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Betten Baker opens new Buick GMC dealership

by Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

The three-acre parcel of land, just west of the train tracks at 749 West Main Street, is the site of the brand new, multi-million dollar Betten Baker Buick/GMC car dealership and service center. The 16,600 square-foot facility is looking great as it is surrounded by a brand new black-top lot that is getting filled with new vehicles.

We spoke with Charlie Jeffrey, General Manager, and learned that the project took a little bit longer to complete than was expected when they broke ground September 1, 2021.

“We had a projected opening date of June 1st of this year,” Jeffrey said. “But between delays, getting materials and workers testing positive for COVID, it took a couple of months longer than anticipated.”

Betten Baker has been doing a lot of improving along Main Street; their brand new Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership was completed three years ago. It sure is nice to see big, brand new buildings along with the brand new cars, trucks, and SUVs on Main Street. The new building is on the lot that previously was the home of used cars sales.

“We had to do something there; it was looking pretty rough,” Jeffrey joked. “My hunting cabin looks better than the trailer we used as our Used Car office.”

We didn’t see anything that resembled an old hunting cabin when we took



View of the new Betten Baker Buick GMC from Main Street.

a look around at the Grand Opening last Thursday. The showroom has enough space for four vehicles, along with the offices and a waiting area. Everything is new and bright and the building is full of lots of natural light from all of the windows. The fifteen-bay service area takes up the southern side of the complex and is very impressive.

We stopped and chatted with Service Advisor, Rex Walkington, at his new desk. Rex has been involved in the repair and service of GM vehicles in Lowell for 35 years. He was with Wittenbach and stayed on when Betten Baker bought the franchise. We talked

about the massive difference in his new workspace compared to his old one across the street. He used to work in an area that was mostly subjected to the giant temperature changes we experience in Michigan, but now his desk and office

are located right inside an automatic garage door that will keep him happy in a climate-controlled environment year round.

“I am loving it,” Rex said with a smile. “It is so much better over here.”

Speaking of climate

control, the technicians working in the fifteen-bay service area will now enjoy the comfort of air conditioning in the hot

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City Council discusses Front Street soil sampling

By Jack Bates
contributing writer

Lowell City Council met on Tuesday, Sept. 6, for its latest regular meeting, lasting one hour. BLDI Environmental Engineering submitted their findings to the Lowell City Council regarding the soil sampling at the front street property. Nicole Mason spoke on behalf of BLDI, “Comparing to non-residential criteria, we exceed for arsenic and total chromium...for drinking water criteria and groundwater surface interface.”

The State of Michigan dictates due-care obligations for landowners. “You can’t exacerbate your contamination...and you can’t expose anyone to the contamination you

have,” said Mason. Because the Lowell city property on Front Street exceeds two criteria for due-care obligations, Lowell must prevent exposure to these contaminants. Drinking water is not a concern because there will never be a well on this property, but ground water surface interface (GSI) includes potential ground water avenues into the Grand River.

Lowell resident, Perry Beechum, raised concerns, “Kids will be kids. Riding their bikes going over the mounds...I feel like the city should act and remove [the contaminated soil].” Mason clarified that the soil does not exceed the State of Michigan’s guidelines for direct contact, meaning that touching the soil will not cause harm. Council

members asked Mason what the potential cost for removal of the soil was and she was unsure.

Mason recommended limited soil and ground water testing in multiple locations, between the Front Street property and the Grand River, to test for arsenic and total chromium. If these samples come back without the contaminants, the City of Lowell will preserve documents related to due-care compliance, should the State of Michigan ever request them. Otherwise, the property will remain undisturbed. The board approved a motion to fund the soil and groundwater testing for \$8,500.

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9-11 ceremony on Main Street

A ceremony was held at the Veterans Memorial on Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 11, honoring the 13 soldiers killed at Kabul International Airport Afghanistan in 2021, by reading of their names. Pictured left to right are: John Kuk, USAF, Vietnam service; Herman Weststrate Jr., US Army, Vietnam service; Phil Matuk, US Army, Vietnam-era vet; and David Maltman, USN, retired Iraq service. All four are members of the Lowell Veterans Center.



City council, continued

Orb Aerospace founder, Alex Taylor, presented the city council with a token of his gratitude he referred to as a “challenge coin” they present to individuals who have contributed to aerospace engineering. Three years later, following the support of city council to use a small office at the Lowell Airport, Taylor has hired 15 employees with experience, ranging from Falcon 9 aerospace engineering to Tesla automotive engineering. Their vision includes

delivering aid to developing countries to lift them out of poverty.

The council discussed the Line Shack building at 115 Riverside. After refusing the proposal submitted by Copperrock Construction, the council was presented with a list of options by city manager, Michael Burns. Council members were discussing whether to listen to further proposals or simply take no action, and the building would be left as is. Ultimately, this would lead to liability issues and, potentially, the need to demolish the property. The board voted to table the issue until October 3rd.

The council approved a motion to allow Michael Burns to sign contract

documents with MDOT to move road construction forward for Gee drive. The project is being partially paid for by the Small Urban Fund. Burns responded to citizen concerns that other roads are in greater need of resurfacing, “The roads have to be on a federally eligible highway.” Monroe, Bowes, Foreman, and Gee drive are the only eligible roads in Lowell, Burns further explained.

A resolution to recognize September 16th as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day was passed. Another motion was passed to allow City Council Member, Marty Chambers, to open a tasting room in his business at Red Barn Antiques. “If this passes, we will be bringing [Love

Wines] down here; creating a wine bar and having 27 different wines up for sale.” Chambers’ aim is to attract more people to Lowell’s Main Street.

Council members voted to allow Mayor Mike DeVore to act as the City of Lowell’s official representative to cast a vote of the municipality at the annual meeting. YMCA’s soccer park use agreement lapsed and was quickly renewed and approved by the board. The sale of surplus equipment was also approved and the funds will be directed towards the purchase of new equipment.

The council’s next meeting will take place at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 19, at City Hall.



Nicole Mason spoke on behalf of BLDI at the September 6 city council meeting.

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines available for booster shots

To better help fight the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an Emergency Use Authorization for bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for booster doses. This was followed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ recommendation for use of the Pfizer bivalent booster vaccine for ages 12 years and older and the Moderna

bivalent vaccine for ages 18 years and older.

“This is great news as we go into the fall and winter when we expect cases of COVID-19 to increase,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive. “The bivalent booster will help fight the Omicron subvariants, including BA.4 and 5. COVID-19 vaccines remain our best defense against the virus, and we recommend

all Michiganders stay up-to-date.”

The Moderna and Pfizer bivalent boosters target two strains of COVID-19 – the original strain of the virus and the most widely-spread Omicron variants (BA.4 and BA.5). Individuals ages 12 years and older, who have completed any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series (Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax or Johnson & Johnson) or previously received monovalent booster doses, are eligible to receive one bivalent (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 booster.

Michiganders can begin getting the bivalent vaccines as they become available. MDHHS has worked with vaccine providers across the state to ensure they were prepared for the arrival of the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines. Older formulations of booster

doses will no longer be available to persons 12 and older, as the FDA has removed authorization for those boosters.

To locate providers offering the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster doses, check your local pharmacy or visit vaccines.gov, which will be updated with bivalent booster locations soon.

Who is eligible to receive a single bivalent booster dose and when:

Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals may choose to receive either the Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster, regardless of which primary series vaccine or original booster dose they had previously. Influenza vaccines, which are now available in Michigan, can also be co-administered with the COVID-19 bivalent booster doses.

To date, nearly 6.8 million Michiganders, ages 5 and up, have gotten at least their first

dose of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible Michiganders are encouraged to stay up-to-date on vaccinations, which includes booster doses that provide extra protection, and residents of long-term care facilities where outbreaks can spread quickly and extra protection is strongly recommended.

