

## Fallasburg Arts Festival – 54 years of art in the park

By Cliff Yankovich  
contributing writer

Most of us slow down a bit once we pass the half century mark, but if the reports from the artists we spoke to are any indication, the annual Festival in Fallasburg Park is going full steam ahead. The weather was a cooperative partner this year and the crowds took full advantage to come out and enjoy fine arts and crafts, along with a wide variety of food and music. There were 99 artist booths, ten places to eat and ten bands performing at the 54th Festival.

In spite of the fact that we made a special effort to arrive early Sunday morning, the parking lot was starting to fill up even before the official opening at 10 am; A little shout-out of appreciation for the Festival having a designated area for motorcycle parking, as well as, handicapped parking.

We interrupted Executive Director, Lorain Smalligan, as she and several of her Board members were finishing up the last of the morning's preparations. Among other



helpful tips, Lorain passed along the information that the Festival was originally under the purview of the Fallasburg Historical Society (FHS).

This was confirmed minutes later by current FHS

president, Craig Fonger. "We started it in 1968 and ran it until we handed it over to Lowell Arts in 1979," Fonger noted. "They have done a spectacular job of maintaining and growing this event since then."

Fonger was working the FHS booth on the porch of the big pavilion. Inside the pavilion were a host of people demonstrating a variety of crafts, from wood-turning to quilting, fly tying and printmaking.

Across the street, we found the sound wizards John and Jill Wenger from Clear Sky Technologies, tweaking the sound system in preparation

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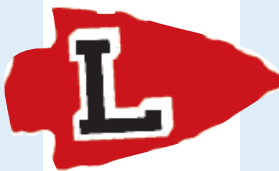
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## A great day at the Alto Harvest Festival and car show

By Bill Lee  
contributing writer

Slated, ironically, as "The Best Fall Festival in Alto...Honest!", the Alto Harvest Festival and Car Show on Saturday did not disappoint.

It was a beautiful, sunny day full of fun for both adults and children. There were many games and competitions throughout the day, including pie-eating contests, baking

bingo, regular bingo and others. Some great food was provided throughout the day from the Alto Fireman's Pancake Breakfast to the many vendors cooking up lunch and snacks for visitors.

The Kids Zone at the festival provided free access face-painting, a petting zoo, popcorn and water, and the ever-popular bouncy house and slide. The main attraction for most was the car show, which featured close to 200 classic, antique, and muscle cars and trucks. Through it all, live music was played throughout most of the day. If success could be measured by smiles and laughter, then the Alto Harvest Festival met all expectations.



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## Lowell Rotarians honor Betsy Davidson

By Cliff Yankovich  
contributing writer

In appreciation for everything Betsy Davidson did for the Rotary Club of Lowell and for our community as a whole, Lowell Rotarians have set a goal to raise \$80,000, in order to create a perpetual fund for the newly created Betsy Davidson Scholarship. The funds will be managed by the Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation (RCLCF).

We spoke with Rotarian, Wendell Christoff, about the Davidson Scholarship and the efforts and success of the RCLCF.

"Because Betsy grew up in Lowell and invested so much in the community, we wanted to build a lasting memory for her in the club," Christoff explained. "She inspired

all of us with her passion and love for Lowell. She touched a lot of hearts."

Wendell went on to explain that one of the mottoes for Rotary Club International is "Service above self." By all accounts, Betsy Davidson lived that motto. He explained that the Lowell Rotary Club will be matching all donations, with the goal of raising the \$80,000 necessary for the Davidson Scholarship, to be an ongoing entity and provide \$1,000 a year to a student for a two or four-year course of college or trade school study.

The RCLCF began establishing scholarship funds in 1997 with a single scholarship. This past year they were able to help ten students. Since

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# Comedy Night comes to Ripple on Saturday

by Bill Lee  
contributing writer

Get ready for a funny night at Ripple Restaurant in Lowell, on Saturday, the 24th. Lowell comedian Mike Chambers, is bringing



back his comedy show that used to play at The Old Theater but will now be playing at Ripple the third Saturday of every month. He is excited for the new venue. "Ripple has a really nice stage and nice sound," said Chambers. "Also, people will have a waiter or waitress to get them food and drink while watching the show."

Chambers, who loved Steve Martin and Robin Williams growing up, started doing comedy about ten years ago when he



passed an open-mic venue in Grand Rapids. It was something he had always wanted to try, so he walked in and got the information, and three weeks later, he was on stage. "My first year

was horrible," Chambers admits, but after leaning into it some more and taking time to hone his skills, he got hooked. "Once it's in your system, you love it. It's a drug. It's very addictive. I'm a lifer."

Saturday's show will feature two-seasoned Midwest comics, Derek Bartlett and headliner Ken Evans, who back in the day, worked on the same stage with Larry the Cable Guy. Chambers will also do some comedy but serves more as the host of the evening,

getting people comfortable and excited about the show. "I'll be talking about news stories and life in general and things you notice in town and in life," said Chambers. "Everybody seems to have a good time. I like to see people happy."

The adult comedy show starts at 8:30 and the cost is \$15.00. You can buy tickets in advance at Ripple or at the door. Ripple is located on 123 W. Main Street in Lowell and you can find out more information by calling them at 616-239-2799.



# New Litehouse Family YMCA now open at former Impact Church

The new YMCA building, with state-of-the-art equipment, is located on the former site of Impact Church on Hudson Street and was designed to meet the needs of the Lowell community with a focus on wellness, recreation, and social support.

According to the plans,

the new facility tripled the square footage of the former facility to more than 17,000 square feet, adding comprehensive health and wellness equipment, including programming for all ages, such as Taekwondo and a yoga studio.

Facility amenities include group exercise

studios, a health and wellness center, KidZone and activity center, community rooms, locker rooms, and a welcome area for community gatherings. A nursery is available for children of exercising members.



The new exteriors of the YMCA facility.



State-of-the-art equipment at the new Litehouse Family YMCA.

## Rotary, continued

1997, the RCLCF has helped area students with 115 scholarships, totaling \$325,000. Because Rotary is a service organization, they look for students who have demonstrated community service throughout their high school years. He was quick to point out that any student who lives within the Lowell school district can apply. They do not have to attend Lowell High School, they can be

home-schooled or attend a parochial school – as long as they live in the Lowell district, they can apply.

Christoff was very pleased at the continued growth of the scholarship funding in general that is available through the Foundation. According to his reports, the funding for the Betsy Davidson Scholarship is taking off like a rocket. When we first spoke, \$21,000 of matching funds from local Rotarians

was available. Less than 48 hours later, that total was over \$30,000.

The Go Fund Me page can be found here:

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# Lowell Area Schools board meeting recap

By Michelle Smith  
contributing writer

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education met for its regular meeting Sep. 12 at the Administrative Offices building.

Emma Sage, the 2022-2023 student council president, reported on back-to-school activities, mostly centered on welcoming students to class. Pink Arrow Day, a blood drive, and the beginning of fall sports and school clubs are some of the things mentioned kicking off the first weeks of the academic year.



Superintendent, Nate Fowler introduced the new Lowell, Area Schools staff: Melissa Baker, CI Room, Middle School; Kyle Boyd, Social Studies High School

Christine Cosgrove, Art, High School  
 Aaron Fritzsche, English/Language Arts, High School  
 Amber Graham, Art, Alto Elementary  
 Brady Handlon, Occupational Therapist  
 Rachel Kuiper, Resource Room, Middle School  
 Keelia Morris, Occupational Therapist  
 Shawn Pitsch, Kindergarten, Bushnell Elementary  
 Hope Silva, Kindergarten, Bushnell Elementary  
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 D a n Vandermeulen, director of curriculum, reported that the 2022-23 school year educational goals are set. He said these are benchmark assessments for reading and math in grades K-8, and these goals are part of teacher evaluations. Vandermeulen also said the district's SAT scores increased last year.

Vandermeulen reported a local representative from the Lion's Club offered to donate books for second and third grade teachers for their classroom libraries. He also said an elementary math coordinator is offering a voluntary workshop to teachers to make math-related items to use in their classrooms.

Vandermeulen said a district K-12 mental health team composed of health providers, counselors, psychologists, and social workers is evaluating student-survey data from last spring. He said the team will assess what needs to be addressed, based on students' answers.

