

Harvest Celebration in downtown Lowell

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Celebrate autumn in downtown Lowell with a bowl of nice hot chili, and why not grab the bragging rights and a trophy for the best chili in town.

The celebration starts off strong with the Pancake Breakfast and Apple Tasting at the Wittenbach Wege Center, hosted by the Lowell FFA members and the center, at 8 a.m.

The Harvest Hustle Race begins at 8:30 am. Join Lowell Community Wellness for the Harvest Hustle 5k.

“The focus of this event is to encourage families to lead healthy and active lives together,” said Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Director. “If the weather cooperates, we will have a splendid turnout, around 4000,” said Baker.

In the Autumn Marketplace, anything goes. You will find a bountiful gathering of crafts, antiques, repurposed treasures, home-grown food, concessions, and great restaurants. Lowell Light & Power will be on the Riverwalk with pumpkin decorating, as well as



Cheater B’s Band under the Birch Trees in front of the Chamber from 12 pm to 3 pm.

Vendors will be located on the Riverwalk and Main Street sidewalks in downtown Lowell. Many of the merchants will display on the sidewalks, as well. There is plenty of free parking and lots of fun.

The Lowell Area

Chamber Chili Cook-off is where restaurants compete for bragging rights and a trophy for the Best Chili voted on by the people! \$10 wristbands go on sale, Friday, October 7, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Chamber, and again on Saturday, October 8, from 11 am to 1 pm.

Along with your wristband, you will receive

a Chili Ballot. Tasting begins at 1 pm through 4 pm or until the Chili is gone! All Chili will be located on Main Street. When you have tasted all 13 Chilis, drop your ballot in the barrels located by each Chili. The Chamber is located at 113 Riverwalk Plaza, behind the Flat River Grill.

“We, of course, are wishing for perfect Autumn Weather so people can enjoy all that Lowell has to offer,” said Baker. “There are 300 wristbands to sell for Chili Cookoff; we are anticipating they will all be gone.”

Visit the website: www.lowellharvestcelebration.org for more things to do and details.



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Fall into Homecoming

by Gabi Yeary
contributing writer

As the weather gets colder, families all across Lowell begin their favorite autumnal tradition. For the students at Lowell High School, this happens to be Homecoming week.

From in-school activities to outdoor extracurriculars, the high school makes sure their Homecoming week is one to remember.

The school week starts October 10th with spirit week. Throughout the week,

there will be a new theme each day for the students to dress up as. These themes can range from a variety of things, such as pajama day or favorite teacher day, where you dress up as your favorite teacher. Ideas

are chosen by the student council and approved by the administration. Spirit week has been a student-loved activity that offers and showcases student creativity and school spirit.

Of course, the fun doesn't stop there. In previous years, the school has done their annual Junior vs. Senior Powderpuff games—where Junior and Senior girls sign up to play flag football and the boys sign up to be cheerleaders. To mix things up, this year the school has opened these games up to Freshmen and Sophomores, as well. On Tuesday, October 11th, all grades will take to the stadium and battle it out—Freshmen girls will go against Sophomore girls, and Juniors will go up against the Seniors. Parents, and students alike, are all encouraged and invited to join the school in this

evening activity.

Following Powderpuff, other sports will play throughout the week, such as volleyball and soccer. Students are encouraged to show off their school pride by attending each of these sports.

The school week will end on Friday, October 14, with a pep rally in the morning. The Homecoming Court will all be announced together and the male Senior Homecoming Court will clash for the title of Homecoming King.

Evening events will kick-off with the annual Homecoming Parade, when it makes its trek through town with various school and social-oriented floats, such as the Lowell High School band and cheerleaders.



Powderpuff game from 2018. File photo.

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Homecoming, continued

Different cars will each carry a Homecoming Court couple. The route for the parade is typically posted around on different forums, so make sure to keep an eye out! Though the Lowell parade doesn't throw candy, it makes up for that with its visionary and enthralling floats and band! The parade typically ends a half hour before kickoff begins to ensure adequate time for the families to arrive at the game.