MDHHS also encourages Michigan residents to pay attention to local guidance, as some communities may be at a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission.

To schedule a primary or booster dose of the COVID vaccine, visit vaccines.gov.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.

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Oakwood Cemetery walk highlights Lowell families, business people, and horsemen

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

The fourth annual walk through the Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell, organized by the Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM), took place last Saturday.

“Each year we focus on a different section of the cemetery so that we are able to share new stories,” said LAHM executive director, Lisa Plank.

Four stations, with volunteers Dale Kropf, Don DeJong, Nancy Roth, and Luanne Kaeb, highlighted different Lowell families and business people. Each station had 10 to 15 Lowell families highlighted, and the groups rotated.

“It’s a way to meet people from the past and bring them alive with their story,” said Kaeb.

Kaeb was inspired to

start the cemetery walk in Lowell by a similar walk for Alto Elementary School third graders in Bowne Township Museum. “Why not do it for adults?” Kaeb said.

The stories at Oakwood Cemetery abound from young wife Daisy Giles, of Lowell, who was killed in a train wreck in Grand Rapids in 1903 during a blizzard, to deputy Charles Knapp, killed in the line of duty in 1932 and all the other lives that were lived within the dash. The museum has files on people buried at the cemetery, as well as, seven books written by former sexton DeJong available at the museum gift shop.

The walk included stops at McQueen’s headstone, located in the second addition to the cemetery. Edmon McQueen

lived from 1891-1969. He served on the common council, board of education, board of trade, Masonic Lodge, Lowell Rod and Gun Club, and was director of the State Savings Bank.

McQueen started as a veterinary surgeon for the business of Perrin & Perrin. Later he took on the livery, started a ‘stand in’ barn and offered rides and rental rigs to get to the depot. When he moved to 222 West Main Street, McQueen donated the site at the corner of Chatham and Broadway for the current Post Office. As the world changed, McQueen changed with it, replacing horse rides with selling automobiles from the front of the building while the livery operated from the back.

Since Lowell has a long-standing tradition of



Lowell Museum curator Luanne Kaeb was one of four volunteers leading groups on the annual Oakwood Cemetery walk last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Dale Kropf.



Motorcycle accident in Vergennes Township

The Kent County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) responded to a pedestrian struck by a motorcycle in the 11,000 block of Vergennes St., SE on September 1, 2022, at 9:24 pm.

A 15-year-old female

pedestrian from Lowell was crossing the street when struck by a 35-year-old man from Lowell on his motorcycle. Both suffered serious injuries, as a result, but were listed in stable condition.

KCSO investigators

found that the pedestrian was legally using a crosswalk at the time of the crash. The investigation remains open at this time.

The Ledger has FOIAed for more information.

horsemanship, dating back to the great age of horse racing from the 1870s to 1920s, the walk highlighted Lowell horsemen - G.W. Parker, J.C. Train, Isaac Malcolm, Fred Malcolm, and R.P. Waters.

There was a lot of money involved. “Wobblin’ Moll,” a Grattan Township bred mare, used to thunder down the stretch with half of Ireland’s bankroll on her flying hooves.

Three-day races were held at the fairgrounds on the river-flat hollow, west of Oakwood Cemetery. These were considered among the important turf events of the Midwest; Kentucky thoroughbreds were shipped here for the competition.

In the late 1870s-1880s, J. C. Train built a half-mile horse track on the west side of the Flat River, today’s fairgrounds. The best horse breeders from Kentucky came to Lowell to select racehorses of the best blood. One Lowell breeder had more than 100 thoroughbred horses in his stables.

R.P. Waters was a

horseman known throughout the U.S. and England. He was quoted as saying “not even Belmont Park or Epsome Downs in England could offer the attraction of the little half-mile race track by the river at Lowell, Michigan.”

Other business people on the walk were M. Norton Henry, who came to Lowell in 1891 and worked for pharmacist, D. G. Look, before studying pharmacy school. He married Bessie McCarty and began his own drug business in 1905 in Negonce Block, which he operated for 45 years. Lindsey P. Thomas invented and manufactured a bean planter; Renis Doyle worked in lumbering and then was the treasurer for King Milling Co.; A. L. and Elizabeth Coons founded Coon’s Clothing Store in 1892 and relatives ran it until 1974. Wesley Roth operated a funeral home and furniture business in Lowell for more than 30 years.

Deputy Charles Knapp lived from 1890-1932. Knapp served his country

in World War I and served Lowell as a Sheriff’s Deputy for three years until he was killed in the line-of-duty, shot by a fleeing gang of robbers from Grand Rapids, on Lowell’s Main Street in 1932.

Jarvis C. Train was a builder and entrepreneur. He had warehouses built near the depot on Segwun and on the Main Street Bridge. Train built the three-story Opera House building in the 1870s and Hotel Waverly in 1884.

“It was a great day,” said Kaeb. “It was a success.” Plank said the museum anticipates offering another tour next year.

Other LAHM events coming up this year are:

- Apple dumpling booth at the Fall Festival for Arts, Sept. 17 - 18

- Madame LaFramboise talk at Vergennes Township Hall, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m., curator Luanne Kaeb and administrative assistant Shantell Ford

- Christmas through Lowell - vendors at the museum, Nov. 18-20

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How to avoid relationship breadcrumbing

I previously wrote an article about relationship breadcrumbing. This article will share why some people use this form of manipulation on others and what you can do to avoid or end this type of controlling behavior in order to move on to healthier relationships.

Possible reasons people breadcrumb As with any behavior, there isn't just one reason or explanation. Reasons depend on the person and the relationship. But there are some common things that breadcrumbers get from this type of behavior and a few are listed below. Breadcrumbing is an

emotionally manipulative tactic with the goal of dependency.

Dependency - One of the main goals is to make someone dependent on the breadcrumber.

Self-worth boost - Breadcrumbers often string along others to make themselves feel better. Your interest in them romantically is a boost to their self-worth. This also helps to boost their mood, especially when they're feeling down.

Need for validation - Similar to the boost to self-worth is the validation they get from someone being interested in them. They crave the validation from others that they are valued

and worthy.

Immaturity - They may not be ready to settle down and commit to one person. This sets up an internal struggle because they are getting a boost to their self-worth and validation from the "potential" relationship, but yet, they don't want to commit. So, they string the person along.

Narcissism - Many of these individuals have elevated narcissistic traits and like to play interpersonal games. Even if they are not consciously aware of these traits and behaviors, they often don't feel guilt for hurting and manipulating others feelings.

Emotional avoidance - Some breadcrumbers avoid confrontations, stressful interactions, and negative conflict. Due to a fear of commitment or rejection, they may also avoid voicing interest in others romantically.

They're in a relationship - Sometimes they are already in a committed relationship but need more validation and boost to their self-worth. Maybe they don't have enough control in the relationship, or another need that is not being met, so they look to get attention from others.

How to avoid or end breadcrumbing

Breadcrumbers work to control and manipulate

those that have feelings for them in order to get their own needs met. The result for you is confusion and emotional pain. Below are some suggestions to help you avoid or end breadcrumbing.

Set boundaries - don't accept this type of behavior. Determine what you will and will not accept behaviorally and let the person know when they do something that crosses a boundary. If they continue to act the same way then it's time to take action and block them on social media, apps, and your phone.

Ask for what you need - Asking for what you want and need from a potential relationship is normal. You won't get something if you don't ask for it. If the other person can't meet these needs it's probably time to move on.

If someone acts as if they don't care, believe them - Why would you want to spend time and energy on someone that clearly doesn't seem to feel you are important? Don't question your own value. If they don't treat you as a valued, worthy individual, and want to spend time with you, move on

Teach others how to treat you - Determine what is and is not okay for how a person behaves toward you and don't allow anything less. If they continue

to use manipulative and controlling behaviors, move on.

