitement into your life such as exercise, travel, hobbies etc.

Stay out of others business

Put healthy boundaries in place in all relationships (family, friends, romantic, work, etc.).

Let go of unhealthy relationships

Focus on the present moment and let the past stay where it belongs in the past.

Work to reduce time on, or stop using, social media.

Limit watching shows that are drama filled.

Overcoming any addiction, including drama addiction, isn't easy. This is because we get a payoff from it, in the form of the attention received and the endorphin release. With help, you can stop the chaos.

This article is not meant to treat or diagnose. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

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529 plans: Underused but valuable

In just a few weeks, students will be heading off to college – and parents will be getting out their checkbooks. Without a college-bound student in your home right now, you might not be thinking much about tuition and other

higher education expenses, but if you have young children, these costs may eventually be of concern – so how should you prepare for them?

It's never too soon to start saving and investing. Unfortunately, many people

think that they have a lot of "catching up" to do. In fact, nearly half of Americans say they don't feel like they're saving enough to cover future education expenses, according to a 2022 survey conducted by financial services firm Edward Jones with Morning Consult, a global research company.

Of course, it's not always easy to set aside money for college when you're already dealing with the high cost of living, and, at the same time, trying to save and invest for retirement. Still, even if you can only devote relatively

modest amounts for your children's education, these contributions can add up over time. But where should you put your money?

Personal savings accounts are the top vehicle Americans are using for their education funding strategies, according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult survey. But there are other options, one of which is a 529 plan, which may offer more attractive features, including the following:

- Possible tax benefits – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally income tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will

generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you may receive state tax benefits, too, depending on the state.

- Flexibility in naming the beneficiary – As the owner of the 529 plan, you can name anyone you want as the beneficiary. You can also change the beneficiary. If your eldest child foregoes college, you can name a younger sibling or another eligible relative.

- Support for non-college programs – Even if your children don't want to go to college, it doesn't mean they're uninterested in any type of postsecondary education or training. And a 529 plan can pay for qualified expenses at trade or vocational schools, including apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

- Payment of student loans – A 529 plan can help pay off federal or private

student loans, within limits.

Keep in mind that state-by-state tax treatment varies for different uses of 529 plans, so you'll want to consult with your tax professional before putting a plan in place.

Despite these and other benefits, 529 plans are greatly under-utilized. Only about 40% of Americans even recognize the 529 plan as an education savings tool, and only 13% are actually using it, again according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult study.

But as the cost of college and other postsecondary programs continues to rise, it will become even more important for parents to find effective ways to save for their children's future education expenses. So, consider how a 529 plan can help you and your family. And the sooner you get started, the better.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Settlor, Mary Sue Hintz, who lived at 1001 Ironwood Circle NW, Grand Rapids, MI, died on July 14, 2022. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Mary Sue Hintz or the Mary Sue Hintz Trust dated October 29, 2019, and any amendments will be forever barred unless presented to Michael E. Malcolm, Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Frankenmuth provides storytelling ambience for Once Upon A Book magical event

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Willkommen to
Michigan's Little Bavaria.

The fairytale location of Once Upon A Book (OUAB) 2022, in Frankenmuth, provided a magnificent backdrop for the premier book event that has been postponed, due to Covid, for two years.

Then the moment finally came, after driving through the endless cornfields on a hot Friday afternoon on July 22, out of nowhere popped up the magical town with its Bavarian heritage, spires, and Willkommen signs. We didn't enter through the gateway but crossed the Cass River instead.

I had trouble recognizing the town, that I haven't visited in decades, even though it was full daylight and the sun was blazing on the pedestrian bridge to the Fischer Platz with its famous Glockenspiel Tower and a polka band. The red brick

Frankenmuth Brewery has been rebuilt since. On our right was the 239-foot long Covered Bridge leading to the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, which was the venue for the annual OUAB event.

The storytelling ambience was ubiquitous throughout the town of Frankenmuth, from murals of Rapunzel and Rumpelstiltskin to the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant all the way to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland.

I fully took in the Main Street with the Bavarian Inn Restaurant on one side and Zehnder's chicken restaurant on the other, lined with fashionable boutiques and gift shops. Window boxes and hanging baskets with geraniums adorned the entire town, which looked like a floral shop or a garden. We didn't have a lot of time to explore because the Monster Ball,

which was a part of OUAB 2022, was set to start at 7 pm inside the Composers' Room.

Both my husband, Ludek, and I worked in the morning, so I missed out on part one of the event with keynote speaker, author Eric Asher, co-author and marketing panels.