At 7:00, kickoff for

the varsity football game versus East Grand Rapids will take place at the high school stadium, where fans will be buzzing with anticipation; with the football team's record this year, it won't be a game to miss! After an eventful first and second quarter, the Homecoming queen will be announced to the crowd, along with the rest of the Homecoming royals, and the band will end halftime with another show-stopping performance!

Ending the Homecoming week, on October 15th, the Homecoming dance will take place right outside the main cafeteria at 8:00, and inside activities, such as food and games, will be set up right inside the main cafeteria. The theme this year is Garden Party. All students are encouraged to bring a jacket or sweater in case of colder weather. We all look forward to a week full of eventful activities!



LHS Marching band in the 2018. Homecoming Parade. File Photo.

BISSELL Pet Foundation hosts walking challenge to raise funds for homeless pets

Grand Rapids-based national animal welfare organization, Bissell Pet Foundation, is challenging animal lovers to walk 31 miles in 31 days in October to raise lifesaving funds to fight pet homelessness. The Walktail 31-Mile Challenge will provide critical funding to the foundation's growing network of more than 5,600 shelter partners in all 50 states and international locations.

microchipping and transport.

This year, Bissell Pet Foundation has made it even easier to walk your tail off for homeless pets with a new challenge platform. The virtual format allows participants, from any location, to choose where and when to walk the suggested distance of 31 miles over 31 days, Oct. 1-31, 2022. Participants can walk individually or create

walk solo or create a team to achieve your fundraising goal. Don't forget to bring your furry friend along with you on your walks!

Donors: Donate to Walktail 31-Mile Challenge fundraisers by visiting the challenge Facebook group. Feel good knowing that 100% your contribution will save the lives of homeless pets!

Join in and walk-the-walk for homeless pets by joining the Walktail 31-Mile Challenge Facebook Group. Learn more about the challenge and view frequently asked questions by visiting <https://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/walktail-challenge/>. It's the "Best DOG-GONE Walk" in the country, where every step helps homeless pets!

About Bissell Pet Foundation:

Bissell Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter

programs, microchipping and crisis and disaster response. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-

standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 5,600 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and Bissell Inc.

, where every purchase saves pets. To learn more or make a lifesaving donation, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

Walktail participants challenged to 31 miles in 31 days to support shelters

Our nation's animal shelters are overburdened due to increased owner surrenders and staffing and resource challenges. Support is needed now, more than ever, to help the most deserving pets and the people caring for them in communities small and large throughout the country. Bissell Pet Foundation's grant funding includes support for adoption, spay/neuter, vaccinations,

teams to raise awareness and hit fundraising goals. In addition, walkers are encouraged to share their journey on social media to promote within their own network.

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A look at Proposal 1 on the Nov. 8 ballot

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

Before we all head to the polls and vote on November 8th (or earlier for those using an absentee ballot), it might be helpful to take a look at the three ballot proposals that everyone in Michigan will be voting on. We have included the actual language of the proposal so that no one will be surprised when filling in their ballots. This week we look at Proposal 1.

Proposal 22-1 A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

Require members of legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general file annual public financial disclosure reports after 2023, including assets, liabilities, income sources, future employment agreements, gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions held in organizations except religious, social, and political organizations.

Require legislature implement but not limit or restrict reporting requirements.

Replace current term limits for state representatives and state senators with a 12-year total

limit in any combination between house and senate, except a person elected to senate in 2022 may be elected the number of times allowed when that person became a candidate.