Don't reward bad behavior - If they treat you as a means to an end, don't respond. For instance, late night texts or calls when you have told the other person you need to be up for work early. This is disrespectful and crossing a boundary. Don't respond to their texts or calls because it just reinforces the bad behavior.

Believe in your self-worth - Know that you matter, your voice matters, and your feelings matter. Be kind to yourself and don't allow negative self-talk or doubts about your worth enter your mind. If this person makes you feel bad about yourself then they are not worth your time and effort.

Focus elsewhere - Set up realistic relationship guidelines and boundaries and stick to them. Look for someone that meets your relationships needs and stays within your boundaries. Someone that you feel good being with, that is available, is behaviorally healthy, and wants to spend time with you.

You deserve someone that you enjoy spending time with and that makes you feel secure and loved. This article is not meant to treat or diagnose. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

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KCSO Investigates Fatal Crash in Grattan Township

The Kent County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) responded to a two-vehicle crash at Lincoln Lake Ave and 5 Mile Rd., on Sept. 8 at 6:30 a.m. A 62-year-old Cannon Township man died as a result of the crash. A 23-year-old Belding man suffered serious injuries.

The initial investigation

reveals a Toyota Tacoma, being driven by the 62-year-old, was traveling eastbound on 5 Mile Rd and ran the stop sign at Lincoln Lake Ave. A Dodge Ram, driven by the 23-year-old, was traveling northbound on Lincoln Lake Ave and struck the passenger side of the Tacoma. Firefighters

from Grattan & Cannon Township Fire Departments were able to put out the vehicle fire resulting from the crash, but the driver of the Tacoma was pronounced deceased.

The KCSO Traffic Safety Unit continues to investigate the crash and what led up to it.

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125 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 16, 1897

Rev. A. P. Moors preached his final discourse to the people of Lowell at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening. The church was filled to overflowing, and all were not able to get into the building.

Ludwig Herman, an old soldier who lives in Orleans township, was murdered early Sunday morning. He came to Ionia and drew his quarterly pension of \$24 on Saturday. He exhibited the money freely at several saloons. His murderer has not yet been captured.

Ted Teft had one of his ribs broken by a kick from a colt last Friday.

In the Labor Day sports at Detroit, a Lowell boy, Willie John Wright, carried off several of the prizes. He won second prize in the 100-yard dash; third in running hop, step and jump; second in running jump; second in standing long jump; and first in three-legged race.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 21, 1922

Ed Murphy drew a fine of \$75 and costs from Justice Andrews, Monday, for driving an automobile on the highway while drunk. He paid.

Filling siloes and cutting corn is the rich with the farmer around here this week.

Kalkaska - Attempting to extinguish a fire in her home, started by an electric iron, Mrs. Louise Tripp, 68 years old, suffered burns which caused her death. With her clothing afire she ran into the street, where neighbors found her charred body.

Port Huron - Harry Dale, 17 years old, Dean Livingston, 17 years old, and a 15-year-old boy are under arrest charged with several automobile thefts. The boys have been stealing machines for joy rides for several weeks, later abandoning the autos, it is alleged.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 18, 1947

One of the oldest football rivalries in central Michigan will be continued when Ionia tangles with the local Red Arrows Friday night at Recreation Park at 7:30.

Fourteen residents of the southeast section of Lowell appeared at the council rooms on Monday

evening to ask for a sanitary sewer and city water. They pointed out that because of the low ground in that part of the village, septic tanks are very unsatisfactory and contaminate their wells. No action on their request could be taken because an insufficient number of councilmen were present.

On September 10, a group of eight Farm Bureau members, with tractors and plows, met at the farm of Sam Quiggle, where they plowed his wheat fields; Mr. Quiggle being unable to work because of a recent operation.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life September 14, 1972

Members of the Lowell Board of Education appeared to approve the new school budget with caution Monday night, as they apparently wanted to make sure that there would be enough money available to take care of any unforeseen costs that might rise.

A larceny was reported on September 9 by Jackson Motors. Two tires and wheels were stolen, valued at \$134. The matter is being investigated.

The Lowell Area Jaycees put a new face on their clubhouse on Burroughs Road, north of Lowell. The building also serves as a meeting place for the Flat River Snowmobile Club of Lowell, who will meet this Sunday to elect a new slate of officers.

Getting his girders in shape, coach Al Rowe and his Red Arrows will face the Ionia Bulldogs in a non-league game this Friday night, at Ionia.

At the 4-H State Archery Meet, Drew Condon, 16, of Lowell, won first place in the senior class instinctive class with 244 points of a possible 300. Tim Johnson, 15, of Ada, with a score of 200, placed third in the same category. ('Instinctive' is without a sight on the bow).

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 17, 1997

The balance between being a good neighbor and running a business can be a difficult one, but city officials believe Newell Manufacturing officials are working toward that with an agreement to help curb truck traffic on residential streets.

The Lowell Area Arts Council sponsors the Fallasburg Fall Festival on September 27 and 28, but in many ways, the 29th annual festival will be years in the past. Turn-of-the-century crafts and skills will be demonstrated throughout the festival, and antique autos and buggies will be on display. Special artists have been invited to enhance the theme.

The Lowell City Council unanimously decided to offer to sell two city lots to the Habitat for Humanity of Kent County program for just a dollar a piece.

to the editor

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

Dear Editor:

Most wars in history were fought by people that both sides believed had God on their side. It was true in the Crusades, Inquisition, Salem Witch Trials, as well as America's Civil War. Thus, the worst horrors in human history.

Our Founding Fathers embraced the Enlightenment Philosophy that resulted in "We the People" could only be accomplished with a "separation of church and state." My father and his five brothers all took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United State when they fought fascism, both foreign and domestic, throughout World War II. I took the same oath in 1969. All resulted with Honorable Discharges.

Please continue that commitment to representative democratic values in your voting from the School Board to State and National elections.

*Jack Misner
Vergennes Township*

Dear Editor:

Many of us want an affordable home in a small town (maybe near our kids and grandkids,) reliable internet, a good education and job opportunities.

Maintaining a viable community means good schools, homeschooling made easier, increased access to online training after high school, including online college courses.

We also need the ability to turn unused farmland into revenue-generating wind and solar fields.

These things will also keep our kids and grandkids from moving away. We can become an attractive alternative for our young people by compelling our elected officials to invest in our young peoples' future.

Make your voice heard on November 8 and support candidates that will make this possible.

*Tim Prosch
Montague, MI*

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There was originally a wooden building on this site which, was torn down in 1881 to make way for the new brick block. H. W. Avery, then Avery and Coons, had a meat market in the new building, followed in 1887-1893 by the R.D. Stocking, H. A. Sherman and Mrs. J. O'Heron music and millinery store.

Previous to the fire of 1905, Harrison Sherman's Bazaar was located on the first floor and the Bell Telephone Exchange on the 2nd floor. After the 1905 fire, the lot owner, M. C. Bishop of Easton, decided to rebuild. The first tenants were A. D. Oliver, Jeweler,



Howard and Evelyn West operated the Anderson Shoe Store from 1975 to 1985. The New Orleans style wrought iron was added to the front to keep with the southern New Orleans theme of the Lowell Showboat.

1st floor, 1905-1927; and F. D. White, Dentist, whose office was on the 2nd floor, 1905-1957. Until recently there was a 'hand' painted on the wall upstairs pointing to Dr. White's office.

Clint Hall, of C. A. Hall Manufacturing Co., operated at 209 E. Main 1943 until he moved to

California in 1954. He was proprietor of "The American Line of Sprayers and Poultry Equipment. Wholesale Only." They made the Pistol Pop toy gun, c.1945-1955. A 1953 ad read: "Wanted - Young woman for factory work."