He said the Michigan Department of Education released social emotional learning guidelines, which they will be considering. "There's a document based on five different areas of social emotional learning that's broken up by grade-level spans," Vandermeulen said. "We will be reviewing that document with the ultimate idea of how do we integrate these things or where do we already integrate these things within

tier-one instruction in the classroom." Vandermeulen said this will be a process that will be worked on throughout the school year.

He also reported the middle school is piloting a new Advisory Time program consisting of 25 minutes per day. Students are assigned to a particular teacher who will help with academic-based goal setting. He said silent reading, tutoring, and positive behavior intervention and Ssupports activities will be the focus. "This is not a study hall. It's more of an intervention program that we want to grow over time." He said the high school is developing a similar program called Flex Time for two days per week.

The Board voted unanimously for an Alto DDA easement, which will allow a path that connects homes south of Alto. Fowler said the path will make it safer for pedestrians to access the elementary school, and it will run parallel to Bancroft Ave.

Director of Human Resources, Dustin Cichocki, said the district received a Michigan grant that will provide an on-site, full-

time nurse for Murray Lake Elementary.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Stefanie Boone challenged the district's policy on how schools keep inappropriate materials away from students.

"The current board policy did a great job of painting lipstick on a pig and pulling the wool over the community's eyes, and even some of our board candidates, who are running for the board, have been swashbuckled into believing that policy fixes everything, and it shields and shelters our kids from seeing obscene and inappropriate content in the libraries, and it's just not true," Boone said.

Boone stated she opted her children out of "obscene and inappropriate content" in the library this school year by writing it into her family's chrome-book agreement. She said a media specialist notified her that her son was accessing a book that may have inappropriate content. Boone said when she asked the media specialist what caused the book to be flagged, she was told that there is nothing in the library considered to be inappropriate. Boone said she also used her son's account to search for a book known for sexually explicit content and was able to easily access it. In addition, she pointed out that there is currently no policy in place for individual classroom libraries.

Superintendent Fowler

said that books in the district's libraries have a process in which "experts in the field" have deemed the books to be appropriate. He said there is a process parents can use to challenge books to which their children have access.

"We are balancing the ability of parents and students to make choices for what books they are interested in, which books that are going to teach them about things of interest, teach them the world so that they're prepared to leave Lowell schools ready for the world," Fowler said.

"The process is not perfect, but we do have processes in place so that books can be challenged, and if there are concerns that parents have about the content of the books that they read, there is a process to restrict that," he said.

Superintendent Fowler thanked everyone for making the first weeks of school successful. "Seeing the kids and the smiles on their faces, seeing the teachers and the smiles on their faces; it's been a really fun start-up to the school year."

He said the district received a \$65,000 rebate check from Consumers Energy, due to the use of energy-efficiency programs and upgrading lighting and mechanical systems. "That's money that we can put back into our general fund, put back into programs."

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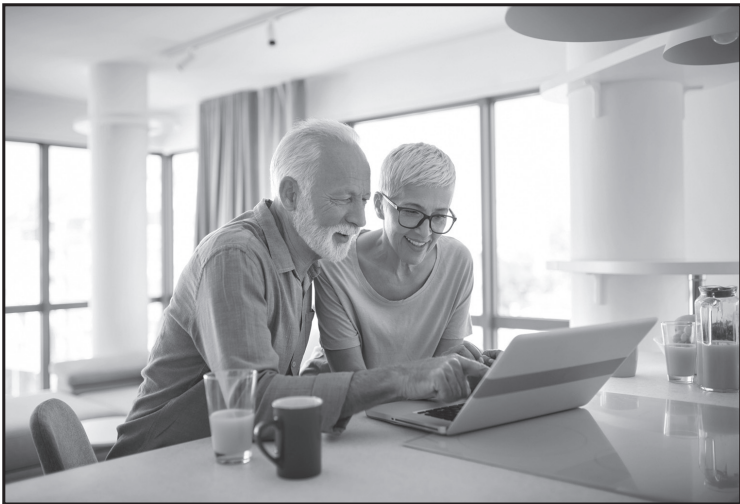
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### Relationship breadcrumbing

I've written before about gaslighting and ghosting but there are other relationship issues you may not have heard of and one is called breadcrumbing. This is when someone provides breadcrumbs (small hints) of interest through social media, messaging, calls, or texts to purposely "lead you on". This is a form of manipulation often seen in dating, especially online dating. To be fair, while many do this on purpose,

some are not fully aware of their behavior.

#### Breadcrumbing Signs

Breadcrumbs are messages to keep you interested, even if the other person doesn't really like you or have any romantic interest in you. Below are some signs of breadcrumbing. This could happen with someone you met in person and want to get to know better but it's often seen in online dating.

There is usually more than one sign of breadcrumbing. So, if you are experiencing one or two signs with a romantic interest, they could be breadcrumbing.

Won't make or commit to plans - The person hints or acts like they want to meet up for a date, like hanging out, a movie, or dinner, but it never happens. If they do agree to an actual date, something happens and plans are cancelled. Texts like "see you soon", "that sounds fun, I'll have to check my calendar and get back with you", "maybe next week" or "something came up and I can't make it, talk soon" are possible examples of breadcrumbing.

They act hot and cold - When the person does contact/connect with you, they give false hope that a

relationship could happen. They want you to feel a connection with them, like you actually matter to him or her. This is followed by times where you don't hear from them at all and you may feel ignored.

Explanations don't happen - After not hearing from them, they just pop back into your life by sending a message but make no effort to explain why they disappeared and/or ignored your messages or they are very vague. They typically don't provide an explanation, but if you push for one, they provide something similar to one of the following examples: "something came up", "it was a work thing", "I had family issues I had to deal with".

Micro-communication - This is a main part of breadcrumbing. It's dropping small, bits of communication or acknowledgment. It could be as simple as social media comments using emojis or an actual message or text. It's providing minimum communication to try and show interest to keep stringing you along. For

instance, they may ignore your message on Facebook but then will like your Instagram post. It keeps you from forgetting about them. Another tactic is sending GIFs and emojis. It connects them to something cute, interesting, or funny but doesn't lead to getting to know each other better. Another example is the "I saw this & instantly thought of you" message. They attach a photo, article link, etc. of something you have in common or they think you will like. It keeps the interest going with minimal effort.

Messages have little to no substance - Once in a while, you might have a deeper conversation but communication is typically shallow, generic, and shows little to no interest in really getting to know one another. For instance, the "WYD?" message. They may not really care but it is a breadcrumb to keep you interested while putting the focus on you so they don't have to put much effort into the communication.

Mainly evening messages - If someone is mainly communicating in

the evening, they may be looking for a hook-up. Look for patterns.

You don't feel good about yourself - Communicating with this person may give you that feeling of excitement at first but this goes away when they are in their non-communication state or not furthering the relationship. This may have you wondering if you did something wrong. The bottom line is, they don't make you feel good about yourself or your communication with him or her and it can be a hit to your self-confidence.

They fake being thoughtful - This is a common in breadcrumbing. They may check on how your day is going or about something specific you said to them. When you respond you may then get a short response or you may not hear from them for days.

If someone is breadcrumbing it's a way to control and manipulate. There are many reasons people do this. They could be a controlling and manipulative person or the person may not conscientiously realize they are doing it. It could also be a learned behavior. Regardless it's not healthy for the person on the receiving end of this behavior. You may want to cut off communication with this is the type of person as they are just wasting your time and energy and you are worth more! This article is not meant to treat or diagnose. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.



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

The facilities will be located at 318 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The application of Big Boiler Brewing, LLC is on file and available for review in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Lowell.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the public hearing shall be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. local time, at the City Hall at 301 E. Main Street in the City, at which time the City Council shall afford the Applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of each taxing unit which levies *ad valorem* property taxes in the City, and residents and taxpayers of the City an opportunity to be heard regarding the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Applicant.



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# viewpoint



## 125 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1897

Mrs. E. R. Crow suffered a painful accident last Sunday while on her way to church. She was on the sidewalk at the corner of the Congregational church, when she was struck by the handle bars of a bicycle ridden by one of several Grand Rapids boys, who seemed to be making a tour of Lowell sidewalks.

Owing to failing health, A. P. Hunter has sold his drug, stationery and book stock, to L. H. Hunt & Co.; and in rest and relief from business cares, will endeavor to regain his health, which has been declining for many months.

