

Betsy Davidson embodied the true spirit of Lowell

Betsy left us on Monday, September 5. We mourn her passing, along with everyone who was lucky enough to have known her. Hopefully upon reading this story, those who did not know her will gain some insight into her character and recognize what she did for all of us in the Lowell community.

After collecting comments, stories, impressions, and anecdotes about a true gem in Lowell, it might be easy to assume that Betsy Davidson was more than human and just visited us from somewhere

was indeed a member of the family of humans. She just happened to be a shining example of many of the best parts of what makes us human beings.

Consider some of what helps the Community of Lowell really shine and you will no doubt include a list of non-profit organizations that are powered by volunteers who give of their time, talents, finances and other resources to benefit the greater good. Some of those organizations that come to mind might include the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell



Betsy Davidson on Crooked Lake with Tru - her favorite dog to borrow.



that has been working to connect hiking and biking trails in and around Lowell for over two decades. As someone told us, "If you look around our community, you will see traces of Betsy just about everywhere you go."

Before we dive into the numerous ways that Betsy has served Lowell by applying her talent and time to the organizations listed above, how about we focus on the super powers she possessed that allowed her to jump into

community involvement with both feet, time and time again. If you inquire about Betsy as a person and friend, the paragraphs that come back are filled with descriptors such as: caring, understanding, passion, enthusiasm, generosity, gentleness, helpful, and the word "kindness" led the pack. One person called Betsy "a glowing little firefly of kindness." Another assured us that she would give you the shirt off her back. Still another credited her with being "the strongest

woman I have ever known." Several mentioned Betsy's ability to search for and find the good in everyone she met. A close friend called her "Bubble" for two reasons. First, because she had a very bubbly personality, but also because she claimed Betsy lived in a bubble in which she only saw the good in others. She has been compared to a Boy Scout, in that, she was always prepared.

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in the DC or Marvel universe of super heroes. However, we have checked all the records and have come to the conclusion that Betsy

Rotary Club, our Historical Museum, Relay for Life, the Lowell Community Fund and LARA – the Lowell Area Recreational Authority

Pink Arrow XV goes off without a hitch

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Outside of a little midday heat, the 15th annual Pink Arrow event at Lowell High School was as close to perfect as could be.

There were four events that took place over the course of the day. Both schools that participated (Middleville Thornapple Kellogg in football and soccer, and Grand Rapids Catholic Central in volleyball) wore pink socks to join in on the spirit of the event. One of the first events was a volleyball scrimmage against Grand Rapids Catholic Central. MHSAA rules state the scrimmages

are "for instruction more than competition" and prohibits schools from publicizing the results of said scrimmages. That scrimmage took place on the outdoor court at the stadium, as it has in past years.

Up the hill, at the LHS Athletics North Campus, was the soccer stadium where varsity soccer lost 6-3 to Middleville TK. The JV team played after the game. While the different locations for events were new this year, volunteers on golf carts made travel between the

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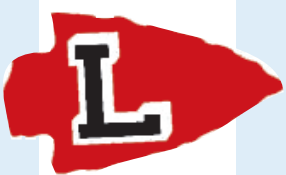
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Annual Fallasburg Arts Festival will take place Sept. 17-18

The 54th Annual Fallasburg Arts Festival is presented by LowellArts and will be held on September 17 and 18. The two-day, outdoor festival includes 100 fine art and fine crafts booths, live music on a central stage, food booths supporting local non-profit organizations, a children's craft area, and craft demonstrations.

Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 5pm. Admission is free. Parking is \$5 per car. Location: Fallasburg Park, 1124 Fallasburg Park Drive, Lowell.

Artist booths are juried and a broad range of different mediums are represented including: jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed

media, wood, painting, drawing, photography, floral, basketry, and more. Demonstrators of traditional crafts are located in the pavilion. Visitors of all ages are invited to watch the artisans at work. Demonstrations include: gourd art, mosaic, fly tying, quilting, weaving, needle felting, wood turning, wood carving, and more.

Musical entertainment is held on an outdoor stage both days of the event, featuring a variety of music styles. Saturday music line-up: 10:15 Fusion Rock Orchestra, 11:30 Hawks and Owls, 1:00 Josh Rose, 2:30 Bruce Matthews Band, 4:00 The Porters. Sunday music line-up: 10:15 Easy Idle String Band, 11:30 Blue Water Ramblers, 1:00

The Wild Honey Collective, 2:30 The Adams Family, 4:00 Brotha James.

A children's area provides children the opportunity to decorate and take home a pumpkin. On Sunday, from 12-4 pm in the Children's area, guests of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in Drums for All with Josh Dunigan. Josh will share his love for world music and percussion through an interactive drumming and rhythm experience.

Food booths offer an array of fall-inspired and festival foods, offered by local community organizations. Visitors are invited to purchase raffle tickets to win one of over 75 artist-made items donated by festival artists, or the grand prize quilt, created by



Beverly (Kropf) Anderson, exclusively for the event. Annual attendance estimates are 25,000. Fallasburg Park is

located off Lincoln Lake Road, north of downtown Lowell, at 1124 Fallasburg Park Drive, Lowell. For more information,

contact LowellArts at (616) 897-8545, e-mail info@lowellartsmi.org, or visit the website lowellartsmi.org/fallasburg-arts-festival.

KDL Annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest

Kent District Library, Schuler Books and two other libraries from across Michigan, announce the eleventh annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest, which drew almost 1,200 entries last year.

Michigan writers of all ages are invited to enter, with separate categories for youth, teens and adults. Writers can enter in either English or Spanish. Winning entries will be published and receive cash prizes.

"So many writers have the goal of getting their story published, and Write Michigan gives them that opportunity," said Katie Zuidema, Marketing Communications Specialist at KDL. "Not only do writers have the chance to win \$500, but their story could also be available to the masses in a bookstore and on library shelves across the state."

Stories can be

submitted at writemichigan.org through Wednesday, November 30. Details include a 3,000-word maximum length; \$10 entry fee for ages 18 and above, free for 17 and under; current Michigan residents only; all entries must be submitted online.

There will be four cash prizes given in each of the three categories — Judges' Choice (\$500), Spanish Language (\$500), Readers' Choice (\$250) and Judges' Choice Runner-up (\$250). The top ten stories in each category will be reviewed by a panel of judges comprised of published authors, editors, professors and literary agents. A public vote will determine the winners of Readers' Choice.

Winners will be honored during an awards ceremony in April and their

story will be published in an anthology by Chapbook Press. KDL is pleased to welcome author, Caitlin Horrocks, as the Write Michigan keynote author for 2023.

Those who enjoy reading stories are encouraged to sign-up to be a volunteer story reviewer at writemichigan.org/volunteer.

KDL again welcomes Traverse Area District Library and Canton Public Library as partners this year. They will work to attract writers and volunteers from their part of Michigan.

New this year, join a community of writers online through Facebook (facebook.com/WriteMichigan)

and Instagram (@write.michigan). Get encouragement, writing tips, challenges, and more, while you plot out your award-winning short story.

Kent District Library is offering a programming series geared towards writers and aspiring writers, covering topics like getting published, the art of

description and developing strong characters. For more details, including dates, times and locations, visit writemichigan.org/writers-conference.

For more information on Write Michigan, visit writemichigan.org.