We had our French grandkids, Ella and Sam, with us, which made it even more special and memorable. We dressed up for the masquerade ball and brought in our prize basket for the raffle with my book *Shifting Sands: Secrets*, posters, dark Ghirardelli chocolate, and 19 Crimes wine- all very appropriate for the monster occasion.

The huge lodge, built in European style, has large beams and high ceilings; it is decorated with tapestries, Alphorns, cowbells, woodcarvings, and oxen yokes.

Entering the Composers' Room was



Author tables at Once Upon A Book 2022 in Frankenmuth.

like stepping into an evil kingdom with monsters of all sorts, live and blown up. A giant T-Rex guarded the stage.

We sat at a sponsored table by author Andrew Smith, decorated with a large gargoyle and his new book *Another Slice of Fear*. During the award ceremony, various authors and cover designers were honored, as well as the reader of the year.

Some authors dressed like the characters in their books. I immediately noticed a woman dressed as a soldier in a red coat. Wow, I thought, "This is fabulous." It was author T.J. London of *Man of War*; London's first love is American Revolutionary War.

Our lovely host, author Stacey Rourke, founded OUAB because she wanted to bring the joy of book celebrations to Michigan.

"I had traveled to so many events and saw what wonderful celebrations they were," she said. "I wanted us to bond over our love of the written word."

OUAB 2022 sales event, on July 23, featured 63 authors representing all genres located in the magnificent Composers' Room inside the Bavarian Inn Lodge. These authors were not just from Michigan. Some, like Barbara M. Britton, took the Lake Express Ferry from Milwaukee to Muskegon across Lake Michigan.

"I loved being with the other authors," she said in

a recent podcast interview. "Frankenmuth looks like a slice of Germany planted in Michigan. It was very unique."

Reader and supporter of Michigan Authors, Diana Duell, bought two cartloads of books, a total of 165 books, for her private Indie author library. She traveled to Frankenmuth and back to Muskegon in one day, specifically for the event. Smith, authors Jules Nelson, Brenda Hasse and I are nominating Duell for the Reader-of-the-Year Award

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Bavarian Inn Lodge, venue for Once Upon a Book.

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obituaries

ANDERSON

Carlen "Carl" Erin Anderson, age 88, passed peacefully away on August 4, 2022, after a brief illness. Carl was born to Otto and Anna Anderson in Nashville, MI, the youngest of six children. He is preceded in death by his parents; five siblings, Lorene, Agnes, Edward, Russell, and Keith. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Beverly; his children, Carla (Rick) Hallas, Craig (Nkekeletse) Anderson, Karen (Tom) Charles; Norwegian exchange student, Harald (Greta) Storvik; as well as grandchildren, Ryan, Mosa, Jonathan, Wesley, Zaelen, and Liako. After his father's passing in 1950, Carl moved to Alto. There he lived on his brother, Ed's farm. He attended Lowell High School meeting his bride-to-be, Beverly Bedell. After attending Wayne State University, Carl and Bev were married and he

began a 45-year career with the Kent County Road Commission. Through his career, Carl progressed from a laborer ultimately finishing as the HR director. Carl was a dedicated citizen, always active in Lowell community affairs. He coached little league baseball, joined the Lowell Lions Club and Golden Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids serving as president of both. He sang in the Lowell Showboat choir and performed in local theater. Carl remained active in the United Methodist Church and enjoyed the Lowell YMCA. As a political person, Carl was elected in 1967 as a Councilman of the Lowell City Council, finishing his service as mayor from 1972 through 1975. Carl was an avid reader and intellect. He loved to ponder and debate an array of topics. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 11:00am with visitation at 10am at the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. The family is profoundly grateful for staff at Heather Hills and Faith Hospice. Memorial donations may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331 and/or the Lowell YMCA, 1335 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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LIETZKE