The dwelling of Will F. Howk caught fire between the roofing and ceiling, Tuesday morning, and the fire bell called out the department. Before its arrival, neighbors had gathered and carried out all the furniture and household goods in good shape, so that if the house had burned there would have been but slight loss on contents.

The heavy frost Monday night nipped a young man's moustache in this place.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 28, 1922

With the opening game of the foot ball season this week Friday, the Lowell Grid team will battle the pig skin chasers of Greenville, at Greenville. This is expected to be one of the hardest games of the season, but with the improvement the team has shown in the last two weeks ago, everyone is in prime condition for the initial game of the season.

Last Wednesday, while out driving, Mrs. Warren's horse became frightened, throwing her from the buggy and hurting her quite badly.

Will Thomas had the misfortune to injure his side while shoeing a horse last week. He called at the doctor's office Sunday, and now he says he is all set, if folks don't tell jokes or funny stories. They are funny to them, but it's not time for Bill to laugh.

Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson has the thanks of The Ledger staff for a fine assortment of fruit.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 25, 1947

Jim Briggs and his father-in-law, Herman Miller, narrowly escaped what might have been fatal injuries, Sunday afternoon, at a railway crossing west of Elmdale.

Saladin Temple Spring 50-piece band will present a concert at Recreation Park on Monday night, Sept. 29

at 8 o'clock. If bad weather prevails, the concert will be held in the high school gymnasium. There will be no admission charge and no hat passing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arehart were both rendered unconscious when their car landed in a ditch on Jackson street near the upper bridge, last Monday night about 9:30; the accident being attributed to a wheel of their car locking.

The Lowell Red Arrows lost a football game at Recreation Park, but gained the respect of a multitude of fans when they held the heavier opponents to 13 points.

A local garage had a visitor one day last week. He walked in the front door, made a complete tour of the entire establishment, and after hanging around for several minutes, walked away in disgust. No one ascertained whether he was after a new car or wanted a motor overhauled on his old one. The visitor is a fine upstanding member of the great outdoors, who introduces himself, in no uncertain terms, as "Mr. Skunk."

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life September 21, 1972

Saturday night, Lowell Police were summoned to Frank's 5¢ to \$1.00 Store on West Main Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. A car backed up onto the sidewalk on Riverside Drive, breaking the plate glass window on the west side of the building. A 1964 light green Chrysler, seen going north on Riverside Dr at a high rate of speed, is being sought.

While returning home from the skating rink Friday night, two girls revealed to Lowell Police that three juvenile boys bombarded them with eggs, in the vicinity of Spring Street. One girl was hit in the mouth and the other on the leg. The boys were picked up and cited into Juvenile Court.

The city of Lowell will be building a waste water treatment facility. The City is currently completing an application for federal grants to provide 75 percent of such facilities.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 24, 1997

Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone said a proposed new ordinance would look to regulate a home-based business's size, traffic, growth, excess noise and noxious odors. This has created a nervousness among some of its long-standing residents.

An industrial accident at Metric Manufacturing, Wednesday morning, took the life of Eric "Ed" VonMyhr, 57. He died of cardiac arrest at Butterworth Hospital, following compression-type injuries to his chest and sternum in a tool and die machine accident, according to hospital officials.

## to the editor

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

Dear Editor:

This goes to all those who value the Kent County Youth Fair.

The KCYF has been at the fairgrounds since 1934. More than a few generations of supporters have come and gone, either through direct participation, children, grandchildren, but mostly fairgoers – Lowell residents, visitors, and vacationers; The public visitors we have always relied on. This year's Fair has come and gone. For the first time I saw public complaints about a few aspects of the fair, mostly the bingo being absent, the short carnival, and why the move to a new fairgrounds.

The sign at the road says it was the best fair ever. Yes, it was the best auction ever, bringing in a million dollars. But it takes many voices and hands to make a truly great-all around fair, both for youth who exhibit animals and those who do not own livestock and may only do craft projects.

I still see it referred to as the 4H Fair. Sadly, many

years ago the affiliation with 4H officially ended because a small group of parents wanted the age groups to change so very young exhibitors could compete competitively. I was at that meeting. This change rippled into 4H not being able to sanction our fair or support it because the new age guidelines did not match theirs. Yes, there are still 4H clubs that come to fair. Our fair has been open to all - 4H, FFA, and independent. But over 90% of our exhibitors come through a 4H club. In my opinion, the values of 4H and emphasis on education and helping others are the best part of our fair. I would dearly love to see that relationship be repaired and the fair remain open to all regardless of club affiliation. 4H is a national program and a long career with 4H always looks good on a resume. Without it, fair rules can change ever year by the board without regard

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## We love to hear from you!



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### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30 am - 5 pm. There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sale.

# ABCs of Lowell history

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

Address: 211 E. Main  
Date Built: 1881; repaired 1905  
Builder: George Behler; repaired by M. Bishop and the Grand Rapids Brewing Co  
Business in 1905: Silver Foam Saloon

George Behler built a building here in the 1870s. It housed C. Broad, Boots and Shoes (1873) before Donovan and Swayze's Saloon. The fire of 1905 gutted it and the roof tumbled in. All that remained



Thomas Donovan his family lived in a 2nd-floor apartment of the building at the time of the fire. They escaped with short notice. Donovan was the owner of the Silver Foam Saloon, downstairs, 1893-1913. His wife was the former Margaret Murphy, who immigrated from Ireland as a child. This is a Board of Trade photo, 1908.



The United Cigar Store, Now "Pete's Place" on Pete's 1st day of business, Jan. 1, 1926. Pictured, left to right, are Eddie Ham; playing pool, Don Hullivan & Bob Peckham; Pete Kerr; Man Seated Unidentified; Jack Manning, the Barber; & Frank Gould, former owner.

Interior of the United Cigar Store, then Pete's Place, 1926 to 1980, advertised Beer and Lunch. Sandwiches were their Specialty. They also served Coca Cola and sold Copenhagen cigars. Photo was taken on Pete's first day in 1926.

standing were the walls. The building was repaired by the Grand Rapids Brewing Co., who owned the lot. Thomas Donovan reopened the Silver Foam Saloon, which he had operated since 1893 and continued until 1913.

The next owner was Frank Gould who operated The United Cigar Store, Jack Mannings Barber Chair, a lunch counter and had pool tables on the premises.

On January 1, 1926, the 23-year-old George "Pete" Kerr opened "Pete's Place." He sold 'near beer' during prohibition days. It was a place for the "boys" to discuss issues of the day while playing pool or cards. The lunch counter was replaced with a grill for sandwiches and hamburgers. His genuine 'homemade soup' and the size of the

burgers and sandwiches never changed. For years he sponsored Bowling Teams, keeping the trophies on the back bar. The business name was changed to Pete's Tavern. Pete was here for over 50 years.

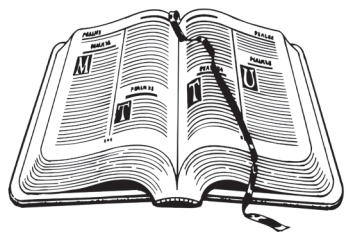
In 1981, Gary Laux

purchased the building, renovated it and changed the name to The Hollow. It became Sneaker's in 1987, when Shelley Catlin purchased it from Brett McManus. It has continued as Sneaker's for 35 years.



Sneakers, photo, 1996

# area churches



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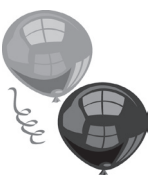
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## happy birthday



### SEPTEMBER 21

Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Scott, Megan Racine, Ethan VanDerWarf, Grayson VanDyke.

David Powell, Stephanie Vickers, Jake Baker, Samantha Clouser, Josie Stuckey.

### SEPTEMBER 25

Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier, Patricia Mull.

### SEPTEMBER 26

Micah Soyka, Jim Nikodemski, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.

### SEPTEMBER 22

Jennifer Haan, Linda Barnes.

### SEPTEMBER 23

Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.

### SEPTEMBER 27

Brooke Tetzlaff.

### SEPTEMBER 24

Kenneth Gregersen II,

# Franciscan Rhythms Trail 5K Run/Walk coming Oct. 1

By Emma Palova  
contributing writer

Run it, walk it, rain or shine. Do the 8th annual Franciscans Rhythms Trail 5K Run/Walk, your way, on Oct. 1 at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC), Lowell Campus.