U.S. Department of Education announces \$51.7 million in 189 McNair Grants

Grants awarded to universities and colleges in 45 states and Puerto Rico

U.S. Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, has announced \$51.7 million in 189 new grant awards to institutions of

higher education across the United States as part of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair): The program provides grants to universities and colleges

for projects designed to provide disadvantaged college students effective preparation for doctoral studies.

"When we look at U.S. students studying to become our future physicians, professors, scientists and other crucial professionals requiring graduate degrees, many demographic groups are underrepresented, including first-generation college students and those from low-income

families," said Nasser Paydar, assistant secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education. "McNair grants fund projects at universities and colleges that help underrepresented students to access doctoral programs."

This announcement delivers on Secretary Cardona's priorities to expand equitable access to

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Alto Harvest Festival and Car Show will be Sept. 17

The small town of Alto will be celebrating their 41st annual Alto Harvest Festival, and 16th annual Car Show on Saturday, September 17, with activities for all ages. This event is hosted by the Alto Harvest Festival Committee.

The Alto / Bowne Township Firefighters Pancake breakfast takes place from 7 am to 10 am at the Alto fire station, 6260 Bancroft. Golf cart shuttles will be available to and from the breakfast.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 am at Veterans Park with the national anthem, a formal flag raising by the Girl Scouts and the presentation of colors by the Alto American Legion Post 528.

The popular car show will feature between 175-200 cars. Take a stroll down

memory lane and view street, muscle, antique, classic cars and trucks. Goodie bags and dash plaques for the first 150 entries; top 50 awards will be presented. Registration begins at 7:30 am and the show runs from 9 am to 3 pm. There is a \$10 entry fee. For registered participants, there will be door prizes handed out throughout the day, as well as a grocery guess, awards and raffle.

The Alto American Legion is hosting bingo from 12 pm to 6 pm; kids bingo from 9 am to 11 am. Throughout the day a membership drive, with the intention of reaching out to eligible veterans in the community. The legion will be open to the public all day.

There is a contest for everyone, including the Blue-Ribbon Baking Contest and Baking Bingo, a new twist on an old game.

Instead of prize money you win baked goods and baking essentials. This is a true Alto Harvest Festival original.

Enjoy activities for the kids at the Kids Zone, located on the green at Alto Baptist Church, with bounce house, slide, face painting, petting zoo, and more.

Harvest Festival activities include the Alto Library book sale, food and a scavenger hunt for the kids.

The craft and vendor show, will be featuring up to 20 booths, begins at 9:30 am. Live music, featuring Prio Noon, who performs from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.

The pie eating contest takes place at 11 am for kids 5-12; tweens 13-19 and adults 20 to senior. To enter, just sign the waiver and claim a spot at the tables. The winners in each category receive \$10 cash



prize and trophy. Second places will receive a medal.

Alto isn't hard to find; it's located off I-96, exit 52. Go south on M-50, following it to 60th Street,

turn west on 60th Street. When you come to the stop sign at Bancroft, you have arrived in Alto. Parking is available on streets and First Baptist Church of Alto.

Like us on our Facebook pages at Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show, as well as Alto Harvest Festival Craft & Vendor Show.

Mining operation behind Bowes Road will result in a 22-acre lake with residential units

By Emma Palova contributing writer

Grand Rapids Gravel (GRG) has begun mining on 63,7 acres of land behind Bowes Road. Site excavation will include creating a berm along Bowes Road and around the duplex, located at 1600 Bowes Road, as well as other dust and noise control measures. GRG uses water to spray material and they have created a berm to help shield noise. Trees have been left as a natural buffer for both noise and dust.

The plan is for a 10-year mining project with a housing project to follow shortly after. The mining will result in roughly a 22.5-acre lake with proposed residential units on the north side of the lake.

According to GRG project representative, the mining operation has done this process at multiple locations in the Greater Grand Rapids area that have resulted in beautiful developments. Examples of these are Versluis Lake, Millennium Park, and Boulder Creek Golf Course.

The mining property consists of four parcels in the Industrial and the River's Edge districts. Approximately 322,000 cubic yards is expected to be removed from the site. The Industrial District is also located to the north of Bowes Road. The western property boundary is adjacent to the AG-2 Rural Agricultural District in Lowell Township, which

contains a township park.

The removal and processing of topsoil, stone, rock, sand, gravel, lime, or other soil or mineral resources are permitted by special land use in the Industrial and River's Edge districts. The Lowell Planning Commission approved the special land-use permit for GRG in April after a public hearing. It was a re-application, after the first initial approval in December 2020, due to no construction or on-site activities by the applicant.

Mined material will be used to supply Grand Rapids Gravel Redi-mix plants, as well as sold to local landscapers and DIY customers.

The site plan includes a 20-foot easement for

the planned Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) trail extension on the south side of the mining area. The trail may need to be relocated if it isn't acceptable to EGLE or the MDOT grant program, as it directly borders regulated wetlands. GRG has agreed to grant an easement to have the existing trail add a connection to the east and run the entire length of the property.

The city has acknowledged that there are valuable natural resources on the property and that there is a need for those valuable resources by the applicant or in the market served by GRG.

It has been concluded that no serious consequences would

result from mining. GRG deposited the sum of \$5,000 with the city treasurer to serve as a monitoring and enforcement escrow account and a performance bond in the amount of \$120,000. The bond will be released when all the conditions stipulated in the special land use permit have been met and the mining and restoration activities, with the exception of the future residential development, are complete.

Natural screening in the form of topography, vegetation, and tree lines, will be preserved as much as possible to maintain the general character of the city, public rights of way, and neighboring properties. Stockpile height may not exceed 45 feet, and proposed

berm, should be between five to seven feet tall.

The hope of GRG representatives is to extract valuable resources that will go into the infrastructure

in the West Michigan area and then leave Lowell with a wonderful residential unit after the mining is done.



The mining on the south side of Bowes Road has begun.

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Michigan history

Dave Stegehuis

American history was one of my favorite subjects in high school. The United States has an interesting history, partly because of so many significant events happening in a young country in a short period of time. Michigan history is particularly fascinating for those of us who live here. The historical accounts and stories are about places we have been and people whose names we may recognize.

This spring a friend in the U.P. gave me two books

published by the local historical society. The books recounted the history of several small communities in the central U.P., from settlement to the mid-70's. The area developed quickly due to the importance of mining and logging to a fast-growing nation. As these resources became depleted, so did the economy, and the population decreased as fast as it grew. I have spent a fair amount of time in the area over the years but did not fully realize what had transpired there and why. I now have more appreciation for the time and experiences I had there and intend to return to explore new places from a different perspective.



We, in the Lowell area, have the good fortune to have friends and neighbors who have developed written and tangible historical records of our own area and continue to work to expand our knowledge of the past. Understanding what went on before us puts our own lives in perspective. Hopefully, we can see more clearly what worked and what did not work and what values and priorities are important in the long run.

When traveling around the state to fish, camp, visit waterfalls or whatever gets you out and about, check out local history to generate more interest and value from your travels. You will probably come away with more of an appreciation of where you are in life today and how you might reconsider where you are going. Best of all, it is fun and interesting.

Book Corner

Shiner

By Amy Joe Burns
Fiction

by Alison Yarger

What a delightfully different book, one that I whipped through quickly, as it was only 255 pages. Set in modern day Appalachia, it did seem a bit disingenuous, as I simply cannot fathom someone living in an area so remote that a wife and child are not exposed to anything other than a monthly trip to town to buy groceries at the local small town market in Trap, West Virginia. And of course, those groceries were reminiscent of the Ingall's family in 1800s Minnesota—flour, sugar, canned peaches and pears, just staples.