Currently, the State Constitution allows someone to serve 6 years in the House and 8 years in the Senate for a total of 14 years. The new amendment would shorten the total time to 12 years, but it would allow someone to serve all 12 years in one of the two Chambers. It is worth noting that only 15 states have any type of term-limiting legislation in place. The current 14-year restriction in Michigan is the most restrictive of those with a two-chamber government, and lowering it to 12, will keep Michigan as the most restrictive. NOTE: Nebraska only allows two four-year terms, but it only has one body – senate. The other 13 states have two chambers and allow more than 14 years of service. The other 35 states have no restrictions.

There are some who actually feel that even allowing 12 years of elected service is too long and express that this Proposal does not cut the years down enough.

The most notable changes concern financial transparency. Proposal 1 would require state lawmakers, the governor, the secretary of state and the state attorney

general to disclose certain financial information, including: description of assets, sources of all forms of income, description of liabilities, positions held outside their elected office, arrangements regarding future employment, continuing benefits from former employers other than the state, and payments and gifts received from lobbyists.

Since Michigan and Idaho are the only two states with absolutely no requirements regarding financial disclosure from politicians, many see this as a positive step.

Michigan has ranked near and at the bottom for many years when it comes to financial transparency required and offered by our officials elected to State office. Legislators in Lansing have been very good at enforcing transparencies in this regard on municipalities while allowing themselves a pass on such things. The extreme example of this is when the State government can actually take control of a municipality – think Emergency Manager. The State also has guidelines in place to monitor the funded or unfunded retirement liability of municipalities through the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS) and to make sure funds are in place, but they do not enforce a similar policy on their own retirement funding needs.

Small wonder then that

searching for responses to Proposal 1 on the internet showed support from both sides of the political spectrum. It is endorsed and supported by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, traditionally a conservative organization, and by the Progressive Voters Guide.

time to get up to speed about ordinances and laws and how things get done in general. I can only imagine how much longer the learning curve would be in the State House or Senate. In that regard, I do support how Proposal 1 will allow someone to serve all 12 years in one chamber,

a meeting with our MERS representative regarding our unfunded retirement liability. The good news is that our efforts over the past few years to increase the money in our MERS account has gotten us out of the danger zone in terms of the State stepping in and



My Two Cents: My only complaint about Proposal 1 is that it addresses two very important issues with one measure. If I were King, these items would be dealt with separately. I do not count myself among those who maintain that shorter and shorter term limits are the answer to problems in our State government. As someone who was elected to the minor role of a City Council member, I can tell you that it takes quite a bit of

instead of the current trend that sees House members running for Senate after six years. My solution to the disconnect between the will of the voters and the response of our legislators is, not to limit terms, but to address the monies involved from lobbyists and powerful Corporations, but that is another subject for another day.

As for the big move toward financial transparency in Proposal 1, it has my full support. Earlier this year, we had

forcing the issue. Just to put it on the record, I asked the person from MERS if the State enforced similar funding standards on itself. He almost laughed and gave me a solid, “No.”

I wish Proposal 1 was two different proposals, but mine will be a “yes” vote for the simple reason that I would like to see my favorite state move up from the bottom, when it comes to financial transparency.

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Book Corner

SWELL: A Waterbiography

By Jenny Landreth
Non-fiction

By Alison Yarger
Contributing writer

“You’ve come a long way baby” was the mantra in the 60s for the Virginia Slims cigarette advertisements. Those ads have gone the wayside, thankfully, but this mantra absolutely pertains to *SWELL: A Waterbiography*.

One of the most poignant stories as far as being a woman goes, as well as unbelievably witty, this book is for every single female from late teens to 90-year-olds. And I do trust that some men would benefit from this as well. The best part is the booklover doesn’t have to be a swimmer or even enjoy swimming to get pleasure from this book.

As the description says, “These days, swimming may seem like an egalitarian pastime, open to anyone with a swimsuit, but this

wasn’t always the case. In the 19th century, swimming was almost exclusively the domain of men, and it wasn’t until the 1930s that women were reluctantly granted equal access. This is the story of the swimming suffragettes who made that possible; women who took on the status quo and won.”