Tenants of the 1960s were Earl Noah's Barber Shop and Ted's Barber Shop. The Lowell Barber Shop was owned by Ted Milanowski and Fred Ruehs. Colonial Carpet was here (1973). In 1975, Ivan K Blough purchased the building and invited Howard and Evelyn West to move Anderson Family Shoes here from Burton

Heights in Grand Rapids, 1975-1985. They then purchased the building. It was during the 1970s that the wrought iron front was added to the front of this store and several others. The city's plan was to create a "New Orleans" style Main Street to complement the Showboat.

Other businesses at this location were: Music Master, Quality Pets, and G&B Sales. In 2000, Curtis Accounting and Tax Service and Rich's Appliance Repair Service opened here. Rich's Appliance Repair continues as a mobile service. In 2013, Riverbend East Styling Salon opened.



The toy Pistol Pop air gun used ping pong balls for ammo. It was manufactured at C.A. Hall Mfg. Co. in this building between 1945-1954.

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Red Arrow

- TENNIS

SPORTS



Tennis beats Greenville

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

It's been a mixed two weeks for the varsity boys tennis team, going 2-2-1 as conference play began. 2015 was the last time Lowell had lost a point to Greenville. 2014 was the last time Greenville beat Lowell. Since then, there has been domination on the side of the Red Arrows, up until this season where Lowell came away with a narrow 5-3 win over the Yellow Jackets, in a surprisingly close tennis match on August 31st.

The Red Arrows strength at singles carried them in this match where all four singles players won, but not without a challenge. Patrick de Voest won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1 singles. Noah LaMore had no problem with a 6-0, 6-0 win. Gavin Stewart, in his No. 3 singles match, lost the first set 6-3 before bouncing back with a 6-3, 6-0 next two sets. Cam Sluss won 6-1, 6-3 to close out the singles victors.

Max Stoner and Reid Eldred were the winners for Lowell at No. 2 doubles to secure the win.

Last week, Lowell suffered a pair of 8-0 losses to Zeeland East and Byron Center, then bounced back with a 6-2 win over Grant. In the win over Grant, Lowell swept the singles matches with de Voest, LaMore, Stewart, and Sluss, who all won in straight sets. The Red Arrows also picked up wins at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles between the teams of Jacob and Josiah Kissinger, as well as Max Stoner and Reid Eldred.

Against Reeths-Puffer, the singles quartet was again victorious, the four putting up impressive win-losses this year, thus far. LaMore, Stewart, and Sluss won in straight sets, while de Voest won 10-1 in a third set tiebreaker. The Red Arrows will face stern tests with FHN, FHC, and the South Christian Invitational coming up this week.



Patrick deVoest and fellow singles players Cam Sluss, Noah LaMore, and Gavin Stewart have shown impeccable form in recent weeks.

outdoors

homebody

Dave Stegehuis

Traveling very far from home over the last few years has become more difficult and more expensive. For some folks it doesn't matter, for others, major travel excursions may not be possible or wise.

Gwen and I don't travel to travel. We have been to other states, other countries, and other continents. We travel to catch fish, hunt game, to help people though mission work and, of course, family. We have experienced unique places, and best of all, met special people. But in the end, we are always glad to get back to Michigan. There is a theme song for a popular outdoor television show that is about being a "Michigan Man". I guess that would be me.

There are a lot of benefits to going to other places and meeting other people, but it is not a requirement or necessary to live a full and happy life. People who reside in Michigan may or may not realize the wide range of opportunities for people who value the outdoor lifestyle. Other states and other countries do have fabulous scenery and a

variety of activities for the visitor. But Michiganders have millions of acres of public accessible land with thousands of miles of rivers and streams, thousands of lakes and varied topography from fens to mountains.

Golf courses and ski areas provide recreation for two of the four distinct unique seasons found at this latitude. Isle Royal is our national park while Mackinaw Island is a popular destination for world travelers. One can mush sled dogs, hike the North Country Trail and catch salmon. The list goes on. The point is that there is more to do outdoors in Michigan than in most places one could travel a long distance to find.

So, if you feel deprived by not being able to travel far and wide or you are looking for new experiences and interesting people, you do not have to look very far from where you are right now. Like the state motto states: "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." Enjoy the coming fall season and all it has to offer. It's great to be a homebody.

Volleyball splits over past week

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Six matches. Three wins. Three losses. That was the result of the last week of play for the Red Arrow volleyball team, who finished 3-2 at the Rockford Rumble and lost to Lakewood.

Lakewood is a measuring stick for Lowell volleyball. The Vikings consistently have a strong

team, a perennial power in Michigan volleyball. Their students and fans traveled in droves a half hour to Lowell for a midweek non-conference game. It set the stage for an exciting night of volleyball. On the court, Lowell got off to a good enough start, taking the first three points. Lakewood answered the call and then rallied to easily win the

first set before taking a 3-0 victory. The Red Arrows will have an opportunity to play Lakewood again at the Vikings home invitational in October.

Over the weekend, Lowell found their way to the championship of the Rockford Rumble. They notched an upset in a 2-0 (25-21, 28-26) victory over Rockford. They followed

that up with wins over GR Christian (25-21, 23-25, 15-12), Allendale (25-11, 25-14) and losing to Mattawan in three sets (21-25, 29-27, 13-15). In the finals, Lowell lost to Hudsonville, a team ranked sixth in the state in their own right, 17-25, 20-25.

The Red Arrows lone match is this week at Greenville on Thursday.



Lowell players await the serve against Lakewood.

Trails, festivals, and Whitefish Point

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

We checked out Agate Beach in Grand Marais, and I could imagine the freezing cold winters here with the wind blowing from Lake Superior and Canada. It was still hot on Aug. 18 but I could feel the winter in my bones. I noticed that an awesome event was coming up; The Rock and Mineral Show on Sept. 10-11 at the community center in Grand Marais. I would like to make it to that someday since I love colorful agates from Lake Superior.

We took County Road 407 east, crossed the Sucker River again, somewhere along the way, and came across a segment of the North Country Trail that runs from Muskallonge Lake State Park to Tahquamenon Falls State Park for 35 miles. No loneliness here; the trails were packed with ORVs and side-by-side. There are plenty of

camping opportunities here - 159 campsites in Muskallonge Lake State Park and 296 campsites in three campgrounds in Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

I stepped out to take a few pictures and then came another downpour, UP style, that prevented us from taking the county roads all the way to Paradise, with a plan to stop at Two Hearted River - Hemingway's setting of his short story, Big Two-Hearted River.

We cut our trip short to the cabin, due to time constraints. We had to set up our vendor booth. Setting up the booth on the shore of Lake Superior with high wind gusts is a lot more difficult than in towns. The booth had to be anchored well and grounded with bags of sand and weights. Most vendors were already set up.

There was a total of 127

vendors peddling everything from agate jewelry, rubs, and seasonings, to Yooper gifts. And there was entertainment every day, including wandering clowns.

The festival opened on Friday morning, Aug. 19, with a steady flow of visitors from all over the USA. People were staying in their cabins for the summer. One couple, from California, lost their house due to fires and moved to their UP cabin permanently.

"We went from wannabee Yoopers to have to be Yoopers," the guy said. "We love it up here."

The stories were endless; some sad, some happy. Then an English

teacher from Gaylord stopped at my booth.

"I am thinking of retiring," she said.

"Why?" I asked.

"It's incredible what's going on," she said.

She told me a story of censorship in the schools, such as the attacks on The Diary of Anne Frank, that it doesn't tell the whole story. And more stories about what kids can and cannot borrow from the libraries on their own.

I was flabbergasted because it wasn't the first time I'd heard stories about censorship. A librarian from Hudsonville also stopped and

expressed her worries about the neighboring library being closed because it carried LGBTQ books.

There were five authors selling their books at the Wild Blueberry Festival, and we all did very well because people in the UP read and have a disposable income. Some people didn't even want back change.

"If I wanted the two dollars back, I wouldn't be here," a woman said.