But while the story was a bit implausible, there was a feather stroke of believability to it, a whisp of wanting to believe in the core friendship shared between Ruby and Ivy, along with Wren, Ruby Bird's daughter. Daily trips over the rugged terrain by Ivy from her trailer, leaving behind her four boys and drunk husband Ricky. to visit Rubys, set the tone of a friendship that knows no bounds. Ruby's husband, Briar, aka White-Eye Bird, thus named as

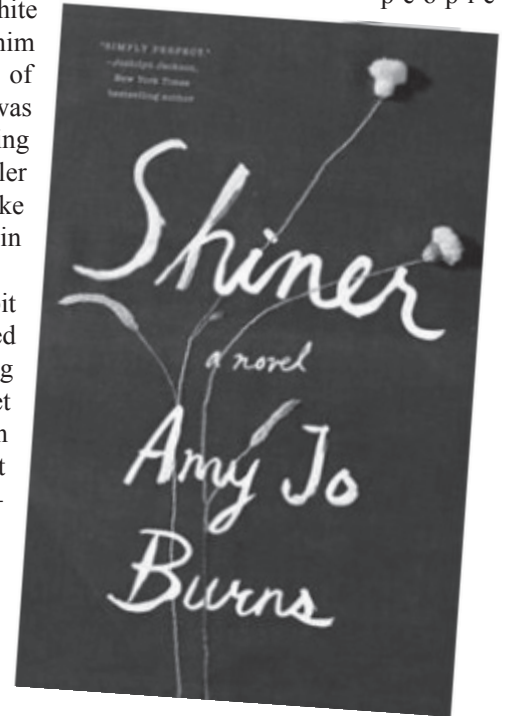
he was allegedly struck by lightning, turning one eye white and giving him the power of the word, was a church going snake handler who spoke at times in tongues.

A bit far fetched considering this is set in modern day West Virginia — moonshiners, people getting beaten and murdered with no police being called, no protection for children, opiod use, lack of hygiene, most people living in rusted trailers, and no schools, perhaps pushed the stereotype button over the top, but it did set a mood for the storyline.

I found this to be an engrossing novel about life in poverty stricken small town West Virginia. The characters were well developed and while some are appealing, others are horrendously damaged. The storyline is engaging with an overall sense of misery and impending doom; however, the novel's conclusion is satisfying and unexpectedly

upbeat.

Burns' prose was beautiful, and truly painted a picture of life in the mountains of West Virginia. There are heartbreaking moments throughout the book, but I believe for most people



the book will be absorbing and captivating. Yes, these people live rough and lonely lives, but the sacrifices made for friendship, pull for tough life choices. And, because snake handling still does exist in Appalachia, it draws on your emotional and religious conscience.

I'd give *Shiner* a 4.5 out of 5.

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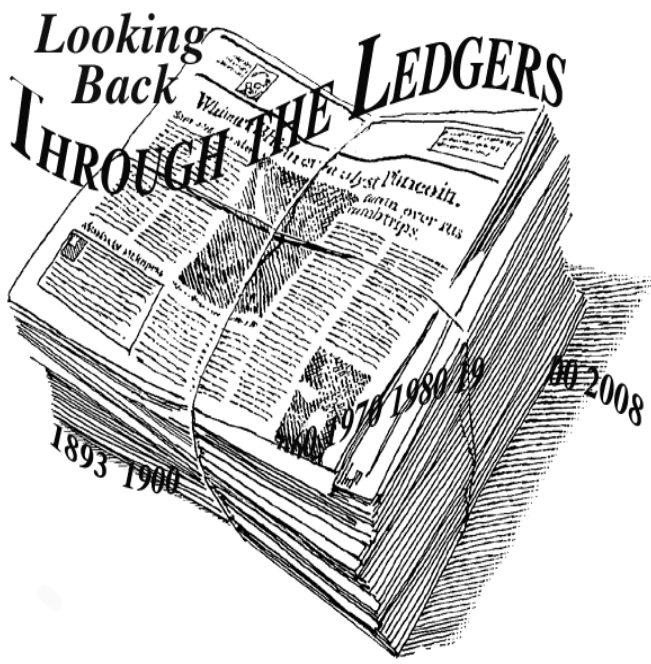
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- Gladys Fletcher, My Garden of Stones, Unexpected-did this really happen, Sept. 9
- Mark Love, Sept. 16
- Mary Kremer or Frank Wilson, Deadbolt, Sept. 23
- Chad Bishop, Intergalactic Exterminators, Sept. 30

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viewpoint



125 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 9, 1897

At a business men's meeting, held last week, it was decided to hold a farmers' and business men's picnic at Island Park on Tuesday, Sept. 21; and it is proposed to make it the grandest affair of the kind ever held in Western Michigan.

The new grounds of the Kent County Agricultural Society at Grand Rapids, consisting of 148 acres, are beautifully situated one and one-half miles south of the city limits on the line of the Michigan Central Railroad, and are admirably adapted for fair purposes.

Lowell schools resumed operations Monday with a total enrollment of 470 pupils, divided as follows: High room, 70; 8th grade, 30; 6th and 7th grades, 85; 4th and 5th grades, 55; 2nd and 3rd grades, 50; 1st grade, 34; West Ward, grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, 70, grades 1 and 2, 40. South Ward, 32.

Among the circuit court jurors drawn for the September term are: Ada, Alfred Turner; Bowne, Harry Thompson; Caledonia, Edwin W. Clark; Cannon, James Heffron; Cascade, Ransom Van Scarf; Grattan, George Whitten; Lowell, John E. Fallas; Vergennes, George O. Dutcher.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 14, 1922

The Lowell public schools opened September 5 with a new record of attendance, with a grand total, when this statement was made, of 593 and still going up.

To permit some of The Ledger employees to attend the West Michigan fair before the closing, this paper will be printed Wednesday next week. Please oblige all concerned with copy one day earlier than usual next week. Monday morning copy, particularly of advertising, especially appreciated. Signed - The Ledger Force.

Over 200 descendants of the Rix Robinson family will gather at North Park, Sept. 23, for their fourth annual reunion to honor the memory of those old pioneers who did so much for the advancement of Michigan during the early days.

The Ledger job printing department has completed and delivered to the Fallas & Co. canning factory 40,000 two-color gallon can mince meat labels, requiring an 80,000 run on our large job press.

The new school year brings back the bright faced group of women and girls who teach in the public schools. Formerly regarded as an old maidish and bookish kind of person, the modern school teacher has developed into a young person whose charms considerably agitate the masculine heart.

Last week it was too dry and hot. Now it is too wet. Saturday, Tommy Curley and wife went to the city in the rain to look for the dry, but Tom says it is just as wet one place as another.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 11, 1947

Lowell people will regret to hear that Dr. Guy Loranger, who came here to practice medicine with Drs. Shepard and MaDonell, has returned to his home at Plainwell, as he was unable to secure a home here for his wife and family of six children.

The Lowell Showboat for 1947 grossed the largest amount ever, for a total of \$21,760.23, and netted, as of this date, another record amount of \$5,936.33. While Lowell Showboat funds are at an all-time high, the need for new seating and a new boat will use most of this reserve, N. E. Borgerson, general chairman reported.