The funds raised by the run help support the Music Therapy Program, both at the campus in Lowell and Grand Rapids for individuals, as well as the outreach in the community with contracted programs at elder care facilities or nursing homes, school systems, hospice

programs, we bring our own equipment," said Koteskey. "A grant helped us purchase equipment 20 years ago. It's time to replace it." This includes guitars, drums, and other sensory equipment, along with gym mats or trampolines. "We want to replace the equipment so we can continue to serve for another 20 years," Koteskey said.

The trail run or walk, not only exposes the participants physically to the extensive trail system at FLPC with its natural habitat, but also gives a live music experience out in the

wood on the land. "You can have a little piece of the land to take home with you," Koteskey said.

The nature trail goes in three different loops. The first loop goes through Peter's Woods and the Sisters' fruit orchards; the second loop runs through the Prairie, which has been repurposed so everything

that grows there is native to Michigan prairies to help sustain and regenerate the habitat. It goes through the Laudato si' Sanctuary, and the third loop winds through the back woods and hills that were formed by glacier movement through the area. "The Sisters are very conscientious about that," she said.

To facilitate this, the start is staggered, with the runners starting first, followed by the walkers. Since the Lowell campus lies on 230 acres, everybody gets a whole acre.

"Athletes like it," she said. "Everything returns back to the center. You can bale out at any time. The

want to fund-raise can run or walk wherever they are," Koteskey said.

You can register at the center for \$35 or online at <https://runsignup.com/franciscanrhythmstrailrun>

"We work hard to underwrite our own program," said Koteskey. "All the funds raised go

## Trail Run helps raise funds for Music Therapy Program

organizations, and adult day care with special needs.

"The idea and the formation of the trail run was a way of connecting the community with some of our programs," said Sandy Koteskey, FLPC director of the music therapy program. "We wanted to connect the music program and the land program."

The second goal is to help replace the outdated music equipment, which is currently more than 20 years old. "When we go into the community at our contracted

open air. Seven different live musicians and bands will be placed along the trail with the main band at the start, and other musicians at the turn points on the trail.

The center will smell like cinnamon rolls. The Sisters traditionally bake cinnamon rolls and bread, which is available for pre-order sale.

One of the new features of the run this year is the FLCP apparel for sale; t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, phone, and tablet holders made from fallen



The finish of the Franciscans Rhythms Trail Run on the Sisters' trail system north of Lowell.



Caleb Perry and Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE.

All the trails end on the farm. There is a kids' run, but no strollers or dogs will be allowed on the trails.

"It's one of my favorite events that the center holds," said Koteskey. "I can bring my family; it gets them outside with many aspects of nature and music that acts as a motivator."

The run is a therapeutic experience aimed at helping get the participants through some of the more challenging parts of the trail. "Just come out here and walk," said Koteskey. "We're not in it for the time or setting records. You can just walk on the nature trail. We'd love to see 250 people show up."

center is for all. We want to make the music program accessible for everybody."

As a silver lining of COVID, a virtual option at your own location is also available. "We still have a virtual option so folks who

back to the music therapy program." The fundraising goal is \$50,000.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sarah Kelly at [skelly@lifeprocesscenter.com](mailto:skelly@lifeprocesscenter.com)

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# Alto Harvest Festival photos



## Red Arrow

- GOLF

# SPORTS

## Golf team wins first Jamboree in 8 years

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

"I'm just here to support them, it's their home course, they know it in and out, and they know what to do," Lowell girls golf head coach Josh Bruwer said as the varsity squad took on five other OK White schools in Monday's OK White jamboree. That home field advantage

paid off in a big way as Lowell won their first OK White conference jamboree since 2014 and only their second in school history. Conference jamborees were first started following the 2011 season.

Lowell won the jamboree with a 181, comfortably beating the rest of the OK White field in attendance. Forest

Hills Central and Byron Center were not a part of the jamboree. East Grand Rapids finished second with a 194. Forest Hills Northern, down their number one player, finished third with a 196. Grand Rapids Christian, Northview, and Greenville rounded out the results.

Senior Stephanie Spinella led the way with a 43, birdieing the long par 4 7th hole at Arrowhead, Lowell's home course. Elle Sluss shot a 44 and went straight to the driving

range after to work on her game. Rylee Jannenga (46), Hannah Flickenger (48), Emma Jo McCormick (48), and Sophia Flinkenger (49) rounded out the scores for LHS. Flickenger recorded the other birdie for Lowell, on Arrowhead's risk-reward 5th hole.

Elsewhere last week Lowell recorded a second place finish at Greenville. Sluss led Lowell with an 85 in the 18-hole tournament hosted by the Links at Bowen Lake. Spinella (92), Jannenga (95), and McCormick (101) scored for Lowell. Rockford, ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 1, ran away with the tournament.

Lowell has a busy week this week with a conference jamboree on Tuesday at Kent Country Club, Wednesday pre-regional at Arrowhead, and the Lakewood Invitational on Friday at Morrison Lake.



Lowell golfers after a second-place finish at Greenville.

### WRWW Sportscasting Schedule

Thurs., 9/22 at 6 pm

Volleyball: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern



Fri., 9/23 at 7 pm

Varsity Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern

Thurs., 9/29 at 6:30 pm

JV Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Central

Fri., 9/30 at 7:00 pm

Varsity Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Central

# GO TEAM, GO!



# Fallasburg, continued

for the bands. Sugaree Wenger, our favorite sound dog, stayed at home, out of respect for the request by Lowell Arts that dogs not attend the event.

Janet Teunis, Project Director at Lowell Arts, was quick to praise all the people who volunteer their time and energy to make the event successful year after year. "We have a lot of help from our wonderful volunteers," Teunis said. "They are the ones who make this Festival run.

the set-up times on Friday morning for the artists before the show and then do exit interviews with them to help improve their experience here." She also handles any questions or complaints during the show and will even "booth sit" when an artist needs to take a break.

One the most enjoyable benefits of attending the Fallasburg Festival is the opportunity to meet and speak with so many talented people. (One of the rules of

25 years as a shipping and export specialist at Unist," Kim explained. "The owner knew that I loved to sew and gave me some inspiration and ideas by giving me a sail. I started making bags and thought, 'let's see where it goes.'"

Hilton has been taken by surprise at where things are going for her. She reported having an "amazing Saturday" at Fallasburg which goes along with everything that has been happening with her endeavor



**Kim Hilton**

As a young man in his twenties, he and his identical twin brother, David, formed a band with some friends: Glassings David. Duane played guitar, sang, and wrote most of the music and his brother played the violin through a variety of effects. They opened for a number of bands in the Detroit area in the mid-80's, including Aldo Nova and Cyndi Lauper.

Duane began exploring visual arts as a painter and

checked in with him at his corner booth, he confirmed that he has had a booth at Fallasburg for "about 40 years". When we asked how sales had gone for him the first day, he shook his head in wonder and said he was surprised at the volume of sales and closed with a joke, "Maybe they take a look at me and figure they better buy something from me now, before I don't show up here anymore."

The Fallasburg Festival

Johnson took a minute away from prepping the grills to explain that they prepare for Fallasburg by getting 800 pounds of charcoal, which they use to grill-up 800 birds. Chuck and his crew are only one-of-ten of the food booths you can find at Fallasburg. There are lots of picnic tables set-up in front of the stage, so you can get the best of everything at once- Music for your ears and food for your belly, all while being surrounded



**Jennifer Helner (right) stands in for an artist taking a break.**

They take ownership of their particular areas and make it work."

One such volunteer is Jennifer Helner, an artist who lives and has her studio in Lowell. Jennifer is a water colorist, calligrapher, and custom framer. (www.ScriptedExpressions.com) She began her association with Lowell Arts six years ago, when she moved here, and has been the Artist Chair at the Festival for four years. She explained her job before we could ask.

"I work with Janet [Teunis], laying out where the artists are going to be set up," Helner explained. "We try to accommodate any special requests for placement. I help schedule

participation is that the artist must be present.) Artists are very interesting people and come from a variety of back grounds. There were 99 booths this year and we asked Janet Teunis to direct us to someone experiencing their first show at Fallasburg.