During another downpour, the waffle-flipping people returned to my booth all soaking wet to pick up my book, Greenwich Meridian Memoir, since the guy was writing a memoir too.

I saw visitors eating wild blueberry sundaes and pies. Vendors got a ticket for the blueberry waffle breakfast, and I smelled waffles all day, some burnt. People were carrying blueberry pies in huge boxes that looked like pizza.

After the festival ended on Sunday, we drove further up north to Whitefish Point where the shipwreck museum is located and a functional lighthouse called

the Whitefish Light, which is the oldest lighthouse on Lake Superior. Whitefish Point has been called the graveyard of Lake Superior. There have been approximately 550 wrecks since navigation began on Lake Superior. Since the first known shipwreck of a commercial vessel, the Invincible, in November, 1816, to the Edmund Fitzgerald on November 10, 1975, approximately 320 lives have been lost in more than 300 shipwrecks and accidents at Whitefish Point.

The reasons for the high loss of ships range from congestion, where the eastern end of the lake narrows like a funnel, to poor visibility and the expansiveness of Lake Superior that can build up dangerous seas during a Superior "Northwestern" storm.

On our way back home, we stopped at Dixie Saloon in Mackinaw City. I love visiting the UP. However, I don't know if I would want to live there because of the long winters.



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months. Jeffrey, who has been in the automotive business for 36 years, many of them in Lowell, was pleased to tell us more about what makes this area a great place to work. In an effort to create a work space that the technicians will enjoy, they actively participated in the layout, design, and selection of equipment to be used there. They took some field trips to see what worked well and what didn't

at other facilities before implementing the good parts in Lowell.

Charlie Jeffrey was quick to praise the people of Lowell, as well as the City government. "We are grateful to the community. Wittenbach had a great name and reputation and people in the Lowell area have been very accepting of us and we all appreciate that very much," Jeffrey stated. "Lots of small towns can make

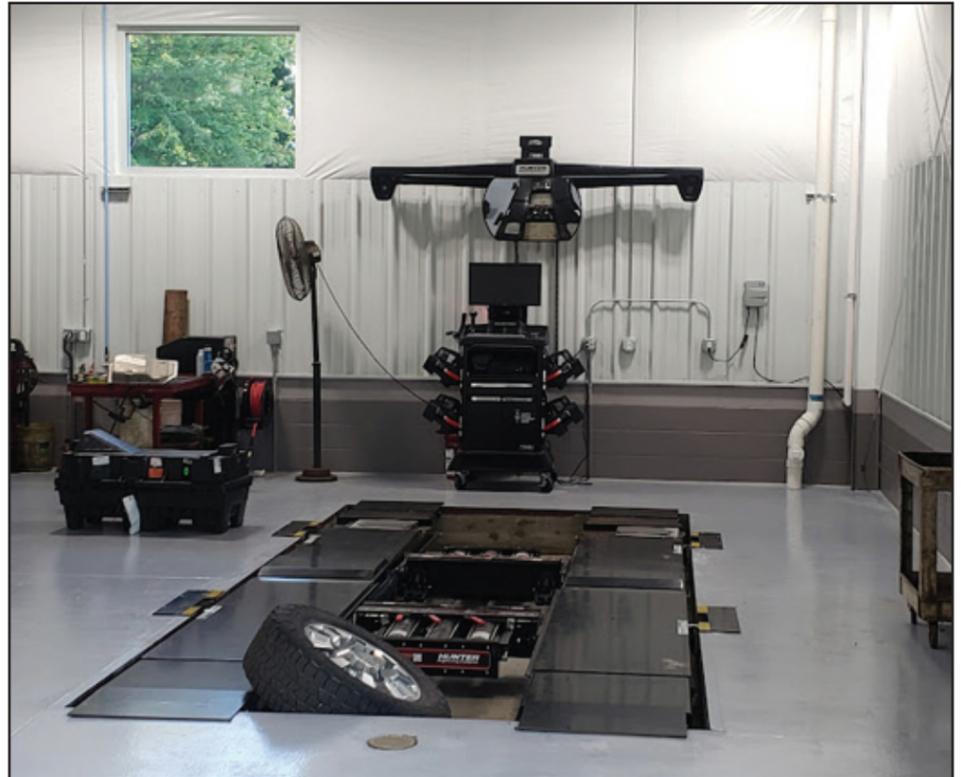
expansions and changes difficult, but the people at the City (of Lowell) have been very cooperative."

Jeffrey was also proud to offer the Buick franchise to the area, in addition to the popular line of GMC trucks. Betten Baker is the second largest seller of heavy-duty trucks in Michigan outside of the Detroit area. Our talk turned to the subject of electric vehicles. Jeffrey stated that they are coming available at a rate faster than he had anticipated. Buick has plans to be all EV by 2030 and GMC is getting a lot of attention for the 1,000 horsepower Hummer EV it has begun to produce. Jeffrey expects to also see the EV version of the Sierra pick-up by next fall. The dealership has taken EVs into consideration with provisions made for charging stations there.

It seems like every time you turn around, some improvement or something new is being added to Main Street in Lowell. Betten Baker has certainly done their share.



Rex Walkington at his new desk.



Alignment bay in the service area.



Part of the new 15-bay service area.



Service entrance.

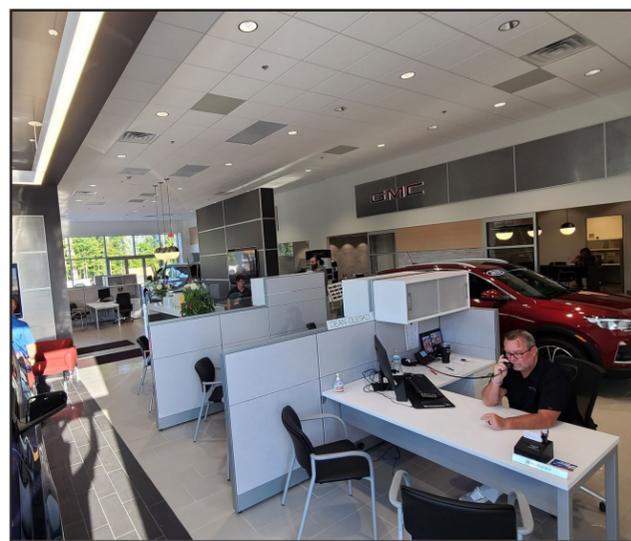


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Inside the new front offices. Photo courtesy of Images of Vision - Bruce Doll.



Grand Opening ribbon cutting was held last Thursday at the new Betten Baker Buick GMC. Photo courtesy of Images of Vision - Bruce Doll.

Red Arrow

- GOLF

SPORTS

Girls golf breaks 18-hole record

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Records are meant to be broken, and last week one fell. An 81 by sophomore, Elle Sluss, helped break open the lowest score in an 18-hole round for an LHS girls golf team in program history, aided by three other scores in the 90's. It came in the gold division of the Kenowa Hills Invitational at Gracewil Country Club in Grand Rapids. Gracewil is a shorter golf course, that in good weather, can represent a prime opportunity for optimal scoring.

Lowell took advantage of that shorter length by posting their best round of

the season, and a program best 355 over 18 holes. The scores came from Sluss (81), Rylee Jannenga (90), Sophia Flickinger (92), and Stephanie Spinella (92). Sluss recorded a birdie and eight pars during her round.

The 81 was also two strokes off the program record for 18 holes by an individual, still held by Stephanie Stuewe, who shot a 79 in 2006 at the very same invitational on the very same course.

As a team, Lowell tied for fifth place, finishing 13

strokes behind champion Forest Hills Central at 342. Lowell received career-best 18-hole rounds from Sophie Flickinger, Elyse Veldman, and Avery Krieger.

In the other tournament last week, the Red Arrows took third in the Unity Christian Invite. The Red Arrows were led by Stephanie Spinella's 43. Hannah Flickinger added a career best 44. Elle Sluss, Rylee Jannenga and Leah Krieger all contributed to round out the scoring.