Four years ago, Charles Orlassy told newsmen he lost a two and one-quarter karate diamond ring, valued at \$1,700, while swimming off the beach in front of his cottage on Crooked Lake. Thursday, Orlasky said he was swimming in the same spot, about neck-deep in water. Catching sight of a "gleam of gold" on an underwater tour, Orlasky said he breaststroked over to the shiny object and pulled his missing ring out of the sand.

Mrs. Harold Englehardt suffered a gall bladder attack Monday evening and was taken to Blodgett hospital. Her condition was improved Tuesday morning but she will have to remain there for several days.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life September 7, 1972

Despite the heavy pickup in traffic over the Labor Day (long) weekend, Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons, reported Tuesday that it was a "quiet weekend."

The remodeling being done at the Lowell Cut Rate Meat Market on East Main Street is very eye-catching...especially that brilliant blue striped wall paper. If you haven't notice, stop in and visit Gary and the boys.

Teachers, administrators and the school board of Lowell Area Schools gathered for their annual kick-off breakfast last Thursday morning at 8 am. Guests at the breakfast were retired teachers, community leaders and this reporter. (I differentiate, as I fall into neither category and I'm sure there was some question as to who I was and why I was there.)

Social Security benefits were being paid to residents of Kent County at a rate of \$6,337,000 a month at the close of 1971. Of the Social Security beneficiaries living in Kent County, 33,393 are retired workers and their dependents. Another 12,428 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 4,511 are getting benefits as disabled workers or their dependents.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 10, 1997

Having purchased the old Hard's building a couple of years ago, the RTM Corporation has now decided to convert the structure into an Arby's restaurant.

Looking to preserve the privacy and quietness of their homes, Elm Street residents took their battle to the Lowell City Council. Newell Manufacturing notice and truck route used was the topic of discussion with homeowners.

The Lowell Board of Education approved a two-year extension and a 3.1-percent raise for Superintendent Bert Blake.

The first-ever Valley Vista picnic/carnival on Saturday, Aug. 16, brought in \$400. Children and event coordinators, Bill and Chris Wendt, presented Lowell Area Fire Department captain Bryan Kimble with the check on Thursday. The monies will be used toward purchasing activity books to hand out to children during children's fire safety week.

Nearly 400 bikers paraded through Lowell on Sunday in the third annual Motorcycle Toy Run.

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Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 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

Night Owls Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. This month, we'll discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. For adults 18+

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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: Marks Ruben, Clothing

Marks Ruben Dry Goods and Clothing store was at this location prior to the fire of 1905, which consumed the westernmost six stores in this block. After the fire, when everyone was feeling discouraged, Marks refused to be downcast and said he was going to



Interior of Hahn Hardware Store



Gurney Hahn owned and operated Hahn Hardware, 1954-1992, and was a partner with Ware Story preceding that, 1951-1954, a total of 41 years. He had merchandise stacked and hanging from floor to ceiling. (Photos, 1968). He personally helped customers problem-solve.

do business in Lowell. His persistent energy resulted in the success of the new "Negonce" building rising from the ashes so soon. He opened his business in two storefronts: 205 E. Main was Dry Goods and 207 E. Main was Clothing. About 1200 people visited his store on opening day.

In 1907, the clothing and dry goods stores were separated. Harvey J. Taylor succeeded Ruben in the clothing business, with Taylor ordering a new stock of clothing from Chicago. Ruben fully retired in 1909 and J. Howard Payne, his head clerk, became his successor in the dry goods store.

Dr. McDannell's physician's office opened on the 2nd floor once again, 1905-1918. Later, it became the office of Dr. B. H. Shepard (1918-1954) with Dr. J.K. Altland

(1929-1937) and Dr. Jas. A. MacDonell after 1937.

In 1935, a Bowling Alley was installed to provide a recreation center for families. There were four Packard Duck Pin Bowling alleys. Men were employed as "pin-setters".

The Price-Rite Hardware of C. W. Cook and A. F. Armstrong moved here from next door after 1940 until 1949. From 1951-1954, it was the Story and Hahn Hardware (Ware Story and Gurney Hahn). It was Gurney's Hahn Hardware, 1954-1992, and Bob Ford's Hahn Hardware, 1993-2005. Pep Talk Red Arrow Spirit store operated here 2006-2017, and Fans in the Stands from 2018-2021. The new business, which opened here on July 1, 2022, is called Wear Forward, and is a consignment shop for women's clothing.

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A local icon to change owners

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

It's been a mainstay in Lowell downtown since the 2000s. Often, people passing by wondered what was in the small brown building by the tracks, with the funky caricature of a chef in the gable above the sign, Fry Daddy's.

It all started back in 1998, when Tim Stroosnyder and his brothers Brian, Scott, and Paul, pooled some money and purchased the first Fry Daddy's located on 44th Street in Kentwood. The idea came from two uncles who operated the old Hook-N-Cook on Burton Street in Alger Heights many years ago. The same uncles later purchased Larkin's Restaurant, now Junction Bar and Grill.

"The idea was to purchase other stores as the

business grew, retaining the same name and menu," said owner Nancy Stroosnyder.

Paul purchased the second store, which was the current Lowell location, and a third one was purchased by Tim and Nancy located on Plainfield. Over time, both the Kentwood and Plainfield stores were closed and Tim and Nancy, took over the Lowell location. After a bit of a health scare in 2021, Tim and Nancy decided to sell the business.

Did they all like fish? Not necessarily, according to Nancy. "Brother, Brian, doesn't like fish, brother, Paul, is allergic, Scott and Tim don't mind it," said Nancy.

Tim loved the wings, while Nancy was all for the cod, shrimp, and okra. The okra was on the menu from the start with the original store. "I love the cod. I also

like the okra, it's awesome with garlic salt and hot sauce."

"Food aside, we loved our little store," Nancy said. "Most of all, the little decorations and knick-knacks were purchased by my mom and dad, as they loved garage sales. They were always on the lookout for "fishy" little items to bring into our store."

So, what will they miss the most about the store?

"We will certainly miss our regular customers, who provided our best year ever, right in the middle of the COVID debacle, when things were shut down, making money tight for everyone," she said. "Customers still came in and we had one of our best years ever. We love you guys." The worst time was when Tim was assaulted one night while closing. "It



Fry Daddy's to change owners and name.

was a horrible night for all parties," she said.

After closing this chapter in their lives, Tim may look for something

part-time and Nancy will continue her work as an office manager for West Michigan Construction and a bookkeeper for Great

Lakes Insurance.

The new owners will call the business, Fish & Chicken Express. The re-opening will be in a few weeks.

National Preparedness Month the ideal time to review insurance policies

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is providing tips to help Michiganders prepare for, and recover from, damaged caused by a storm, fire, tornado, or other natural disaster.

"As another beautiful Michigan summer winds down, September is an ideal month to read your insurance policies, prepare or update inventories of your belongings, and make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities if your property is damaged," said DIFS Director, Anita Fox. "If you don't prepare for weather damage before it occurs, including having a plan to pay for your insurance policy's deductible, you could find yourself without access to the coverage you need if disaster strikes. If you do experience damage from a natural disaster, you

should carefully review your insurance policies and work with your agent and insurer to see what coverage is available to you. DIFS is available to answer questions and assist consumers 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 877-999-6442."