We located booth #99 easily, using the map provided when we parked. Artist Kim Hilton, Great Lakes Bagworks, is from Belding. Not only was this her first time at Fallasburg, but this show was only the third one she has participated in. Kim sews unique bags, totes, and accessories, using a combination of recycled laminate sailcloth and various other materials.

"I recently retired after

since kicking it off in a booth at the Lowell Riverwalk. She did one other show in downtown Muskegon and was thrilled to report that she is selling her bags to people all over the country. She has been so busy that she has not even had time to set up a website, but you can find Great Lakes Bagworks on Facebook.

The success of Saturday sales, reported by rookie Kim Hilton, was echoed by Duane Scherer (he used the word "fantastic"), who brought his booth full of handmade clocks to Fallasburg from his studio in Lathrop Village for the fourth time this year.

Duane had a lot of fun explaining how he came to be selling his unique clocks.



**Lowell Arts Director Lorain Smalligan stands between board members Liz Ripley and Barb Pierce.**

then did some other things ,including assemblage pieces. He began to notice that every time he made a clock, it would sell almost instantly, so he has focused on clocks since 1998. Scherer has sold his clocks all over the US and to galleries and art brokers in Canada, Europe, and Japan. You can find him on Facebook, as well as other places on the web.

Mike Barnes lives and works his craft in Harbor Springs. We have seen him at Fallasburg for many years selling his handmade wallets and other leather goods. When we

is all about music, art, and – oh yeah, FOOD. One of the most popular food booths is the chicken dinners cooked-up by the Lowell Fire Department. Lt. Chuck

by a huge variety of visual arts. We can only hope the Fallasburg Arts Festival continues for another 54 years.



**Mike Barnes (left) watches over his busy booth.**



- SENIOR  
Athlete

## Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

*Ethan Krieger & Sophia Campos***Sophia Campos****What sports do you play and how long have you played them for?**

I am a three-year varsity cheerleader and started cheering my sophomore year of high school!

**What are your plans for after high school?**

Ethan Krieger

(Examples: College/major, trade school, military, etc.)

After High School I plan on attending Ferris State University to study to become an ultrasound technician.

**Which high school sports memory most sticks out to you and why?**

My favorite cheer memory is Pink Arrow 2022 and going to the senior retirement homes with the senior football players and cheerleaders.

**Name a person who has had a big impact in your high school life, whether that's a parent, teacher, coach, or friend and tell us what impact they've had?**

Some people that have had a big impact on me are my parents. My parents have shown up to every game to watch me cheer and have been my number one supporters since day one.

**What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?**

My biggest accomplishment is my stunt group this year. Being able to hit new stunts and try out new things.

**Who is your favorite sports hero?**

My sports heroes are my coaches. I have two amazing coaches who I look up to everyday. They push all of us to our potential and beyond.

**What is your favorite sporting event (non-high school)?**

My favorite sport outside of school is Professional Bull Riding.

**Ethan Krieger****What sports do you play and how long have you played them for?**

I have been playing football and basketball since my elementary school days.

**What are your plans for after high school?**

My plans for after high school are to go to college and pursue an engineering degree.

**Which high school sports memory most sticks out to you and why?**

A high school sports memory that sticks out to me the most was my sophomore year when we beat Byron Center in the first round of the playoffs. We had lost to them at home earlier in the year, so going on the road and beating them was a great feeling and a huge team accomplishment.

**Name a person who has had a big impact in your high school life, whether that's a parent, teacher, coach, or friend and tell us what impact they've had?**

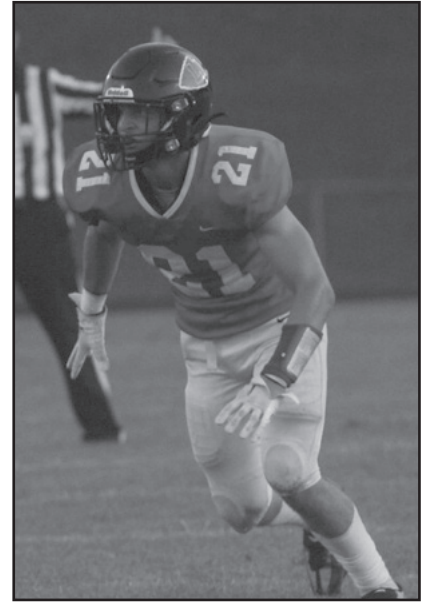
My parents have had a big impact on my high school life. They support me in everything I do, including my academics and athletics.

**What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?**

An accomplishment I am most proud of was being named all-conference in Football last year.

**What is your favorite movie about sports?**

My favorite mov-



Ethan Krieger

ie about sports is *Rudy*.**What is your favorite sporting event (non-high school)?**

My favorite sporting event that I enjoy playing is golf.

## - FOOTBALL

**Turnovers doom Lowell in loss to Byron Center**By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Speed. Agility. Elusiveness. These words describe two people. DC Comic's hero The Flash and Byron Center quarterback Hunter Schichtel. Lowell could not stop the quarterback run in Friday night's 48-35 game against the Bulldogs. The senior quarterback's 4.40 40-yard dash speed made it a tough night for the Red Arrow run defense, despite holding their own in other facets of the game including, a punt block. He ran for 297 yards

on the ground and accounted for six touchdowns in the win.

It was Lowell who struck first though, marching the length of the field to open up a 7-0 lead. Quarterback Jackson Reisbig scored on a five-yard touchdown run; he amassed 147 yards of rushing yards during the game.

Turnovers were the story in the first half for the Red Arrows who continued to put themselves in good position, but costly turnovers prevented points in what was statistically a

pretty even half and game. After Byron Center made it 7-7, a Lowell fumble near midfield gave the Bulldogs the ball back. Byron Center would take advantage to go up 14-7, and would do so again after a Red Arrow interception deep in Bulldog territory. The Bulldogs would do so one more time in the half, with 21 points off three turnovers and a 28-7 halftime lead.

Byron Center received the third quarter kick and quickly scored their 35th consecutive point on a long touchdown run and extra



Brady Swift puts pressure on the quarterback.

point. Down 35-7, LHS would fight their way back into the game giving Byron Center a reason to sweat.

Reisbig got the scoring going with a second touchdown on the night with a spin move and 8-yard touchdown run. The Bulldogs responded however, to make it 42-14. Some tough running by Carson Crace set up a 1-yard Tacho Gonzales TD run. On the first punt of the day for BC, Lowell got a block in on the punt and took advantage of the

short field to make it a two possession game.

Lowell would get their chance on offense but were stopped on fourth down. Byron Center scored and Lowell responded with an Aidan Fitzpatrick kickoff return for a touchdown set up by a monster block by Connor Lixie.

It was a game Byron Center absolutely needed to win entering the game 0-1 in the OK White and 1-2 overall. The Bulldogs only two losses this season were to unbeaten teams.

Prior to the game, Lowell athletic officials dedicated the press box in memory of longtime announcer Tony Stencel, who passed away in May. He served as announcer for Lowell varsity football games over the span of five decades and was 74 at the time of his passing. The renamed Tony Stencel Memorial Press Box was unveiled before kickoff

**Football, continued next page**

Marshall VanWagner lines up before a play.

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

# SPORTS



## Busy week for soccer team

By Justin Scott  
sports reporter

Four of the top seven boys soccer teams in Michigan's Division 2 soccer rankings are from the OK White. That's the unfortunate reality for the Lowell Red Arrows varsity boys soccer team as they begin the meat of conference play. The Red Arrows faced off with two of them this week, as well

as, a non-conference match against Wayland last week.

On Tuesday, Lowell lost 8-0 to Forest Hills Northern, but in Thursday's away match against Forest Hills Central turned in a much improved performance. Lowell scored two goals in a 5-2 loss, scored by Avery Miller on an overhead ball that was volleyed into the top right corner, and the

second by David Foster on a direct free kick.

Later in the week, the program hosted their annual alumni game benefiting the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship. It was a great day for soccer as the alumni game followed the varsity game where the Red Arrows lost 6-1 to Wayland. Jack Schaedig scored the lone Red Arrow goal. On the field



Jacob Davidson controls the ball against FHC.