Part social history, part memoir, *SWELL* shines a light on the amazing achievements, ridiculous outfits and fantastic swimmers who challenged the stereotypes of what women were capable of.

Author Landreth, who herself is not an accomplished swimmer yet enjoys swimming laps now and then lays out the history of women swimming brilliantly. Born in 1960, her family was not ‘water oriented’ yet her Aunt Mary took her to a lake where the

children splashed around. From a lower middle-class background, Landreth looks back in the story of how she began swimming and lauds the line of women behind her who kept going, kept getting in the water, kept breaking the taboos of what women could and couldn’t do, which made it possible for her to swim today whenever and wherever she wanted.

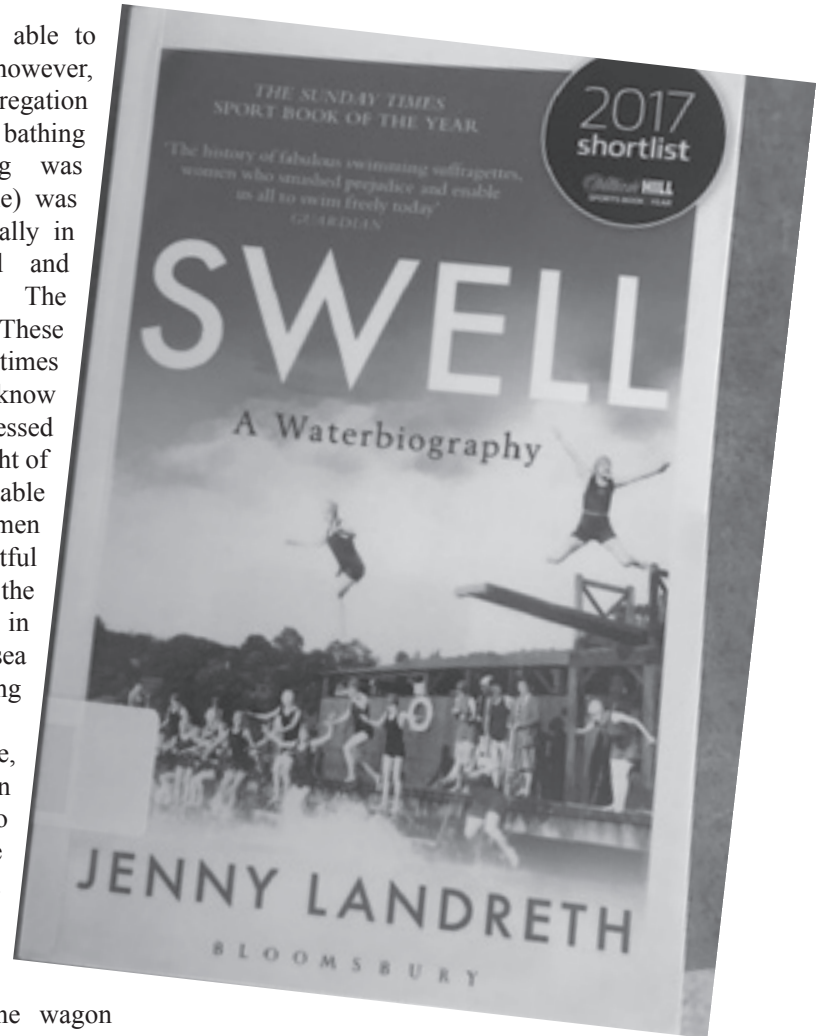
Throughout the funny yet historical book are tidbits of hilarity from the past. Caesar was apparently considered to be a great swimmer; thus, all his Roman soldiers were required to be good swimmers as well. The caveat? They had to learn to swim wearing their armor, an essential skill if you’re going to be conquering an island like Britain, which is of course totally surrounded by water. When you think of the fuss we make today that the cut of our swimsuit isn’t exactly to our taste, we realize what formidable athletes these soldiers must have been.