Before damage occurs, Michiganders should:

Review insurance policies to understand their coverage and responsibilities. Flood damage is not covered by standard homeowners and renters insurance policies. There are certain insurance policies, including federal flood insurance, that homeowners would need to purchase to have coverage for flooding or water and sewer back-up resulting from storms or other natural disasters. It is important to discuss these options with your insurance agent or your insurance company, well before flooding or

damage occurs.

Prepare a detailed inventory of personal property, with photographs or videos of each room in the home and a detailed list of other valuables and equipment that do not appear in the photos or videos. These materials should be stored in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box, with a relative, or electronically online.

Make a list of important telephone numbers, including family members, insurance agents, and insurance companies.

Store copies of all insurance policy declaration pages and insurance cards in a safe place, such as a safe deposit box or online in the cloud, in case the originals are destroyed or lost.

Develop a plan,

such as a dedicated emergency fund, to pay for your insurance policy's deductible. A deductible is a certain amount of money that must be paid out-of-pocket before the insurance company will pay a claim after a loss. For example, a homeowners policy may have a \$1,000 deductible, meaning that you must pay \$1,000 of a covered loss before the company will pay.

In addition to any specific actions required by their insurance company, Michiganders impacted by storm damage should:

Contact their insurance company's claims hotline and/or agent to report the claim. Have the policy number, and other relevant information, readily available. DIFS

has prepared an Insurance Claims Tracking Sheet to make this process easier.

If there is water damage to a home or other structure, consumers should tell their insurance company that there is water damage, and they are looking to determine what coverage is available. Consumers should not simply state that the damage is due to a flood, as there may be additional causes for water damage,

such as a sewer backup or failing sump pump, that may be covered under the policy.

Take steps to protect the property and prevent further loss. Be sure to keep receipts for any purchases of supplies that are needed to protect the property.

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Pink Arrow photos



Betsy, continued

This preparedness served her well when she traveled on a regular basis with a group of friends. The group would mix travel and fun with the task of visiting other small towns as scouts to see what they might be doing well that could be applied to Lowell. Betsy was The Navigator on these trips, and she combined all the traveling technology available, as the Road-Tripping Girls hit the highways and back roads in search of fun, food, the occasional cocktail, and ghosts. Yes, haunted places and the possibility of ghosts were part of the agenda. It was on one of these trips that her fellow travelers convinced her that she should seek medical

every meeting, committee, and event. Her gentle push for making Lowell better resulted in Chamber events becoming huge draws – we have all seen the parking problems in town when these events happen. We can surely put some blame on Betsy Davidson for creating our parking problems at these times.

Speaking of Addorio, Betsy was the go-to person for many residents, businesses, and municipalities when it came to needing help with the ever-changing landscape of computer technology. One township official referred to Betsy as an Information Technology Genie because all you had to do is “wish” for something related to

to get involved in whatever project she was working on. One person put it this way: “If Betsy asked you to help with something, you just couldn’t say ‘no’. If you did, she would talk you into helping without your realizing she was doing it. She would just give you that little nudge and that sweet smile of hers; there was no way you could say ‘no’.” Stealth recruiting was one of her strong points. Once you heeded her call to help, you could rest assured that she appreciated your time. Many people reported on how she always offered-up encouragement



help for the persistent back pain that was bothering her. It was then that the doctors discovered cancer. This was bittersweet for her friends. The sweetness came from the fact that they, and all of us, were given a few more years of Betsy, than if she had continued to ignore the problem.

As the Official Navigator, Betsy would monitor the vehicles navigation system, a laptop, her smart phone, and old school paper maps of the areas in which they traveled. Prepared, indeed. She brought this same level of preparation and attention to detail to everything she became involved in.

Betsy started a business, Addorio Technologies, and from the moment she joined the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in the year 2000, she was all in. She was a Chamber Ambassador for 15 years; served on the Board including years spent as Vice President and President. Anyone who attended a Riverwalk Festival or one of the Christmas events benefitted from Betsy having a hand in putting on those great events. She brought her all to

computers and poof – she made it happen. It was very easy to collect stories from people in all walks of life around Lowell about how Addorio stepped in to save their bacon when it concerned their computers.

You might have interacted with Betsy and not even known it. She had manned the food booth for the Lowell Historical Museum for many of our popular Sizzlin’ Summer concerts. She also volunteered as a docent at the Museum. The Relay for Life felt her impact as a participant, volunteer, and Team Sponsor. Once she was diagnosed with cancer, she willingly shared her story through the Pink Arrow Pride, in the hope that she might somehow encourage or help someone facing cancer.

Before we continue to laud Betsy’s volunteerism, it must be pointed out that not only did she work hard for so many of our local organizations, she was a most excellent recruiter for them as well. Proving the point that you catch more flies with honey than vinegar, Betsy would constantly persuade others

to her fellow volunteers. She was known for consistently using the phrase: ‘Thank you for all you do.’

You may or may not be aware that in addition to cancer that took her from us, Betsy had Multiple Sclerosis. MS is a relentlessly wicked disease that attacks the protective covering of the nerves that run throughout our body; symptoms include loss of vision, coordination problems, pain, and fatigue. While many people, faced with just one of these health issues, might become bitter and secluded, Betsy regarded both cancer and MS as “challenges” and carried on to the amazement of those in her circles. Betsy responded to MS like the fighter she was. In typical fashion, she gave of herself to MS of Michigan. She organized the ‘MS Day at The Lake’ event for ten years and received an award for raising \$50,000 for MS in 2016. The next year, she was recognized for being one of the top ten fundraisers in Michigan. All this - while being a business owner, wife, and steadfast volunteer to the other organizations mentioned here.

The Lowell Rotary

Club joined the chorus of those who have benefitted from Betsy’s involvement. Once again she did not just show up at meetings. She served on the Board and as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. She took a solo trip to Ethiopia and worked with Rotarians there. Betsy worked on the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program put on by Rotary and Flat River Outreach Ministries, and once was the Chairperson of the Michigan Rotary Convention.

When it is completed, the LARA Trail System, that runs around and through Lowell, will be a part of one of the largest trail systems in the country. The LARA Board hopes to have all the parts connected in the next couple years. The Trails are the result of the hard work of volunteers since 1999. Betsy was one of the first to answer the call from Bert Bleke for help in bringing this multi-million-dollar project from dream to reality. Over the 23 years of her involvement, “she has done everything there is to do with the trails including clean up, working on the board, and fundraising. If it had to be done, she has probably done it at some point.”

A fellow LARA Board member has 7,368 emails about the Trails that somehow involve Betsy. He said, “Her DNA, heart and soul are in every square inch of the trail system that we all enjoy.”

It should come as no surprise that her fellow LARA Board members have taken steps to honor Betsy and to insure that users of the Trails will know of her involvement in creating them. To that end, there is a bench being crafted that will be inscribed: “In honor of Betsy Davidson for the decades of service to the trails and community.”

The second step will be the naming of the soon to be completed section of the Trail that will go from Foreman Road to the upcoming river crossing at Recreation Park (aka ‘The Fairgrounds’). It will be designated ‘The Betsy Davidson Trail Section’. In anticipation of her expected humble response, that she should not get any special recognition, one of the Board members hand wrote her a letter about the planned bench and trail name, including these words in all caps: “SORRY, IT IS A DONE DEAL.”