Elizabeth (Betty) Louise Kristofferson Lietzke passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the age of 93, in Lowell MI. Elizabeth will be dearly missed by her family and the too-many-to-count friends who became family over her lifetime. She was born December 6, 1928 in Roscommon MI to Aage and Nellie Kristofferson and enjoyed a happy childhood with two brothers and three sisters, having a special place in her heart for her younger sister Orita Shultz, of St. Johns MI. She loved spending childhood summers with her grandparents on the Au Sable River. While she and her husband Harold, who preceded her in death, will always be remembered for epic shed parties at their alfalfa dehydration farm in DeWitt, MI and their memorable adventures, Elizabeth would want to be remembered as a resourceful woman who had a penchant for a good fabric to sew, a creative soul, an uncanny ability to sort and organize, plus the best listening ear in all the land. While her calculated counsel was sometimes delivered with a firmer tone than the loved one was expecting, fairness reigned supreme for Elizabeth. She loved a gathering where old stories were retold with laughter and new stories were told for her to share. Elizabeth was sharp-as-a-tack right to the end, which made her a force to be reckoned with, to which her children could well attest; son Theodore A Lietzke and daughter-in-law Ellen M (Shaver) Lietzke of Lowell MI; and daughter Trudy A (Lietzke) Miller & son-in-law Ronald K Miller of Zena OK. She passed along her can-do attitude, creativeness and wonderful sense of humor to her grandchildren Anna & Howard Hargrave; Christine & Joshua Fisher; Nathan Lietzke & Logan Rayburn; Jeromy & Andrea Miller. They, in turn, will always share her 'If wishes were ...' saying and her crisp but sage advice with her great-grandchildren, Madeleine and Zachary Hargrave; Elliott and Meredith Fisher; and Oliver Miller. A celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ted & Ellen Lietzke. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell, MI 49331, fromlowell.org/donate, where she volunteered for several years. Simply Cremation of Grand Rapids MI



Letters, continued

educated citizens that have the ability to solve common problems with those unlike ourselves. Charter schools, Academies, Religious Schools and other for-profit educational institutions have divided us by reinforcing our prejudices against those outside of our belief systems, with the result being to not trust each other. Without trust, there is no Democracy.

We believe that Parker Liu has the Character, Education, Wisdom and Dedication to serve our community and it's most valuable resource, children.

Jack and Nancy Misner, Vergennes Township

To the Editor:

Here's hoping the City Council will reconsider their decision to accept Copper Rocks Proposal for high density housing, that they are scheduled to conclude at the next Council Meeting on August 15th.

I sat thru all five proposals, and in my opinion, any of the other four would be better for the

downtown than the six-story, 17-unit apartment building proposed by Copper Rock. Parking is already an issue for this area, and when Sabor Mexicano opens soon it will be a bigger problem.

During their presentation, Copper Rock stated, "Lets create a problem, then create the solution", but there is no solution to adding 30 more vehicles in an area already hurting for parking. While I agree there is a need for more housing in the Lowell area, this location is better suited for retail, hospitality or at least low-density housing.

Lowell has an amazing downtown with many other locations better suited for housing with more parking nearby that won't impact businesses. If we choke out our businesses by taking their parking away, we will end up with vacant buildings and a deserted, decaying downtown. Please lets not do that.

*Greg Canfield
Lowell resident and business owner*

Forestry's favorite bear turns 78 this week

A costumed Smokey Bear impersonator leans forward while talking to smiling, young girls and boys near a fence

Winnie the Pooh, Yogi, Baloo and the Berenstain family are among the most popular bears in books or on TV. But in the natural resources world, the crown goes to none other than Smokey Bear.

On his birthday, Aug. 9, the wildfire prevention icon is celebrating 78 years of protecting forests.

Our furry friend's message, "Only you can prevent wildfires," still rings true today; nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans.

"In 2021, escaped yard waste burns and campfires were the most common causes of wildfire in Michigan," said DNR fire prevention specialist Paul Rogers.

DNR firefighters have

responded to 172 fires burning 3,248 acres so far during this year's fire season.

Do you know how to safely build a fire and fully put it out? Make Smokey proud by committing these safety tips to memory:

Always have a water source nearby.

Never leave a fire unattended, even for a minute.

Keep a metal shovel and bucket nearby.

Put out fires completely with water.

Don't burn on windy days or during dry weather.

Find fun, Smokey-themed activities on his website SmokeyBear.com, or download the "Flat Smokey" coloring page inspired by Dale Hubert's Flat Stanley Project.

Learn more about wildfire prevention at Michigan.gov/PreventWildfires.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Grid of puzzle solutions with letters filled in.

Grid of puzzle solutions with numbers filled in.



#RecreateResponsibly with just a few simple steps

A conservation officer stands in front of a sand dune with arms splayed wide. A red, transparent YouTube play button is overlaid atop the image.

During the pandemic, people across the country ventured outdoors in record numbers, to destinations including Michigan state parks, trails and waterways. In fact, visitation to state

parks went up 30% over the past two years, with annual visitation jumping from approximately 28 million to 35 million people.