By the 1800s in some very limited social circles,

both sexes were able to share the water; however, trends toward segregation of the sexes in bathing (what swimming was called at the time) was the norm, especially in these puritanical and prudish times. The author states, “These were Victorian times after all, and we know that in those repressed days, even the sight of a nicely turned table leg might send men into a giddy lustful spin, let alone the thought of being in the same bit of sea as an actual living woman!”

Of course, when women were allowed to bathe, they were fully garbed, and led into the sea in what I would deem a “circus” wagon – and the wagon was pushed out far enough so that nothing on the female body showed, as if it could be while completely clothed, including coat and shoes. Only their head, which was covered in a cap showed.

In an effort to encourage women to stop being passive while swimming, several women of the day said: “When you swim, do not go about like a floating coffin, but be cheerful, enjoy yourself.” Landreth said that the thought of Victorian women lying immobile on



the water in all their garb, like gloomy wooded boxes bumping into one another was disturbing

There were some swimming suffragettes who despite rules and sanctions, put on their ‘bathing attire’ and swam anyway. These are the women we need to thank today who paved the way to make the action of swimming anytime,

anywhere, wearing anything or nothing, much easier for females.

This book was phenomenal in providing history, melodrama, laughter, and sometimes even a tear, and I would suggest this to anyone who loves to laugh out loud yet enjoys history! This tome deserves 5 of 5 stars.

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viewpoint



125 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1897

Grand Rapids boys must be a bad lot. Nine of them were up in the police court Monday and four more Tuesday.

The Sixteenth Michigan Infantry will hold its annual reunion on October 13 at Ionia, where a portion of the regiment was recruited.

Some months ago, Charles Wheeler of Clarksville, was charged with selling liquor without a license and a warrant was issued for him. He went to Canada to avoid arrest but became homesick, and the other day, returned to his home at Lake Odessa, thinking the matter would have been forgotten by this time. It was not, though, and an officer arrested Wheeler on the old warrant Monday.

Township Clerk Edmonds has found a book in the public library under his charge that contains passages of the most obscene nature and, strange to say, the book is one of Walt Whitman's. Mr. Edmonds has pigeonholed the book, and at the next meeting of the board, will recommend its consignment to the flames. We would suggest that the book be edited with a pair of shears.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 9, 1922

The splendid new church of community house, built in connection with the Lowell Methodist church, was formally dedicated Sunday evening in the presence of a congregation with packed auditorium. At the conclusion of a successful opening and church home-coming service Friday evening, and enthusiastic service and deb discharging event Sunday.

T.E. Rogers suffered a loss of about \$800 on his new G.M.C. truck Friday afternoon, which was a load of apples. A car driven by Arthur Darrow, of Ionia, was trying to pass him at a 10-mile gait. The Ionia car swerved to the right colliding with the Rogers truck, knocking it into the ditch with the front end practically demolished.

J.S. Thomas is husking his corn, and some corn ears have 900 kernels on them. Please beat it, if you can?

The publisher of this paper will resume a former popular practice, the giving of a six months subscription to the paper to brides in Lowell, Alto, and vicinity, who apply for the same in person or by letter to the publisher.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 2, 1947

President Truman calls for food sacrifices as an American "contribution to peace." Mr. Truman asked all citizens to go without meat on Tuesdays, without eggs and poultry on Thursdays, and to save a slice of bread a day.

In 1934, the State Savings Bank of Lowell was organized with a Capital Stock of \$50,000 and started business in August of that year with total resources approximately \$500,000. Today, the total resources are well over \$3,000,000 and the Capital structure consists of \$100,000 in Capital, Surplus Fund of \$50,000 and undivided profits of \$20,000. This increase in Capital means added protection for depositors.