We want to close with more words from people

who worked with and were friends with Betsy, and who answered our call to express their love and appreciation. “Every community needs a Betsy. Every successful project needs a Betsy. Every person needs a Betsy in their life. If we all remember to share just a fraction of the goodwill we have all experienced from Betsy, the world will be a much better place.” “Betsy has always been the brightest light in the room, always with such a beautiful smile. Always so very willing to assist and lend a hand to any project. If you look around our community, you will see traces of Betsy just about everywhere you go. Her gentle demeanor works magic, and she will leave her imprint here forever.”

We can only hope these collected words will reflect back to Betsy’s family a portion of the love and attention she poured into Lowell. We would like to use Betsy’s own words to close: “Thank you for all you did for us.”



Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS



Soccer team finds the net against Middleville

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Pink Arrow is always the most attended soccer game of the season and this year will likely wind up being the most entertaining.

Nine goals, a red card, two penalties, a disallowed goal, and a rare type of goal allowed for an entertaining affair between Lowell and Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg on Pink Arrow night.

Both teams got in on the spirit of the day. The honoree ceremony preceded the event for Lowell players and coaches and the team wore special pink uniforms.

Middleville players wore pink socks as well. It was the first Pink Arrow soccer match played at the new soccer stadium.

On the field, Lowell started the scoring, off a deep throw-in that went into the box; David Foster connected with a volley into the bottom left corner that gave the Red Arrows a 1-0 lead about 22 minutes into the game. Middleville TK would equalize, with 10 minutes left in the half, on a thru ball from midfield, that three Lowell defenders were able to give chase to, but not before the ball went into the back of the net.

Shortly after, the Trojans made it 2-1. The way the goal was scored was unusual, as it was scored directly on a corner kick, a type of goal those in the soccer world call an "olimpico". It is an extremely difficult, and thus, a rare goal to score, given the angle and curve at which the ball must travel and the fact that nobody can touch the ball after the corner for it to be considered an olimpico. It's rare in the professional game, as well as, at the high school level.

The Red Arrows opened the scoring in the



Aiden Ottinger saves a penalty in the Pink Arrow game.



Lowell #12 Avery Miller proved to be a tough task For Middleville defenders on Thursday, scoring two goals.

second half to make it 2-2. A free kick by Middleville TK was won in the middle of the field by Lowell. Todd Parcheta lobbed the ball up to Avery Miller, who slotted it into the right corner of the net.

Six minutes into the second half Lowell took a 3-2 lead on another Avery Miller goal, this time from a cross from Foster.

The Trojans made it 3-3 on a similar play a few minutes later. Soccer is normally played with 10 field players and one goalie. When a player receives either two yellow cards or a red card, that team is dropped to nine field players and a goalie. Red cards are rare in high school soccer. Generally, red cards in high school soccer are given for unsportsmanlike behavior. This was not the case here, however, as a Lowell defender found himself on the wrong side of a Middleville TK offensive player and Lowell's goalie.

To avoid what would've been a certain goal, he tried to make a play but committed a foul. Since he was the last defender and disrupted a clear goal scoring opportunity, the referee had no choice but to issue a red card.

Like a powerplay in hockey, when you have one less player, the game gets a notch harder.

Down 4-3, with 12 minutes to play, a big moment in the match was an Avery Miller goal that was disallowed for offsides. Lowell fans watching were, of course, not happy with the call at the time, but it was the correct one.

"He was offsides," Lowell coach Jeff Sweet said after the game. "An attacking player is offside if there are less than two defenders between the player and the goal at the time the ball is played in: there was only one in this case, the goalie not counting as a defender."

The theatrics continued late into the match as Middleville was awarded a penalty. Aiden Ottinger came up with the save for Lowell, only for another penalty to be awarded for handball just seconds after. This time, Ottinger guessed the right way again, but the ball sailed past. Middleville tacked on one more goal to end the game with a 6-3 scoreline in their favor.

Though the match fell in the losing column for Lowell, the offense was a bright spot against a strong Trojans team. Senior Avery Miller and David Foster combined for a powerful combination several times during the match. Ottinger's penalty save will also prove to be a confidence booster for the goalkeeper.

Lowell is at Greenville on Tuesday, then hosts Byron Center on Thursday this week.

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Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Pink Arrows put together complete game in 49-6 win

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Packed stands, sunny weather, and a great night for football. That's all Lowell administrators were hoping for as kickoff of the 15th annual Pink Arrow football game approached.

On the field, things started off well enough, with the Lowell defense stifling a Middleville drive before the special teams came up with a big play. The Trojans snapped the ball over the punter's head and Lowell was able to get back and cover the ball, setting themselves up deep

in Trojan territory. They were able to take advantage on a 1-yard touchdown, run by quarterback Jackson Reisbig, and a 7-0 lead.

The Trojans defense held strong through much of the remainder of the half, but once the Red Arrows started to score, the floodgates opened. Reisbig hit CJ Poole on a corner route, with 3:27 left in the second quarter, for a 34-yard touchdown. The next MTK possession, Kailen Stokely was able to hit MTK quarterback Carsen Burbridge, as he threw the ball, popping it

up into the air and into the arms of Lowell defender TJ Hollern, who pulled down the interception.

Pink Arrow is full of emotional moments, and Hollern pulling in the interception was certainly one of them. TJ was playing in memory of his dad, Tim Hollern. He lost his battle with colon cancer in 2020. Lowell and FHE put on a Hooping for the Hollerns event in December 2019 to support his fight.

Lowell took advantage of the interception, as Reisbig lobbed a ball up to



CJ Poole had two touchdown receptions as Lowell beat Middleville TK, 49-6 in the Pink Arrow Game last Thursday.

Connor Lixie on a wheel route, who dragged his foot to stay inbounds and score an 18-yard touchdown.

An Aiden Fitzpatrick tackle on a short pass, on third down and Lowell using all three of their timeouts on the remaining drive, allowed the Red Arrows to get the ball back. The decision paid off, as with a short field thanks to a shanked punt, Lowell scored on a 3-yard touchdown pass, from Reisbig to Poole again, for a 28-0 lead heading into halftime. Lowell scored 21 points in the final four minutes of the half.

Following a marching band performance based on the musical Grease, Lowell struck quickly again as Carsen Crace went untouched for 37 yards for a touchdown. Crace was playing in honor of family friend, Diane Stinson, who beat breast cancer.

The Lowell pass rush made an impact on the following possession,

forcing an errant pass that Fitzpatrick was able to pull down and tip-toe along the sidelines for an interception returned for a touchdown and a 42-0 lead.

Middleville TK got on the board on a wishbone formation run by Grant Middleton. Their two-point conversion attempt failed.

Crace scored the final touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run with 3:00 to play in the 3rd quarter and a 49-6 scoreline. Lowell stuck to their running game to see the game out, but has proven that when they need to go to the air they have been finding success.

Todd Parcheta, who had just played in the soccer game less than two hours before, hit five extra points. One attempt had a bad snap that Parcheta tried to salvage and score on a two-point conversion, but was unable to.

"This feels a lot better than last year," Henige told players after the game, talking about how special the

night was and praising the team's performance. Lowell lost to, then defending state champions, Mona Shores, in last year's Pink Arrow game.

Elsewhere in the OK White, there were signs that the conference was not as strong as many thought. Forest Hills Central and Lowell are the only two teams of the eight that are 2-0 so far in the season. Everybody else sits at 1-1, outside of East Grand Rapids, at a surprising 0-2.