While the outdoors is an important component of many people's leisure activities and healthy lifestyles, it's just as critical that we each do our part to take care of these outdoor spaces so they

are protected and here for future generations to enjoy and use.

"We've seen record numbers of both established and new visitors over the last couple years," said Jason Fleming, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division's Resources Section. "Many visitors have grown up coming to state parks and others are

new to outdoor recreation. We're always excited to provide these opportunities to create new memories, but we also need everyone's help to work together to maintain these natural and historical spaces."

A new "Recreate Responsibly" video series highlights guidelines and steps people can follow to protect Michigan's woods,

water and wildlife, while also keeping themselves and other visitors safe.

Those tips include:

- Plan ahead.
- Build an inclusive outdoors.
- Leave no trace.
- Be a kind visitor.
- Play it safe.
- Visit Michigan.gov/RecreateResponsibly to check out the videos

and learn more about getting involved. If you'd like to help promote the "Recreate Responsibly" principle and video series, consider sharing them on social media. You can also share your stewardship ideas by using the #RecreateResponsibly, #MiOutdoorIdea and #MiDNR hashtags. We'll see you outside!

Make a pollinator-friendly space and help monarchs

Eastern monarch butterflies are one of the most well-known butterflies in North America. These gorgeous orange, black and white butterflies are a staple of Michigan summers, and they need our help.

The eastern monarch butterfly population has been declining over the last 20 years, primarily due to habitat loss in its summer range – including Michigan – and Mexico, where these beauties spend the winter.

Due to the declining population, monarch butterflies are listed as a candidate species under the federal Endangered

Species Act, and their population status is under review annually. Learn more at FWS.gov/SaveTheMonarch.

You can help monarchs as you work in your backyard, garden or community garden this year by following these tips to make these spaces beneficial for pollinators. You can even help create and maintain a certified monarch waystation.

Monarchs rely on habitat with milkweed plants. Milkweeds are the only species of plant on which monarchs lay their eggs, are the only plants

that monarch caterpillars eat, and provide nectar-producing flowers as food for adult butterflies.

"The monarch and other pollinators need both early- and late-blooming plants as well as plants that flower mid-summer, a diverse mix which can be found in grasslands, agricultural fields and urban backyard habitats," said Mike Parker, conservation partners program specialist with the DNR. "These habitats can also support milkweeds, which are essential for the monarch's reproductive cycle."

If you spot monarchs

or their caterpillars this summer, be sure to report sightings to help inform conservation decisions here in Michigan! You can report monarch sightings and track their journey at Journey North.

Find out more about ways you can help monarchs by visiting Michigan.gov/Monarchs or contacting the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453.



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for next year's OUAB. More authors will join us for the reader nomination.

"I liked the event; it was my first time there," Duell said. "It was fun to talk to all the authors. The only bad thing was that there was not enough time to meet all the authors, which was

probably a good thing for my pocketbook."

Next year's event is scheduled for July 14 and July 15 with the theme "... because your literary tribe will always be there for you."

I will be signing my books at the Wild Blueberry

Festival in Paradise, Aug. 19-21, at Engelhardt Library in Lowell, TBA, Saugatuck, Oct. 1-2, and Christmas Through Lowell, Nov. 18-20.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Australia on August 11, 1983. I started my career on an Australian soap opera. While I was cast in various films, my big break came playing the god of thunder in a Marvel film series.

Answer: Chris Hemsworth

TEE OFF WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

TEE OFF WORD SEARCH

AIMING
ALIGNMENT
APPROACH
ATTACK

BACKSWING

BALANCE
BALATA
BIRDIE
BLOCK
BOBBING
BOGEY

BUNKER

CADDIE
CARRY
CHIP
CONNECTION
DIVOT
DRIVER

EAGLE

GRIP
PUTT
ROTATION
SHAFT
SWING

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to golf.