More babies will be born in Michigan during 1947 than have been born in any previous year of the state's history, the Bureau of Records and Statistics, Michigan Department of Health predicted Monday in announcing that 78,884 babies had been born during the first half of the year. The births exceed that of any other first half-year and are exceeded by only the 80,787 births recorded in the last half of 1946.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life October 5, 1972

Last day to register for the Nov. 7 election is Oct. 6, 1972. There are five proposals on the ballot: question of daylight savings time, abortion reform, Vietnam Veteran's bonus, property tax reform, and the removal of the constitutional ban on a graduated income tax.

At the Lowell City Council meeting, city manager, Blaine Bacon, appointed members to a Housing Commission in order to secure low-cost housing for Lowell. Formation of a Housing Commission is the next step toward that end.

Coon's Clothing Store on West Main Street celebrated their 80th anniversary.

Roger Klosterhouse of Coopersville, working at the new Lowell Middle School construction site, fell from a 10-foot scaffold Monday. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where he was admitted with head injuries.

Her selection as "Miss United Fund of Lowell for 1972" will give 16-year-old, Kathy Reagan, something extra to cheer about, as she begins her reigning campaign to "Touch A Life - Make A future, The United Way." Her main responsibility will be to help the 1972 United Fund Campaign raise money to support 199 social service programs provided by 53 different agencies.

Five juvenile boys, ages 14 through 16, were arrested Sunday afternoon, by Lowell Police, for the possession of marijuana. Acting on a tip, the Police apprehended the boys when they were riding in a car on Main Street; the marijuana was observed from the front seat. The youths were turned over to their parents, and are being referred to the Kent County Juvenile Court.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 8, 1997

Architectural Building Restoration is restoring the outside of the Lowell Serenity Club on Main Street. The Lowell company is a historical building preservation specialist.

The Lowell Planning Commission voted to deny a variance request from Turn West to keep its horse figure on the store's roof.

City of Lowell will be installing welcome signs to greet visitors entering the city.

Kent Special Riding Program held their annual Ride-a-Thon and raised approximately \$32,000 in pledges. The KSRP provides therapeutic horseback riding for handicap students.

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Family Yoga

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax.

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.

Bookworms Book Discussion

Sat., Oct. 11, 10 - 11 am. Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. This month, we'll discuss Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. Adults 18+

Get your home ready for winter

Wed., Oct. 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Get your home ready for winter with guidance from Home Repair Services of Kent County. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. Adults 18+

Girls Night Out

Thurs., Oct. 13, 5-9 pm. Create together! Features a new craft each time for you to make and take home.

Glow-in-the-Dark Party

Tues., Oct. 18 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Family fun featuring glow-in-the-dark activities and crafts. For families with children. For all ages.

ABCs of Lowell history

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

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Building name: Graham Block
1st business: Rees Bros. Dry Goods

Robert Graham built this two-storefront building in 1869. It was originally three stories high; the top story was removed in 1910. Rees Bros. Dry Goods was the first business in the Graham building in 1870, followed shortly by C. G. Stone dry goods and grocery. M. C. Barber Grocery was here in 1877-1882; Clark & Smith and A. S. Mount groceries followed. "Little MC" was a cigar, confectionery,



Rodney D. Stocking's music and sporting goods store about 1900. H. S. Sherman had a jewelry department and Mrs. Lillie Stocking (on left) had a millinery department with her mother, Mrs. Jane O'Heron, in the store as well.

grocery and restaurant here in 1890. R. Hunter, Notary and E. W. Dodge, Attorney had offices upstairs.

In 1891, A. W. Weekes had recovered from his illness and started his own dry goods business at this location. Previously, he was in a partnership known as

Collar and Weekes, but was forced to retire for a couple years due to that illness. After two years, Weekes moved from here (219 East Main) to 219 West Main, where he and then his son, Harold, remained in business until 1947.

In 1893, R. D. Stocking, H. A. Sherman and Mrs. Jane O'Heron moved here from three doors west. R. D. Stocking sold pianos, organs, violins, sporting goods, and bicycles. In 1910, he also advertised Black Crow automobiles, sewing machines and Victrolas. Sherman sold jewelry and clocks and was the Director of the Lowell Band. R. D.'s mother-in-law made and sold hats. Mrs. Stocking joined her mother and then continued the millinery business after her mother passed in 1905.