Conference play should tell us much more about the current standing of the OK White. Lowell starts it off this Friday at Legacy Field against Greenville. The Yellow Jackets are 1-1 coming off their first win since 2020, a victory over Kenowa Hills. It was their first win over a team not named Ottawa Hills since 2018. They lost to Allendale in week one. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm.



Lowell Student section members enjoy a Pink Arrow tradition of their own, Thundersticks, as they cheered on the Red Arrows to a victory.

- GOLF

Runner-up finish boosts golf teams confidence

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

The rolling hills of Brookside Golf Course provided the setting for an early season triumph for the Lowell girls golf team, a runner-up finish in a conference jamboree. The conference is one of the most challenging in the

state for girls golf and the Red Arrows were right there in competition with some of the state's best golfers.

LHS was led by sophomore Elle Sluss who came in with a 41. Leah Krieger (44), Stephanie Spinella (47), and Hannah Flickinger (48) rounded out the scoring. Sophia Flickinger (50) and Emma Jo McCormick (50) also competed. Sophia recorded a birdie in her round.

Byron Center won the event with a 171. Lowell followed at 180. Pacing behind Lowell was FHC (188), GR Christian (198), Northview (199), and Greenville (227). Grand Rapids Christian's score was

of particular interest, led by medalist freshman Lillian O'Grady who shot an even par 36, The Eagles had a 48 and then their next closest round was 58.

Forest Hills Northern and East Grand Rapids did not participate in this jamboree, but Lowell was competitive with both schools at the Kent County Classic. While Byron Center may be the league favorites, Lowell is certainly looking to be in the mix.

The girls golf team has a busy week this week with a Wednesday conference jamboree, Unity Christian Invitational on Thursday, and another 18-hole tournament on Friday.



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obituaries

CURTIS

Judy Marie Curtis, of Lowell, passed unexpectedly on August 28, 2022, at home with her puppy by her side. She is survived by her loving son Ryan (Cori); grandchildren Lucy, Emma and Henry; sister, Jody Pavlak; and many dear cousins. She is preceded in death by her devoted husband of 40 years, Tom; her son, Justin; parents Frank and Jeanne Thill; and siblings Kim Thill and Julia Thill. Judy was born on March 12, 1954, and a 1972



graduate of Ionia High School. She was a hard worker with an adventurous spirit. She had many careers including working in radiology, interior design, owner of Country Produce Depot in Greenville and as a successful real estate agent. In addition to providing for her family, she was known

for entertaining with neighborhood-wide parties to celebrate birthdays and holidays. Judy and Tom built their dream home on Murray Lake where they raised their two boys, spent hours on their deck with a dog by their side, and enjoyed the lake life. Visitation will be held from 2-3PM on Friday, September 9, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 with a memorial service following starting at 3PM. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends contributions be made to Make-A-Wish Michigan, 7600 Grand River Ave, Suite 175, Brighton, MI 48814, an organization Judy volunteered for when she was a realtor at Greenridge Realty.

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DAVIDSON

Elizabeth Ann (Dommer) Davidson, passed away on Monday, September 5, 2022, after a long, brave battle with cancer and M.S. She is survived by her husband, Matthew Pax Davidson; her parents, William & Denise Dommer; step-mother-in-law, Cheryl Davidson; brothers, Anthony (Mary) Dommer, Zane Davidson; sister, Chelsea (Ryan Kohler) Davidson; niece, Sophia Dommer; nephew, Alex Dommer; step-grandmother-in-law, Shirley Ball; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Betsy graduated from Lowell High School in 1990, then attended and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1994 with a degree in Business Management. She founded Addorio Technologies, LLC in 2000. Some of

the many of Betsy's affiliations include, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador 2022 to present, Board of Directors 2007-2009 and 2010-2017; Lowell Area Recreation Authority, Board Member 2022 to present, and current Treasurer; Lowell Rotary Club, member since 2004, Board Member 2008 to present, President 2013-2014, Treasurer, and now has earned the Paul Harris +6, thanks to her involvement and other members of the Rotary; and Lowell Area Community Fund, Board Member 2004-2007. One of her proudest moments was being elected Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year in 2018. Her hobbies included traveling, hiking, and running. Visitation will be held 2-4PM & 6-8PM, Sunday, September 11, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. A Rosary will be held Monday, September 12, 2022, at 10AM at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St., SE, Lowell, MI 49331, with the Mass of Christian Burial held at 11AM. Rev. Fr. Michael Goodwin, presiding. Interment Bailey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any of these organizations that were also close to her heart, Lowell Area Trailway Committee, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331; Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331; Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331; and Podunk House/Historical Museum, 2436 N. Long Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

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GAMBLE

Rosemary J. Gamble, age 75 of Flint (formerly of Lowell), passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2022. She is survived by her daughters, Denys Kimble (fiancé, Larry Schneider) of Swartz Creek, Donna (Scott) Price of Brighton, Melissa Brewer of Livonia; daughter-in-law, Christina Gamble of Dowagiac; two sisters; grandchildren, Marc Kimble, Rob Kimble, Christian Price, Victoria Price, Katy (John) Lott, Lauren Brewer; and beloved great-grandchildren, Brody and Rylea Lott, and Xavier and William Price. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; son, Bill; her parents; four brothers and two grandchildren. Rosemary was born in Spencer, Wisconsin in 1947. She married William in Spencer, Wisconsin in 1964. For Rosemary, family and faith were



everything. She and William were active members of both St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gaines, MI, and St. Mary Catholic Church in Lowell. Visitation were held 6-8 PM, Monday, September 5, 2022, with vigil prayers at 6:45PM, and rosary prayed at 7:00PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11AM, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, with a visitation one hour prior to the mass, at St. Mary Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Michael Goodwin presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Vergennes Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinitarians of Mary, 62 N. Marble Road, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Michigan University, \$275,516; Northern Michigan University, \$253,769; Siena Heights University, \$284,772; Grand Valley State University, \$300,705 and Eastern Michigan University, \$261,888. Several additional McNair awards will be announced on a second slate, expected in September.

The McNair program is one of seven federal TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs. Research from the National Center for Education Statistics shows demographic trends for enrollment in postbaccalaureate programs, from 2009-2020.

The list of Michigan universities are: Wayne State University, \$261,622;

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UIA wins \$6.8 million federal equity

Regional outreach, translating materials, orientations for new filers among the initiatives funded by U.S. Department of Labor

The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) has been awarded a \$6,779,261 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to make it easier for workers in underserved communities to access jobless benefits. This includes workers who have historically had difficulties applying for benefits, rural and urban areas where residents have limited internet access, and those with language barriers.

The grant will support UIA initiatives to improve customer service, which is integral to UIA Director, Julia Dale's reform of the agency along with chasing down bad actors who steal taxpayer money, reducing the case backlog, and upgrading the agency's computer system. The DOL grant will fund data collection to inform future strategies, orientations for those who are new to filing for benefits, broadening language translation services, and expanding community outreach throughout Michigan.

"This grant will shatter barriers that many Michiganders encounter when they apply for unemployment insurance benefits after losing their jobs," Dale said. "It is important that we serve all residents across our diverse state by easing the benefits application process and confronting and resolving

every community's unique challenges. Navigating the benefits application can be difficult, and historically has prevented some Michiganders from seeking benefits at a time in their lives when they are most vulnerable to personal financial hardship."

The DOL's equity grants to Michigan and 24 other states provide funding to launch projects that seek to remove barriers related to race, age, ethnicity, language proficiency, disability status, geographic location, or other systemic issues, and enable those in need to access unemployment insurance benefits.