L A B L

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Answer: Ball

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CLUES ACROSS

- Breezed through
- Time units (abbr.)
- Pigeon's murmur
- Moves aside in fright
- Partner to "ahh"
- Taxis
- Monetary units of Turkey
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Prolific Italian opera composer
- Restaurants
- One's grandmother
- Ancient Greek City
- Italian mountain ranges
- Data
- Acted in an obedient way
- Autonomic nervous system
- Not on the up-and-up
- Mock lightly
- Mimic
- Built
- A neighborhood
- Inflammation of the kidneys
- Semitic fertility god
- Temporary name of Seaborgium
- Wise people
- Tear down

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Norwegian river
- People with impaired hearing
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Bucharest is its capital
- River in Ireland
- Type of TV
- Double-reed instruments
- Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast
- French commune
- Alike
- A bachelor's apartment
- Foot part between the ball and ankle
- Belonging to a thing
- Japanese classical theater
- Supervises flying
- Not even
- Capital of Saudi Arabia
- Electronic countermeasure
- Consumed
- American politician (abbr.)
- Sun up in New York
- Casually looked through
- Revealed the presence of
- Peyton's little brother
- Diana __, singer
- Study of moral values and rules
- Civil Rights group
- Makes less severe
- Made an emotional appeal
- Vivacity of style
- One who is highly skilled
- Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- Famed guitarist Clapton
- Most common Japanese surname
- Recipe abbreviation



The Restless Viking

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~ Crying Sands - Bete Grise Preserve

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This Lake Superior beach was peaceful when we arrived. One family was standing knee-deep and splashing around in the water. To me, they were brave on this 70-degree day.

The Legend

It is said that an Ojibwa woman lost her lover to Lake Superior. For the rest of her life, she stood on the shore in perpetual mourning and continued to call to him. The sand carried on her wailing by making a singing sadness when moved with a hand or a rock. It is said

that if the sand is removed from the beach, it will no long cry.

Singing Sand

The Scientific Explanation

In order to create this unique sound, the spheres of sand must be uniform in size. As one moves the sand, the particles bump into each other causing a vibration. This vibration makes the air vibrate, causing sounds detected by our ears.

Fodor's List of Seven Singing Sands Beaches

Singing Sands are rare and found in a few locations across the globe. Fodor's Travel Guide listed the following beaches, which have this infrequent occurrence:

Basin Head, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Singing Beach, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts

Isle of Eigg, Scotland
Warren Dunes, Lake Michigan

Whitehaven Beach, Whitsundays, Australia

33 Locations on the British Isles

Porthor Aberdaron, United Kingdom
"Whistling Sands"

Bete Grise Preserve

This 62-acre preserve, Baie De Gres, which means Grey Beast, was once an important harbor for the mining towns of Bete Grise and Lac La Belle (to the north). The



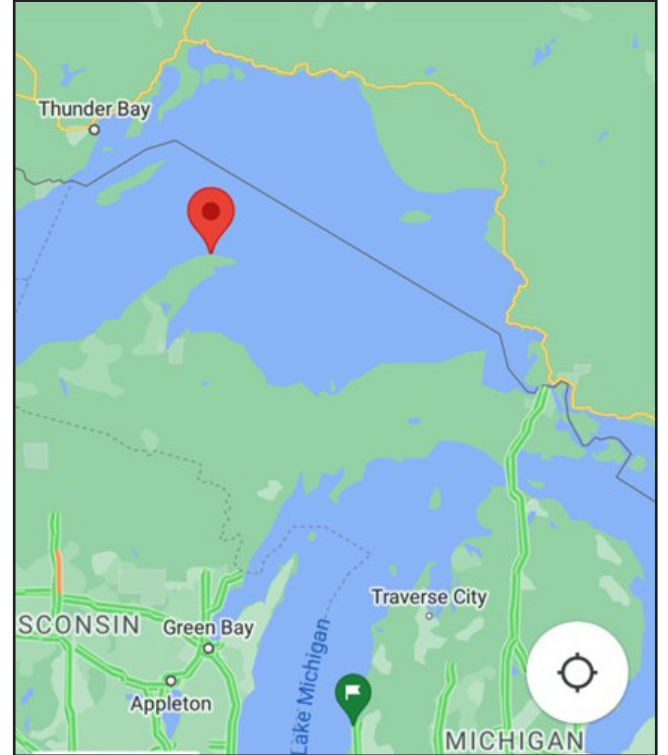
Bete Grise Preserve (Baie De Gres), Keweenaw Peninsula, Gay Lac La Belle Rd, Mohawk, MI 49950

land has created a shield from Lake Superior's fury, which allowed ships to unload supplies and be loaded with copper ore.

The beach is stunning! Nearby are many hiking and biking trails, plus Mount Bohemia, a downhill ski resort. It's worth the trip in any season!

Resources:
Alexis Dahl's video
Fodor's Travel Guide to Singing Sand Beaches
Travel Keweenaw's website

Right: Bete Grise Preserve is located on the south side of the Keweenaw Peninsula.



Using a rock in a circular motion worked to make the sand mournfully sing!



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