Team photo from the 2022 Lowell soccer alumni game.

for the alumni game was an offensive battle that saw 17 goals in an 8 on 8 game that finished with a 9-8 scoreline. Players spanning three decades participated in the exhibition.

The scholarship is named in honor of Austin

Lancaster, a former LHS soccer player who died in a car crash during his junior year of high school in 2004. The family announced that they had raised \$655.50 this year for the scholarship fund. The fund supports an LHS senior who goes on to play a college sport.

The varsity team hosts East Grand Rapids this Thursday, which will also serve as LASSO night for the program. A great chance for Lowell youth soccer players to watch the JV and varsity players in action.

- CROSS COUNTRY

## Ladies finish sixth at Ottawa Hills Invite

submitted by Paul Judd  
Girls cross country coach

A fast course with fast teams is a great recipe for some good times and the Lowell girls made sure that they were ready. Four of the Arrows had season best times with an additional personal records (PR), which helped lead Lowell to a sixth place finish, 19 points behind winner St Joseph.

Annika Sandman earned medalist honors as she led the race from start to finish getting the win in 18:35. Katrina and Keira

Sandman earned medals finishing in 15th and 23rd with times of 19:54 and 20:18, respectively. Claire O Boyle (21:34) and Evie Deur (21:48) completed the varsity scoring finishing in 55th and 60th place. Rounding out the varsity team was Audrey Latchaw finishing in 97th and Jadyn Young finishing in 120th.

The JV runners also took advantage of the conditions with some PRs as Anna Forney and Veronica Tapia ran 24:43 and 25:36, respectively.

## Harriers achieve many personal records

submitted by Clay VanderWarr  
Boys cross country coach

A late summer heat greeted cross country teams Friday at the Ottawa Invite, held at Riverside Park, but the Red Arrows were still able to come away with nine personal records (PR) and seven season best times. Lowell boys team placed ninth with 223 points in a competitive race with Portage Central taking the division with 83 points.

Ben Bromley earned a PR with a 16th place and time of 16:39. Levi Mills was the second Arrow in

at 42nd, 17:40. Almost breaking into the 17.00s was Dannion Simmet, 55th, 18:00. Close behind was Rhys Sandman who earned a PR with a time of 18:01, good for 65th. Braylon Iakiri completed the score with his own PR of 18:14, 65th. Mason Saylor, 78th, 18:29 and Cooper Byrne, 90th, PR of 18:45 rounded out the varsity lineup.

Next meet is Wednesday for the second OK White Jamboree at South Christian High School.

## Football, continued

with Stencil's family in attendance and surviving wife, Connie, doing the pregame coin toss. A plaque sits above the event operations and media sign up in the press box, with a sign visible on the outside.

Additionally, the athletic department announced the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 14 will serve as the induction ceremony for former head coach Noel Dean, late long-time assistant coach Mark Russell, and the 2002 state championship football

Team into the Wall of Fame. The 1997 football team will also be honored as the first OK White Championship Team. Players from those teams can RSVP on the Lowell Red Arrows Football Facebook page.

Lowell is 3-1 on the season and 1-1 in conference play. They host Forest Hills Northern next week at home. The Huskies are 2-2 on the season, but only beat Greenville by five points last week. Lowell beat Greenville 43-7 in week 3.



Calling all Lowell clubs, organizations, community groups or school sports teams that would like to participate in the Homecoming Parade.

**Friday, October 14 at 6 pm**

If interested, please reserve your spot by contacting Nick at the Lowell High School.

Phone: 616-987-2994

Email: nblough@lowellschools.com

### WRWW Sportscasting Schedule

Thurs., 9/22 at 6 pm

Volleyball: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern

Fri., 9/23 at 7 pm

Varsity Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Northern

Thurs., 9/29 at 6:30 pm

JV Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Central

Fri., 9/30 at 7:00 pm

Varsity Football: Lowell vs Forest Hills Central



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# obituaries

## Kathleen (Kay) C. Estes 7/28/1941 – 9/4/2022

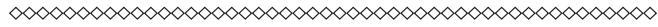
The day after asking for a giant breakfast and a little Jim Croce through the speakers, Kay Estes passed peacefully, with her daughter by her side. A well-deserved rest for her 81 years of empathy, resilience, and love. Kay possessed the all too fleeting characteristic of knowing full well that the world owes you nothing, but you owe yourself the world. While some in her position would glower at the cards dealt and opine that the deck was stacked, Kay sharpened her eye, counted the face cards, and regularly turned her 13's into 21's. Never, did she ever, fold. When she found herself to be a single mother of two in the 70's, Kay pioneered her way through the University of Michigan, on a scholarship of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with a side of persistence. When her arteries were failing her in her 30's, she stood up to be one of the very first stent surgeries at her alma mater's teaching hospital and went on to live another 42 years. Nice try vascular system, but she had kids to raise and better things to do. Then, in her 40's, she welcomed her second son Joe. An event that surprised and delighted her as she again embraced motherhood with homeschooling and cub scouts. Her arteries again betrayed her as she experienced her first heart attack in her mid 50's. She unequivocally said, "Not Yet." With that same heart that would not quit, she loved her family and friends infinitely, with thoughtfulness that puts Hallmark to shame. If you mentioned you liked the wine she served with dinner, you'd get that same bottle of German pilsporter in every stocking for the next decade, without even remembering you had told her you liked it. This was Kay's way. She loved finding "that thing" about a person and turning it into a secret handshake between them. Kay is preceded in paradise by her son, Bob Vaughn, her sister Janice Rosado and her parents Ralph and Josephine Lescohier. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Lisa (Jerry) Henderson, son Joe Estes, sisters Joanne (Jerry) Hale and Leanne Crosby, pugs Lily and Rosie, sweet kitten Polly, and an absolute pile of grandkids/great-grandkids that she regularly expressed her abundant pride for. Her family is grateful for the impeccable care provided these last days by the team of exceptional staff of Blodgett Hospital ICU and her Baywicke neighbors these last years. A celebration of Kay's life is in the works for next summer. In the meantime, order the flapjacks, pour the wine, put on that song you like with the barbed-wire verses, play your cards, and never... ever... fold. To send a message of sympathy to the family, sign Kay's online guest book, or to share a favorite memory, please visit: [www.MichiganCremation.com](http://www.MichiganCremation.com)



**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 was held at 2PM, Friday, September 16, 2022, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, 2894 Patterson Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.



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## SHEPHERD

Cynthia Marie Shepherd (Cindy), born Nov. 14, 1962, died Sept. 12, 2022. Cindy passed away unexpectedly from Lymphoma and complications from COVID. She is survived by her children Julie Elliott, Scott (Kara) Elliott, Patricia Shepherd; sister Fran (Paul) Nicholls; brothers Stanley, Bob (Jackie) Mata; beloved Memaw of Tristan, Ethan, Killian and Peyton (Peanut); nieces Maria (Carl) DeWent, Summer (Brian) Hunt, Holly Parra, Tracy Ayala, Katie Mata and nephew Bob (Tarin) Hasper; many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents Stanley and Shirley Matuszewski, sister Cheryl Klien and grandson Nikki Elliott. Cindy was a kind, loving and generous lady who loved life, her family and adventures. She will be lovingly remembered by her many friends, co-workers and family. Cremation has taken place per her request. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Rest in peace, Cindy.



# to the editor

## Continued

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

to any constancy or the preservation of any values that made our fair a great experience.

The Kent County Youth Agricultural Association is a non-profit. There is a Board of Directors making all decisions. For those who would like to be involved more directly in our fair's direction and improvement, consider joining the Association or running for an open board spot. Being a member entitles you to vote on new board members. Membership is \$20.00 a year and includes a parking pass for next year's fair plus some retail discounts. The membership forms are at the office or available online. Payment for membership must be in to the office before October 1, if you want to be able to vote in

this November's elections. There is a locked dropbox just outside the fair office, if no one is there. If you are interested in running for a board spot, you can write that on your membership application or contact the fair office. Please provide a good email for meeting notifications. As a past volunteer for 25 years, I have always promoted that more membership, more voices, ideas and hands make it all work. After over a year, we are still without a permanent Executive Director; the job description is on the website. I will always treasure my time with the fair and have remained a member. It will take many more new members to help support the fair.

*Maruszka Hufstader  
Lowell*

Dear Editor:

Banned Books Week (9/18-9/24) was started 40 years ago to condemn book banning, protect the freedom to read, and celebrate the ways books unite us!