Equitable access to jobless benefits is important to Michigan's strong economic recovery from the global pandemic. Unemployment compensation is a lifeline for workers who lose a job, and these weekly benefits ensure that Michiganders can stay afloat, and cover rent or mortgage payments, buy food and clothing, access transportation to look for work, and pay household bills. Lowering barriers to benefits with a user-focused application process will ensure timely delivery of benefits and facilitate job searches for every worker.

The grant will allow UIA to launch four initiatives:

Develop analytics to track customer data and identify equity gaps so the agency can transition to a more proactive approach to addressing equity issues.

Conduct new claimant orientation seminars, geared toward covering issues such

as unemployment basics, filing claims, eligibility, protests and appeals, and how to remain eligible for benefits or avoid non-monetary issues.

Translate correspondence to jobless workers and online resources to address the needs of those who do not speak English as their primary language or have visual disabilities.

Create new partnerships with community, faith-based, or cultural organizations that help the unemployed throughout Michigan. UIA will also provide liaisons to assist with unemployment-related issues.

Each new equity strategy coincides with important reforms under Director Dale's leadership. The agency is working to replace its decade-old computer system with a user-friendly, state-of-the-art interface for claimants and businesses. The agency also has revamped its website making it more responsive to



those using a mobile phone or tablet to access services. UIA is working to simplify its correspondence with a human-centered approach to make letters easier to understand for claimants and employers.

Since Dale was appointed director in October 2021, she has:

Reassigned staff and

resources to address the largest categories of claims that are contributing to the agency's case backlog.

Implemented new ethics and security clearance policies for employees and contractors.

Collaborated with the Attorney General's office as well as local, state and federal law enforcement to

bring bad actors to justice and combat fraud at the agency.

Rebuilt to nearly \$1.8 billion (and growing) the UI Trust Fund from which weekly benefits are paid to workers who lose their job through no fault of their own.



Michigan has one of the world's longest suspension bridges – the Mackinac Bridge. It is five miles long and connects the Upper Peninsula to the other parts of the state.

Grand Rapids, the second-largest city in Michigan after Detroit, was rated as one of the 20 best livable cities in the U.S. The city takes its name from Grand River, which happens to be Michigan's largest inland river.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once a significant hub for furniture manufacturing with over 40 reputable companies. Still known as "Furniture City," Grand Rapids does manufacture all types of residential and commercial furniture year-round. This includes hand-crafted wood furniture and accessories for homes, offices, and other establishments. However, this industry has taken a backseat to beer and spirits manufacturing.

Michigan also has a mail delivery boat—J.W. Westcott II—which delivers mails to ships while they are waterborne. It is the only floating ZIP code in the United States. It is addressed "Vessel Name, Marine Post Office, Detroit, Michigan, 48222."

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not get rid of the items until instructed to do so by the insurance company.

If there is water damage to a vehicle, consumers should contact their auto insurance company. They may have coverage for the damage if they carried comprehensive coverage on their auto policy.

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Level: Beginner

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!

GOOD DOG WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

SUMMERTIME WORD SEARCH

AUGUST
BACKYARD
BARBECUE
BEACH

COOLING ENJOYMENT
FAMILY
FAN
GRILL
HOT
JULY

POOL RELAXATION
REST
RETREAT
SEASIDE
SHADE
SUMMER

SUNLIGHT SUNSCREEN
SWIMSUIT
ULTRAVIOLET
VACATION
WARMTH

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on September 5, 1951. I am the youngest of seven children. I worked as a cameraman for a local TV station. I've been in many popular movies, including dramatic and comedic roles. My real surname is Douglas.

Answer: Michael Keaton

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dogs.

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Answer: Collar

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CLUES ACROSS

- Grievous
- Queens ballplayer
- Honorable title
- Created
- Grillmasters do it
- Wartime German cargo ship
- Cocoplum
- Hebrew calendar month
- British thermal unit
- Brews
- One of Thor's names
- Decorative scarf
- Clothes
- _: denotes past
- A way to address a lover
- Commercial
- Utters repeatedly
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Taxis
- Belgian village in Antwerp
- Talk excessively
- Broad volcanic crater
- Surgical instrument
- Listens to

CLUES DOWN

- Protein-rich liquids
- Musician Clapton
- Wine
- When you hope to arrive
- Something one can get stuck in
- Midway between east and southeast
- Mothers
- German river
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Discharged
- Areas near the retina
- Greek mythological sorceress
- Very unpleasant smell
- "___ Humbug!"
- White poplar
- Journalist Tarbell
- Teachers
- One older than you
- Long Russian river
- Run batted in
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Holiday (informal)
- Furniture with open shelves
- Argued
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Cars have them
- Volcanic craters
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Shelter for mammals or birds
- One who utilizes
- Moves swiftly on foot
- Builder's trough
- Architectural wing
- 12
- Pacific Standard Time

Pink Arrow, continued

events that much easier.

The annual survivor's parade started at 6:00pm at the stadium, as LHS athletes and the marching band led the survivors of cancer down the winding path to the stadium and around the track to applause.

Five sets of honorees, made from one of the largest

honoree groups ever at a Pink Arrow game, as band members joined the usual honoree groups from soccer, volleyball, football, and cheerleading.

The honoree stories were powerful, including that of Sophia Campos, Lowell cheerleader, that was cheering in honor of

her mom Lisa, a breast cancer survivor. Another cheerleader, Lannie West cheered in memory of Matt Kooistra, who recently lost his battle with lung cancer. The entire Kooistra family walked with Lannie during the honoree ceremony. Soccer player Hunter Chick, played in honor of his

teams; football, soccer, cheerleading, and volleyball, got special custom pink jerseys with the names of their loved ones on the back. Jerseys came from RaisedUp, a local apparel provider co-founded by LHS graduate Jason Welsch. April McClure and Fans in Stands, who helped organize t-shirt



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sales and the event this year, also put names on the back for some jerseys as well.

The crowds at this year's Pink Arrow were also larger than recent Pink Arrows. Two years of COVID-19 impacted games in 2020 and 2021, gave way, as society adapts to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, there were no restrictions on the event and the stands were packed at LHS. The Lowell side was full and fans flooded to the extra bleachers on the north end of the stadium, sat on the hills, and a few even had to sit on the other side of the stadium where the Middleville spectators were.

Restaurant Row was back this year as area businesses like Keiser's Kitchen, Main Street BBQ, Heidi's, and Kona Ice set-

up in front of the football stadium. Themselves, along with the Lowell concession stand, helped add to the enjoyment of the event.

In the nightcap, the varsity football game against Middleville Thornapple Kellogg, Lowell won 49-6 in convincing fashion.

Organizers of the event projected that 5,000 Pink Arrow t-shirts were sold thus far, nearly going through their entire inventory.

"They know that what is raised today will be paid out in the community, to people within our school system, that are walking a cancer journey," added Teresa Beachum, longtime volunteer with Pink Arrow, who spoke with WZZM 13.

Over two millions dollars has been raised over 15 years, it was announced at the game.

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- Metric Manufacturing Co. • Mike Curtis Agency-Farm Bureau Insurance • PFCU • Rair
- River Valley Credit Union • Suez • The Laurels of Kent • The Old Theater
- Townhomes at Two Rivers • University of Michigan Health West
- WION Radio • Litehouse Family YMCA