The Lowell girls golf team after the Kenowa Hills Invitational.



- CROSS COUNTRY

Lady Arrows begin conference play

submitted by Paul Judd
girls cross country coach

The Lady Arrows kicked off the 2022 OK White campaign by grinding out a fifth-place finish at the first jamboree held at Gainey XC Complex.

The Arrows went out aggressive to finish amid five state-ranked teams, including the top two in Division 2. Annika Sandman continued her strong start to the season by taking fourth-place overall

with a time of 19:06 with Katrina Sandman ran 20:54 and Keira Sandman ran 21:22, both snagging top 20 positions, taking 16th and 19th respectively. Freshman Evie Deur and sophomore Claire O'Boyle had their strongest races of the season with times of 22:15 and 22:57, which were good for 38th and 49th places.

Staying aggressive into the second mile was the focus for the team, as Lowell competed at the West Ottawa Bredeweg Invitational on Saturday. Lowell ended up finishing tenth with 219 points in the meet, which was won by Division 1 preseason favorite West Ottawa, with 58 points.

The traditional fast course was slowed a bit with hot, humid conditions, but Annika Sandman still ran one of her fastest times, coming in sixth place in 18:34. Scoring for the Arrows were Katrina Sandman (20:29) taking 27th, Keira Sandman (20:34) taking 30th, Claire O'Boyle (22:18) taking 67th, and Audrey Latchaw (23:35) taking 108th. Completing the varsity team was Jady Young taking 139th and Anna Forney taking 149th.

Lowell is at Riverside Park on Friday as part of the Ottawa Hills Invitational.



Arrows after their first jamboree last week at the Gainey Athletic Complex.

Lowell selects new softball coach

Matt Dood has recently been named the new girls varsity softball coach at Lowell High School.

Coach Dood graduated from Lowell High School in 2005 and began his coaching career in 2006 in wrestling and football, and softball in 2008. He has been involved and active in those sports since that time with Lowell Red Arrows.

"Coach Dood is a Red Arrow for life. He has been involved in coaching softball, football and wrestling at LHS since he graduated. Coach Dood has had great mentors to help learn the important

qualities of coaching educational athletics. He is in the building and making relationships with students every day," said Dee Crowley, Athletic Director.

"I am honored and super excited to have the opportunity to be the head varsity softball coach. I look forward to building the future of Lowell softball and building the program, not only at the high school level, but being more involved at the youth levels as well. Lowell is a great sports community that I have been a part of for my

entire life. My passion has always been Lowell sports, and will continue to be, as I venture into the head coaching ranks," says Matt Dood.



Matt Dood

Harriers kick off OK White competition

Submitted by Clay VanderWarf
boys cross country coach

The Lowell boys cross country competed in their first OK White conference meet at Gainey Athletic Complex, finishing in fourth place with 123 points. East Grand Rapids won the meet on a tie break with 44 points, followed by Forest Hills Central, 44 points, and Grand Rapids Christian, third, 72 points.

Ben Bromley crossed the finish line in fifth place at 16.52, followed by Levi Mills, 26th, 18.15. Dannon Simmet and Rhys Sandman came in together at 32nd and 33rd, with times of 18.45

and 18.46. Mason Saylor wrapped-up fourth place for the team with a place of 35th at 18.54. Cooper Byrne and Antonio Casarez rounded-out the varsity lineup at 41st and 44th, respectively, with times of 19.08 and 19.19.

Season bests and personal records (PR) were established on a fast course at the West Ottawa Bredeweg Invite on Saturday at Macatawa Bay Middle School.

Lowell boys team placed eighth with 217 points. Ben Bromley was the top Arrow in with a ninth-place finish at 16.57. Levi Mills crossed the line in 33rd, 17.44. Rhys Sandman

was the third Arrow in at 57th, 18.21, followed by Braylon Iakiri, 59th with a PR of 18.25. Mason Saylor was close behind at 62nd, PR of 18.27. Cooper Byrne ran a PR, as well, with a time of 18.48 good for 78th place. Antonio Casarez completed the varsity lineup with a time of 18.50, 81st place.

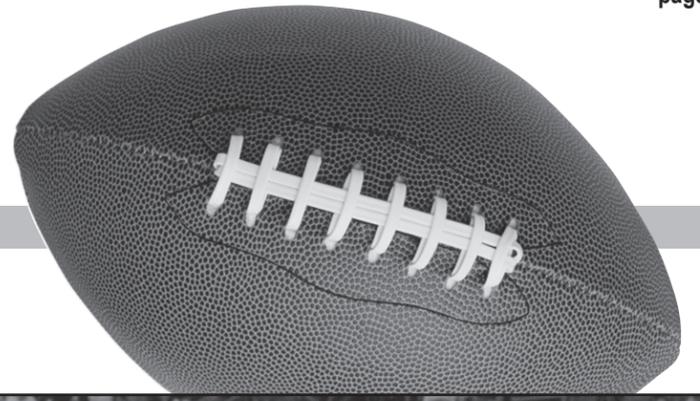
In the boys JV race, Seth Cross took a medal with a 21st place showing at 20.41, as well as Paul Fowler, 29th, 20.50. The Red Arrows next competition is Friday at Riverside Park for the Ottawa Hills Invite.



Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS



Football team rolls to 3-0

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It took one play for Lowell to take control of their game against Greenville, and that first play of the game was a microcosm of the game as a whole. Special teams. The Red Arrow special teams were dominant in Friday's 43-7 win over Greenville and those big special teams plays made it easier for both the Red Arrow offense and defense.

Things got off to a rocking start with Aidan Fitzpatrick returning the

opening kickoff 93 yards to the Yellow Jacket 2-yard line. Carson Crace scored two plays later to put the Red Arrows on the board.

After a Greenville three & out, Lowell's offense quickly found its groove and marched 80 yards down the field. It followed Greenville's second miscue on special teams, barely missing out on downing the ball at the 1-yard line, a 19-yard difference in field position. Jackson Reisbig punched it in from two yards out to make it 14-0.

The following kickoff was a pooch kick from Lowell that bounced into the air and was recovered by Lowell at the Greenville 27. Miscue number three on special teams for the Yellow Jackets. Tacho Gonzales helped Lowell take advantage of the short field position by scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run, and after the first quarter, it was 21-0. The Lowell defense had stood strong, holding Greenville to zero first downs at this stage.

Following another



Connor Lixie catching a touchdown pass against Greenville.



Todd Parcheta kicking off.

Yellow Jacket punt, Lowell scored on the next drive on a 26-yard touchdown strike from Jackson Reisbig to Alex Binns. The touchdown was extra special, as Friday night also happened to be Binns' birthday.

Special teams miscue number four. On fourth down in their own territory, the snap went over the Greenville punter's head. He was able to run back and grab the ball, realizing there was no viable chance of getting the punt away, he took the ball and hurled it in the back of the endzone

for a safety. An odd play, taking an intentional safety, but smart to avoid giving up points to a potential touchdown.

The Red Arrows took over near midfield after the safety punt and Ethan Krieger scored on a short-run play to make it 37-0. Lowell closed the half with a Connor Lixie 38-yard touchdown reception after a Carson Crace fumble recovery, and a 44-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Greenville was able to get on the board, and Lowell's

backups got plenty of playtime as a running clock ensured a quick end to the game, a 44-7 victory. Todd Parcheta hit five extra points in the win. The secondary held Greenville to just one pass completion.

The road gets tougher very quickly for Lowell. The Red Arrows host Byron Center next Friday in what will be a step up in competition. The Bulldogs played defending OK White Champion FHC very close in a 21-13 loss last week. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm at Red Arrow Stadium.

- SOCCER

Soccer finds spark in draw with Byron Center

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

The scoreline was the same on the Lowell side. Zero. The reactions following each game, though, were the exact opposites.