We're in unprecedented times. The American Library Association (ALA) tracks all self-reported challenges and bans from libraries across the United States. In 2019, the last 'normal' year, there were 377 challenges that targeted 566 books across the country. In 2020 they recorded 156 challenges targeting 273 books. And 2021? 729 challenges targeting 1,597 books. The ALA estimates that anywhere from 82%-97% of challenges go unreported.

We've seen this in West Michigan at school board meeting after school board meeting as 'concerned' parents get up and read passages from books they deem inappropriate.

Words like grooming, pornography, explicit, and obscene are thrown around with abandon. Criminal action threatened. All in the name of parental rights and protecting the kids.

Parents have the right to stop their kids from reading. If they do it anyways... ground them. Don't deny a whole community our 1st and 14th amendment rights. And don't use our kids to do it.

Books with LGBTQIA+ and/or BIPOC characters and authors are most often the target of book challenges. When adults

stand up, month after month, saying that these books are disgusting, inappropriate, damaging, or dangerous, the kids don't hear you talking about a book.

They hear you talking about them.

If it is your deeply held belief that your kids shouldn't read books that reflect the world around them, fine. But some of us hold the deeply held and sincere belief that a book is the perfect place for kids (and adults) to experience hard topics, diversity, and ideas that challenge us.

That schools and libraries, with trained, educated, and safe adults, are the perfect place to ask questions and learn about things like critical thinking, research, reliable sources, and more. Books can be a powerful window into the world, mirror of our own lives. Let's not use them as a weapon to hurt the most marginalized and vulnerable around us.

Please check out the ALA, the National Coalition Against Censorship, PEN America, and Bettie's Pages. There are so many ways you can get involved in this effort and discussion.

In the words of my favorite fictional librarian.... No harm ever came from reading a book.

*Nicole Lintemuth  
Owner of Bettie's  
Pages and proud reader  
of banned books*

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22-211419-DE

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### ~ Plank Roads

by Martha Hayden

Did you know that plank roads had once been created to make travel easier? As civil unrest between the northern states and the south slowly simmered (1845-1855), over 100 plank road companies organized, constructing miles of timber-laid paths throughout our nation. Many had toll houses to sustain revenue for the needed upkeep of the wooden pathways. However, it just wasn't enough money. Plank roads were a short-lived era as the plentiful planks soon rotted and warped. Join DaViking and I as we investigate this long-gone history and how plank roads had connected our country.

These roadways aligned villages and towns, making travel more accessible and the transportation of goods much easier.

Muddy pathways became impassible in the spring or anytime there was heavy precipitation. With ample amounts of lumber readily available, many companies quickly formed and crews started steadily working at constructing plank roadways.

The First United States

along the road. The plank was nine-foot-wide, and two inches thick." This quote was found in the *Chesterton Tribune* on June 25, 1914, describing the plank road connecting Valparaiso and Calumet (later named Chesterton). It had been built from 1850-1851.

Plainwell

We started our caper at the "Old Plank Road Restaurant." Walking in, we observed the waitress bustle over to a table of gray-haired gentlemen. As she poured coffee into their mugs, she addressed each customer by name and recited their regular order. A pair of squeezed lips, with a nod from each, gave her a silent confirmation of their desired breakfast request. My heart smiled. She glanced up and directed us to a booth near the kitchen.

Megan, the current owner, took time to come out from the kitchen and chat with us. Her mom, Sherry, had been known for cooking delicious meals at her restaurants; Cooper Cafe (1990-98), The Fly Inn (located at the airport) and then, The Old



to one of the last remaining toll houses, located on Douglas Street in Kalamazoo. This roadway had been an American Native route, which was then laden with planks in the mid-1800's. The trip from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo was significantly shortened from two days to a single-day trip thanks to the plank roadway.

Paul and Penny Sugas had lived in this brick toll house on Douglas Street. According to the Sugas' collection of articles they've assembled over the years, this official tollmaster's residence had been manned by A.P. and Anna Ware. "During the seasons of 1855 and 1856, A.P. Ware, and his wife Anna, kept the toll gate and sold tobacco, cigars and beer to wayfarers."

A descendant of A.P. and Anna Wares was quoted in another article about altercations that occurred along the route. "Plank road etiquette required that the lighter load was supposed to leave the road and let

meeting. With extra time we strolled the pristine grounds of a reconstructed village. It contains an outstanding collection of structures which had been moved to this location starting in 1974 by John Orin Grettenberger and his family.

Honestly, I had been expecting our tour guide to have already coursed decades. Patrick's spry enthusiasm for history and his knowledge was enjoyable and reassuring that these tales from the past would continue onto the next generation.

the chunks to the batter, she hoped they would melt as the goodies cooked. However, the bits of chocolate held their shape and the first "Toll House Cookies" were invented.

Ruth's recipe was published in a Boston newspaper. Andrew Nestle contacted Ruth and they made a deal to publish Ruth's recipe on the Nestle Toll House package.

Ruth passed away in 1977. Sadly, the Toll House Inn burnt in 1984. There is a sign commemorating the site.

Horses and Riders

published in 1933.

"Young folk of Battle Creek would gather for their frolics as the muddy musk dancing feet would pound the second floor dance hall."

"The meals were famed, from one end of the territorial road to the other, with the aroma of thick bacon."

"... brimming beakers of the nutbrown ale that also bore a far reaching reputation."

Gravel

Within a decade, the planks warped and rotted. With over 100 companies trying to keep up these



DaViking was able to move the toll gate!

Patrick will inspire our youth to honor the past and ponder life lessons to carry our country forward.

Toll Houses

Crossing the threshold into the cabin structure brought a feeling of an era long ago.

Did you know that tolls varied according to items being transported? The location of the roadway would be another factor in the cost. At the discretion of the toll master, fees could be waived for those attending church, going to court or heading to a military parade.

One toll list included the following:

- Vehicle drawn by 2 animals = 2 cents a mile
- Sled or sleigh, 2 animals = 1 cent a mile
- All vehicles drawn by 1 animal = 1 cent a mile
- Each score of sheep or swine = ½ cent a mile (A score = 20 animals)
- Each score of meat cattle = 2 cents a mile
- Horse and rider = 1 cent a mile

Those who dodged the gate by taking a side path and skipped paying their toll were labeled, "shunpikes."

Toll House Cookies

With all this talk of "Toll Houses" are you thinking cookies? I am. Well, I found out that Ruth Wakefield and her husband's "Toll House Inn" had originally been located across a plank road from a toll house along Route 18 in Whitman, Massachusetts.

In 1938, Ruth ran short on nuts for her butter-drop cookies. So, she broke off pieces of a semi-sweet bar of chocolate. As she added

Along these routes, teams of horses were replaced every twelve miles. The working team was given time to rest in a pasture while a new team would be harnessed for the next leg of the journey.

After traveling a dozen miles, people needed a break too. Taverns sprouted up along the roadway. They provided a place to gather for food and entertainment, creating a kinship between locals and travelers.

Barney's Tavern

One tavern was originally built by Nathaniel Barney who had moved from New York in 1833. He constructed a log cabin. He rebuilt twice, relocating each time to be closer to the plank road. The latest structure still stands today as a multi-family-rental unit.

Barney's Tavern's 100th Birthday

wooden trails, it became disorganized. The money collected at toll houses proved to be insufficient for all the repairs that were needed.

Gravel was often laid on top of the planks to provide a more sturdy surface. Most of these roads were later paved (and repaved) and are used today at a much quicker pace. It's ironic how road repair is still something we contend with regularly, still today.

As a youngster I remember having a picnic at Plank Road Farm near Yankee Springs. However, I had no idea about the stories that were etched into the wooden slats. Thank you for joining us on our caper, learning about plank roads and toll houses. Plank roads had been a short-lived era, yet wove pathways into the future roads of today.



This is a plank road in Michigan. Photo Credit: History Grand Rapids.

Plank Road

The first plank road in the United States was constructed in northern New York state.

What Did A Plank Road Look Like?

Some plank roads in Michigan were reportedly made from 16-foot-wide lumber which was three inches thick. After only two years, these planks warped and split, needing repairs.