She hired 16-year-old Hazel Hoag to help in 1907. Sherman moved to Owosso in 1907. R. D. Stocking passed away in 1934.

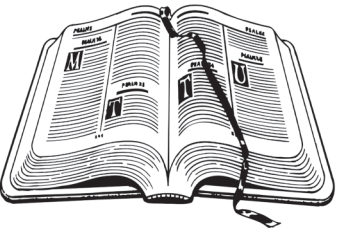
Hazel Hoag purchased the business in 1937 and operated Hazel's Hat Shoppe here until 1955, when she moved her business to 215 W. Main St. In 1943, Ed Reynolds Men's Shop had a department in her store. F. Earle Haner Funeral Director was upstairs.

Carl L. Smith operated Western Auto during the 1960s and 1970s. Hinkley Drug Store, and briefly, White Lace Fashions, were here in the 1980s; Lowell Floor Covering and Paint Store in the 1990s; followed by Forever Yours, 2002; Dave Emmette's AIC Insurance Agency, 2010-2015, and it has been Martha Davis' Tap House Boutique since November 2015.



Inside Rodney D. Stocking's music and sporting goods store about 1908. The right side of the store was the Ladies Millinery Department, run by Mrs. Lillie Mae Stocking. She is standing in front of counter in black skirt; her husband is in the vest behind counter.

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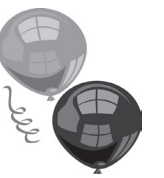
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Federal judge nixes suit seeking Michigan public funds for private schools



Michigan's prohibition on public funding for private schools remains intact after a federal judge dismissed a legal challenge to that rule in the Michigan Constitution on Friday.

The case, brought by five families with the support of the free-market Mackinac Center Legal Foundation, argued that Michigan's constitutional ban on public funding for private education violated the U.S. Constitution. The families want to use their tax-protected Michigan Education Savings Program accounts to pay tuition at private, religious K-12 schools.

The savings accounts were designed for college expenses, but the plaintiffs and the state disagreed as to whether K-12 expenses are eligible after a 2017 change to federal tax law.

"There is nothing of record that shows Michigan approving any tax-advantaged use of MESP funds for any grade or

secondary school expense in either private or public education," wrote U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker in Michigan's Western District.

The Mackinac Center said in a statement Friday it plans to appeal the ruling.

In 1970, voters approved an amendment to Michigan's Constitution that prohibits public financial

to the bench by President George W. Bush, wrote that Michigan's private school provision is "neutral on parochial education" on its face, and that there was no precedent supporting the use of the plaintiffs' "narrow political process theory" — that the amendment was motivated by discriminatory sentiment — in a tax law case.

A federal judge dismissed a suit brought by families seeking to use public funds to cover tuition at a private, religious school

aid to any nonpublic school. The plaintiffs alleged the clause violates their First Amendment religious rights and the equal protection clause in the U.S. Constitution. While the provision in the Michigan Constitution doesn't single out religious schools, the plaintiffs argued that it was motivated by anti-Catholic sentiment, pointing to rhetoric used during the amendment campaign five decades ago.

But Jonker, nominated

Many state constitutions include some prohibition on public funding for private schools, but most focus on parochial schools alone. Michigan's focuses on all private schools — making no distinction on whether they are parochial or secular — which is why it was not affected by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down a so-called Blaine Amendment case in Maine. The Maine suit focused on state funds that were sent to private rural



In 1970, Michigan voters approved an amendment to the Michigan Constitution that prohibits public financial aid to all nonpublic schools. A federal judge on Friday dismissed a lawsuit challenging the ban, noting that the state's prohibition did not treat private parochial schools any differently than private secular schools. (Shutterstock image)

schools that were secular, but not to religious-based rural schools.