In Lowell's 1-0 loss to Greenville, the Red Arrows controlled the ball. They were on the attack. They put shots on net. More possession, more shots, looking at the stats, you would've thought Lowell came out the winners. Sometimes that's not the case. That's soccer though. In a series where they were 2-38 all-time, the Yellow Jackets came in wanting the win and got it. The frustration was there for the Lowell side.

Everything changed two days later, though. On Thursday, Lowell didn't crack the Byron Center defense. Byron's Center's offense couldn't crack the Lowell defense either. The

result was one that had Lowell players celebrating after the game, earning a draw with a Byron Center squad, who lost by only one goal to Forest Hills Central just days earlier.

"We had our chances at the end," Coach Jeff Sweet told his team regarding a potential game winner.

Sweet would also laud the efforts of his defenders and goalkeeper Aiden Ottinger. The defense was led by Noah Vanlaan, Jace Dixon, Zach Kistler, Carter Szymanski and Ryan Baker. It was Szymanski, though, who would be called upon time and time again at his wing-back position.

Winning one-on-ones, providing vital clearances, and halting Byron Center time and time again on the counter attack.

Both teams would have their chances at the end, but when Lowell was most dangerous was when Bryce Thompson was leading the offensive

charge. Thompson was an important spark in the Red Arrow offense when on the field. Bryce, David Foster, and Avery Miller put pressure up front during the game. Ultimately, the deadlock after 80 minutes meant both teams went home splitting the spoils.

On Saturday, the soccer team will host their annual alumni game at the LHS North Athletic Complex.



The Red Arrow varsity team takes on Wayland at noon, that game will be followed by the alumni game at 3:30 pm. The varsity team faces FHC and FHN in conference competition this week.



Bryce Thompson looks to gain Control against Byron Center.

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Football: Lowell vs Byron Center
- Tues., 9/20 at 6 pm
Volleyball: Lowell vs Byron Center
- Thurs., 9/22 at 6 pm
Volleyball: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern
- Fri., 9/23 at 7 pm
Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern

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BOSSCHER

Lillian Ann Bosscher (Timmer) of Lowell, went to be with the Lord on her 97th birthday on September 5, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Richard Timmer and Harold Bosscher; grandchildren, Carl Richard Duthler, Nevaeh Finch, and Riley Westerhuis, Kay Marie Precopia, and Jenny Bosscher; and 6 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Karen (Jim) Duthler, John Timmer, Sandy (Richard) Garneau, Barbara (Ted) Malestein, Bonnie (Bill) Fleetham; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; brother, John (Debbie) Stormzand; stepchildren, Carol (Larry) Postma, Roger (Barbara) Bosscher, John (Nancy) Bosscher, Allan (Janice) Bosscher, Anne (Kal) Kuperus, Ken (Linda) Bosscher, Marilyn Brouwer; 21 step-grandchildren; 33 step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Lillian was born and raised in Lowell, MI. She married Richard Timmer in 1944. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was a waitress and cashier in the Ada, MI general store and lunch counter. She was a cashier and dairy manager at Forest Hills Shoprite for 25 years. In 1988, Lillian married Harold Bosscher and they lived on Lincoln Lake for several years. Harold preceded her in death in 2006. She loved to cook and bake for family gatherings, and she knitted many mittens and hand towel toppers. Lillian spent her later years back in Lowell, taking part in the Senior Neighbors and doing activities with family and friends. The family thanks the staff at Maple Ridge Manor, Jeremy, and the Careline Hospice Team. Funeral services were held at 11AM, Monday, September 12, 2022, at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Ryan Landt officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331, or Calvary Christian Reformed Church.



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HENDRICK

Darwin Mitchell Hendrick "Mitch", passed away on April 24, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Donna Hendrick; sons, Joel and John Hendrick; stepchildren, Stephanie Seifert, Steven Beck, Shannon Stewart, Sara Kuhnhenh; their spouses, Kris Hendrick, Lynn Beck, Chad Stewart, Lynn Kuhnhenh; grandchildren, Alyssa, Amy, Blake, Jack, Lauren, Skyler, Jill, Rivers, Bryce, Parker, Callan, Rakel; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Olivia; sister, Aridas Barber; and brother David Hendrick. He was preceded in death by his parents, Darwin and Frieda Hendrick; brother, Steven Hendrick; and nephew, Steve Hendrick. Mitch was born on November 3, 1950, and was of graduate of Lowell High School. Mitch lived in Ionia County all his life. He retired from Steelcase with over 30 years of service. Mitch ran a small horse farm with cattle and retired from the farm life so he could travel, fish, hunt, and spend time with his family. He is deeply missed. His wishes were to be cremated with no service. He rests at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens with his parents, brother, and nephew. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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PRICE

James (Jim) Bradley Price, age 80 of Lowell, passed away on September 9, 2022. Jim was born in Wytheville, Virginia on October 21st, 1941. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Price; mother, Bertie Holloway; brother, Conley Price; and sister, Catherine Poole. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Helen June Price; children, James Phillip (Hillary) Price, Eric Wayne (Kelley Anne) Price; grandchildren, Madison Price and Mason Price; and favorite pets, Ginger, Louis, Willy, and Smalls. Jim retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of service. During his time in the Air Force, Jim was awarded the Airman's Medal for saving the lives of a father and son from drowning. He was also awarded the Air Medal for heroism in flight during the Vietnam war. After the military, Jim was a computer repair specialist, and retired from Prime Computer in 1996. Jim enjoyed fishing, antique cars, woodworking, camping, watching wildlife (especially birds), and loving his wife. The family would like to thank the Lowell Police Department, with a special thanks to Officer Lauren, and the Lowell Fire Department. A Military Honors memorial service will be held at 2PM, Friday, September 16, 2022, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 2894 Patterson Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.



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

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~ dine with Jesus in Brighton

by Martha Hayden

I was curious to see who was sitting at the top of the hill at a Catholic cemetery in Brighton, Michigan. The figure was a person of about my height. There were seats surrounding a large table. As I approached, the blue tarp informed me that this was a piece of art being protected from the elements. "Dine With Jesus" created an inviting, peaceful place for contemplation.

My First Viewing

Crusty snow crunched under my boots. The early morning light cast quiet gray shadows. I felt serene as I approached Jesus, who was breaking bread. The

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This statue, "When I Was Hungry and Thirsty," caught my eye.

space was welcoming, and if it had been warmer, I would have sat and joined this well-known individual. Instead, I circled the area studying this piece.

This statue allowed me to step into Leonardo DiVinci's masterpiece painting, "The Last Supper." I appreciate life-sized art pieces, as they have given me the sense of being a part of the action.

I was intrigued by the sculpture and the story

the entrance. I turned my car around and hopped out. I had to get an up-close look-see!

This full-sized human hand reached toward me from his frost-covered cloak. His head bent downward, as if he was feeling shame for being needy. It was compelling. Was that a hole in his hand? I pondered. Is he representing Jesus? I gazed at him for some time, recalling what a teaching colleague, Cathy Wood, had



Timothy Schmalz's name was embedded in the soldier's fatigues.

sculptures has Timothy Schmalz created? I needed to find out the story! I wondered how far his work had reached.

St. Peter's Square – Vatican

Timothy Schmalz, a Canadian artist, has created thought-provoking sculptures, displayed around the globe! His "Angels Unwares" sculpture reveals the story of migration. Notice the angel wings

once said, "Most of us are just a few paychecks away from poverty."

I remembered this clearly from the particular Friday night in December of 1991, at the start of my elementary teaching career. I had returned to my classroom to do some lesson-planning for the upcoming week when I heard noises next door. I stepped inside Cathy's first grade room to witness her wrapping holiday gifts for one of her student's families. She was planning on secretly leaving them on their porch. Her words came back to me as I stood next to this Timothy Schmalz statue, "Most of us are just a few paychecks away from poverty."