Ben Little, a settler from Indiana (southeast of Chicago), had been quoted. "The great highway for the farmers to haul their grain to the vessels at Michigan City. . . The road was built of oak plank, made from virgin timber that grew

Plank Road. Sherry had charmed the community with her music at these hometown locations. She had played the bagpipes, dulcimer, bodhran (Irish drum) and the banjo. Sadly, Sherry passed last September.

Megan has taken over since her mother's passing. She reported that her whole family has enjoyed playing instruments. Grief is difficult, but hopefully, their family will find solace in singing together again.

Megan, thoughtfully, sent Chuck texts containing some history about plank roads. This included a poem/song.

Kalamazoo

DaViking and I headed south on Division Avenue

the other one pass, which sometimes meant that they'd get stuck in the mud. So they occasionally would have some pretty contentious confrontations between people hauling things."

With the stone marquee and plaque drawing attention, the current residents of this home have constructed a fence around their property. We clicked a photo from a distance and resumed our caper. DaViking and I had organized a tour at Meridian Park in Okemos.

Okemos

We arrived early for our scheduled tour with Patrick at the Meridian Charter Township Park. Through email we'd organized our



This is one of the few toll houses still standing along the route.

Resources

<https://plankroad.wordpress.com/2009/04/30/is-there-a-plank-road-in-your-life/>

Plank Road Summer By Hilda and Emily Demuth

For the 100th birthday of Barney's Tavern, the local newspaper collected memories about Nathaniel, his wife and three sons. These memories were

# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKU

2	7						5	
		5	2	8				
9				4			7	
						8		
		9	8		1			2
				9	3			
1	2					5		
			4	6		9		
		8	1			6		

Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

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

# WRITE & EDIT WORD SEARCH

S C B K C S F C T E X T R A C T T X S  
 X G A D A B I O G B N S T R E S N I R  
 F D E N P U N P N P X D I U B D W X X  
 W Y H A T L A Y I C H C I S N K U T L  
 R G P S I L L E N X D W B Y P E G P F  
 S F O R O E K D R G A L L E Y O R M T  
 I E R E N T B I E N U O Y W O O N K U  
 S D T P E E K T K C T M T S O C C Y C  
 T I S M F D P I A B A N D F O U A B S  
 Y T O A O W L N L N S A R R I A L R S  
 L O P L N M B G U N F E W E B H L A A  
 E R A K T B B S P G A L F S U T O C S  
 B T O S D C C R B D U Y T N M G U K E  
 O P L B F R N O I T A R E T L A T E G  
 O K U Y I I X I Y O A N C H E C T T N  
 K H C P R X K A G C F U B O F A X S A  
 L T T X M M C O T W E Y N D H N N S H  
 I D R F Y I P A W H I T E S P A C E C  
 G H E T A L P R E L I O B D D E K P R

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

### WRITE & EDIT WORD SEARCH

ABSTRACT  
 ALTERATION  
 AMPERSAND  
 APOSTROPHE

BOILERPLATE  
 BRACKETS  
 BULLETED  
 CALLOUT  
 CAPTION  
 CHANGES  
 COPYEDITING

EDITOR  
 EXTRACT  
 FINAL  
 FLAG  
 FONT  
 GALLEY  
 INSERT

KERNING  
 MANUSCRIPT  
 PROOFREAD  
 STYLEBOOK  
 SYNOPSIS  
 WHITE SPACE

## Guess Who?

I am a country singer born in Georgia on September 19, 1964. I have a degree in business administration, but music called me. I am a member of the Grand Ole Opry and a cookbook author. I'm also married to another famous country star.

Answer: Trisha Yearwood

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to editing.

O S R F P O

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Answer: Proofs

			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11						12					13		
	14							15					16	17	
18							19				20		21		
22					23				24		25				
26					27				28		29		30		
		31	32						33		34				
35	36										37				
38					39				40						
41				42		43		44					45	46	47
48			49		50		51						52		
53				54		55							56		
57			58		59				60	61	62				
	63	64							65						
		66							67						

### CLUES ACROSS

- Crops sown in winter in India
- Nursemaids in East Asia
- Investigates
- Treated like a child
- About religious belief
- Widely used exclamation
- Car mechanics group
- Not good
- Indigenous people of Alberta
- Everyone has one
- Fencing sword
- Soaks
- The human foot
- Of she
- Erythrocyte (abbr.)
- Soldiers
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Playwright O'Neill
- Stone parsley
- Small stones
- Gas descriptor
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Jeans manufacturer
- NHL great Bobby
- Cool!
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Winged
- Partner to "ooled"

- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Coated
- Furry household friend
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Prefix meaning "within"
- Makes easier
- Transferred property
- Branched
- Hillsides
- Abba \_\_, Israeli diplomat

### CLUES DOWN

- Eggs in a female fish
- Military mailbox
- Unit to compare power levels
- Line on a map connecting similar points
- One who accepts
- Partner to cheese
- Ancient Greek sophist
- About hilus
- Southeast
- Where actors ply their trade
- Beloved Philly sandwich
- Intend
- Talk excessively
- Bronx cheers
- Drain
- Renews
- Monetary unit in Asia
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Carthaginian statesman
- Aged
- Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- Firearm
- Consolation
- An island in the north Atlantic
- Pitching statistic
- Disconsolate
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Call it a career
- Behave in a way that degrades someone
- Health insurance
- Recommend
- Baltic peninsula
- Father
- After B
- Bar bill
- Doctors' group
- 2,000 lbs.
- Equal to one quintillion bytes

GREATER  
**LOWELL**  
COMMUNITY VISION

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Charter  
Township, Vergennes Township, City of  
Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

## Community Cleanup Day Saturday September 24

Cleanup AND Recycling

**8 am to 11 am**

Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, MI – enter at the Grand River  
boat launch and follow the signs!

**You must live in the Lowell Area School District. Please  
present a tax bill and/or voter's registration card plus  
driver's license. One trailer/pickup truck load per  
household. Load your items in the following order of stations below.**

**Trash - Appliances - Metal - Document Shredding - Electronics**

## We WILL NOT Be Unloading Your Items From Your Vehicle

**Station Order - beginning at boat launch**

**(South end of the Fairgrounds)**

**Trash Dumpsters - Lowell Community Vision** - Furniture, carpeting, wood, clothing, glass etc. No paint, liquid, gasoline, motor oils or antifreeze. No liquids of any kind are accepted. No concrete.

**Can & Bottle Drive - Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter**

Drop off your cans & bottles to help raise funds to purchase \$25 gift cards for Women Veterans Injured in Combat Non-Profit

**Appliances - Lowell Light & Power**

Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers & room ac (rebates for LL & P customers)

**Metal Recycling - Boy Scouts**

Sheet metal, auto parts and engines (liquid drained), aluminum, copper wire, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, fencing (must be flattened & folded), appliances and anything metal.

**Document Shredding - Lowell Community Vision** - Get rid of old documents securely. No CD disks, plastic binders, binder clips, hard/thumb drives - anything you can not cut with scissors. No cardboard. No need to remove staples, clips & rubber bands.

**Electronics Recycling - Comprenew - FEE CHARGED**

Air cleaners, humidifiers, batteries (Alkaline, Lithium, Lithium-Ion, Ni-Cad, lead acid, etc.), cell phones and mobile devices, copiers, DVD players and VCR's, fax machines, gaming systems, GPS units, iPods, MP3 players, ink and toner cartridges, microwaves, medical equipment (non-hazardous), power tools (electric only), projectors, radios, stereos and CD players, televisions (complete sets only), various media (floppy disks, CD's, DVD's, memory sticks), small appliances, circuit boards, computers (desktops, laptops, main frames, tablets), docking stations, routers, hard drives, internal, external disk drives, keyboards and mice, modems, CRT, LCD TV's and monitors (any size), networking equipment, PDA's (Blackberrys, Pam Pilots), power cords, cables, wires, printers, scanners, ram/memory, Servers, server racks, tape back-up, optional refrigerants (No larger than dorm size fridge.)

**There is a recycling fee for all Electronics .75 per pound - Cash Only**

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE or TIRE RECYCLING**

Cleanup Day

Partners:



Lowell Boy Scouts  
Troop #102



For more information contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161 or visit [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org)

For more information on items that are not listed visit [reimaginetrash.org](http://reimaginetrash.org) for other recycling/disposal questions.