This realization of truth in Cathy's words rested heavily on my heart. Through my parenting, teaching and now into my third year of retirement, I have made generosity one of my character traits. This statue brought those feelings and memories to the surface again. Powerful!

Timothy Schmalz's Work

It turns out that there's another casting of "When I Was Hungry and Thirsty" on display at Holy Trinity's Chapel in Washington D.C. Cardinal Wilton Gregory had blessed the statue in October, 2021. He commented to the Catholic Standard, "When we encounter the poor, we encounter Christ himself."

How did these stunning sculptures find their way to Brighton? What other

bus load of senior citizens, from Virginia, made the trek to Holy Spirit Church after spending time in Frankenmuth.

Andrea explained that Timothy Schmalz has other pieces in the area. At Wixom's Catholic Central High School, a large sculpture of Jesus, surrounded by saints, is placed outdoors on campus. Another sits in the main entryway at St. Catherine

a carving of a dove, which is the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Central High School

Armed with an address, I headed to Catholic Central High School in Wixom. I was curious to see other pieces by Timothy Schmalz. On Monday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I rolled into an empty parking lot. Off to the side was a statue of Jesus hugging a soldier.



Twelve spaces surround the eleven-foot cement table where a life-sized, bronze Jesus breaks bread.

coming from the center. This piece is on display in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Vatican City is in the middle of Rome, Italy. The leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, honors many visitors, the relics and the locations of historical moments in this region.

"Migration today is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes," Pope Francis had said when interviewed by The National Catholic Reporter. "It is a social scandal of humanity."

This boat-sized bronze piece was placed two years ago to bring attention to "showing hospitality to strangers, as some have entertained angels unawares", as translated from the Book of Hebrews 13:2.

Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, Brighton, Michigan

I wanted to know how this famous artist had been connected with Holy Spirit church. So, I called the office rectory and spoke with Andrea. She was gracious and offered to email articles from Catholic magazines about "Dine With Jesus." In 2012, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, in Brighton, Michigan, had installed the piece "Dine with Jesus." I was looking forward to printing off the articles and reading the 'behind the curtain' tale.

As we chatted on the phone, Andrea shared that four buses stop by the church grounds from time to time. Most recently, a

of Siena Academy, a private school for girls.

"The Last Supper" and "Dine With Jesus"

The Lifestyle article, from August 2012, featured the inspiration for Timothy Schmalz's sculpture "Dine With Jesus." In nearby Royal Oak, "The Last Supper" statue had been constructed by Timothy Schmalz and was tucked in a grotto near the National Shine of Little Flower Catholic Church. John Hoolehan, the shrine's director, said "The Last Supper" had been placed in 2006.

When Janet Duff, a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, saw Jesus breaking bread at a large granite table surrounded by twelve seats, she was in awe and thought, "We have to have that at Holy Spirit."

The Catholic Times article told the story too. The parishioner, Janet Duff, encountered "The Last Supper" sculpture at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. She was captivated. Janet met with Father John Rocus, the pastor at Holy Spirit, about adding the scene to their "Serenity Court." Father John Rocus agreed.

Later, when Timothy Schmalz, the sculptor, was introduced to the setting where his art would be placed, he said it was, "absolutely spectacular." Janet Duff and Paul Wonsack coordinated the planning and fundraising for the "Dine with Jesus" sculpture. It was installed on September 16, 2012, with a cement table and twelve cement stools. Each one has

Walking around this sculpture in the brisk early morning, I could feel this poignant embrace. Emotions rose into my throat. I orbited the statue again. My husband's stories of his army days flooded my mind. Chuck had served in the early 1990's. These powerful tales are his alone to tell, but this model captured the anguish he had felt.

Next, I began to search for the outdoor installment that Andrea had mentioned. Just past the parking lot, as the roadway turned, there stood Jesus with his arms outstretched. He appeared to be encircled by a wreath. As I neared the statue, I could easily see that the ring was actually a crowd of saints enveloped in Jesus' guidance. As I approached I marveled at the detail of each saint honored in this arc.

I believe art is all around us, bringing our feelings to the surface. Being aware and embracing our feelings, from the little moments in nature to perceiving large sculptures created by talented people, is a key to capturing life at its finest. Find yourself in the pursuit of beauty.

Resources

Andrea, the secretary at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church

Timothy Schmalz has a piece displayed in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, "Angels Unawares."

"Dine With Jesus" The Catholic Times October 13019, 2012

"Interactive Art" Lifestyle Press & Argus, August 12, 2012

St. Catherine of Siena Academy Wixom, MI 48393 website

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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!

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

SAFE BACKPACK WORD SEARCH

CENTERED CLASSROOM CLOTHING

LOCKER PROPERLY SCHOOL SHOULDERS SIZED SUPPLIES TABLET

TRIP VACATION WEIGHT WHEELS

BACKPACK BALANCE CANVAS CARRY

FULL GRAVITY HEAVY LOAD

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 1970. I attended Howard University. While I've starred in many notable movies, and was nominated for an Academy Award in 2008, I'm best known for leading an empire in a dramatic TV show.

Answer: *Taraji P. Henson*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to backpacks.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Autonomic nervous system
- Kids love it in summer
- Dashes
- Polynesian sarong
- Chapter of the Koran
- Evildoer
- Japanese commercial city
- A way of binding
- Early Christianity
- Kids' term for bugs
- Beloved family holiday activity
- Work unit
- Bundle
- A number or amount not specified
- Military official (abbr.)
- Queens ballplayer
- Type of gibbon
- Norma Jean's stage name
- Places
- Bluish greens

CLUES DOWN

- Argued publicly
- Having the shape of a cube
- They star at weddings
- Indian god associated with reproduction
- Ocean sunfishes
- Slowly leak through
- Plant part
- Midway between south and southeast
- Vital part
- People who are not Jewish
- Shed tears
- Pokes holes in the ground
- Beverage receptacle
- Stone used to surface roads
- French-Belgian river
- Type of phone
- Long-lasting light bulb
- Type of medication (abbr.)
- German city
- Animal disease
- They're in martinis
- Get away from
- Dormouse
- Database management system

Michigan recognizes the important role kinship caregivers play for children who need loving homes

Gov. Whitmer proclaims September Kinship Care Month

In Michigan about 53,000 children are being raised by kinship caregivers – defined as relatives or others who are close to the youth and their families. That includes about 4,100 children in foster care and approximately 49,000 other children who are raised in kinship families.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed September to be Kinship Foster Care Month in Michigan to recognize the important contributions of these families.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recognizes kinship caregivers for their commitment to caring for children and providing them with connections, security and ties to their cultural heritage, family and community.

Kinship care is the full-time care, nurturing

and protection of children by family members, close family friends or other important adults in the child's life. This could include grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, family friends or members of their tribes or clans.

“MDHHS believes children who need placements should be placed with their relative whenever possible. Maintaining connections with relatives, friends, and communities they know and love is vital to their physical and emotional well-being,” said Demetrius Starling, executive director of the MDHHS Children's Services Agency. “Kinship care allows children dealing with the effects of trauma to be with people who know them best. I want to thank all the kinship families in Michigan who have stepped up to care for their relatives, family friends or fellow tribal members. The difference you make in the lives of the children you



care for is immeasurable.” In many cases, kinship families may not be aware of the resources available to them. MDHHS

encourages them to call the Kinship Support Program to connect with a kinship navigator to learn about the resources available in their

community. They also can reach the Kinship Support Program by calling 800-535-1218 or visiting www.kinship.msu.edu.

college news

Mistelle Quiggle of Lowell has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Maria Squeteri of Ada, MI, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Squeteri earned a Master's degree in Nursing.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,500 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships.

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Start a conversation. Ask a family member or friend what their first job was and let them know they can find out what they made that year.

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