The Michigan lawsuit is part of a two-pronged effort by school-choice advocates to provide state support to parents who want to send their children to private school.

A ballot initiative backed by former U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos would use a system of tax breaks to fund both public and private school scholarships for K-12 students. While backers of the initiative missed a June deadline to file signatures,

they are still hoping the Michigan Legislature will vote on the issue this fall or next year.

If the scholarships program is passed into law, opponents plan to file a lawsuit claiming that the policy violates the Michigan Constitution.

Residents urged to get flu vaccine during upcoming fall season

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michiganders to get their flu vaccine, as soon as possible, to protect themselves and their communities from flu this season.

Getting a flu vaccine is critical because flu viruses and the virus that causes

flu are also at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19. Vaccinations for both COVID-19 and the flu are safe, effective strategies to protect ourselves, our families and our communities from illness.

"Annual flu vaccination is recommended for individuals aged 6 months and up, and we encourage

"There is an ample supply of flu vaccine available in many convenient locations, from primary care providers to local pharmacies, and you can receive your flu shot at the same time as many other vaccines (including the COVID-19 vaccine)."

This season, CDC has adopted new recommendations for older adults. Adults, aged 65 years and older, are recommended to receive one of the following, if available: high-dose influenza vaccine, adjuvanted influenza vaccine, or recombinant influenza vaccine, over standard-dose influenza vaccine. If none of the recommended vaccines are available, any age-appropriate vaccine should

be used and the opportunity to be vaccinated should not be missed. The flu vaccine is the best way to reduce risk from the seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications. Each year flu vaccination reduces the burden of influenza significantly in the United States, preventing millions of illnesses and thousands of hospitalizations and deaths.

During the 2021-2022 flu season, approximately 3.3 million people in Michigan received a flu vaccine, as reported to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). The state has set a goal of vaccinating a total of 4 million Michiganders for the 2022-2023 flu season.

During the 2019-2020 flu season, the nation

recorded 8 to 13 million estimated cases of the flu, 3.7 to 6.1 million medical visits due to the flu and nearly 170,000 hospitalizations. Despite its comparison to the common cold, the flu is a serious and potentially deadly disease, especially for children, older people and people with chronic health conditions, which is why vaccination remains a critical strategy for prevention.

Flu vaccines are available now at local health departments, physician offices and pharmacies around the state. Find a location near you using the Vaccine Finder. Visit Michigan.gov/flu for more information or visit IVaccinate.org to find answers to your vaccine questions.

State sets goal of vaccinating 4 million Michiganders

COVID-19 will likely be spreading simultaneously. Residents can get their COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as their flu vaccine. According to the CDC, those who are at higher risk for contracting

you to schedule your appointment, as soon as possible, to receive protection this flu season," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive.

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Tennis battles through tough conference schedule

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Lower program numbers has meant mixing it up over the past couple weeks for the boys tennis team. Especially when three OK White programs are ranked in the state.

The Red Arrows



finished sixth at the Hudsonville Invitational, lost to the conference "big four" in FHC, FHN, GR Christian, and East Grand Rapids, and lost a non-conference match with Kenowa Hills.

The Kenowa Hills match allowed Lowell to change up their lineup and let several singles players play doubles for a change in pace. All four singles players won their doubles matches with Noah LaMore and Patrick de Voest winning 6-3, 6-0. Cam Sluss and

Gavin Stewart won 6-0, 6-0.

Lowell did not get a point against FHC, FHN, GR Christian, or East Grand Rapids, but had another chance at them in the OK White Tournament last week.

There Lowell scored six points, two from Cam Sluss with wins over Greenville and Northview. Gavin Stewart won over Northview while Noah LaMore beat his opponents from Greenville and Byron Center. The final point was won by Patrick de Voest over Greenville.

The Red Arrows head to regionals this week.

Arrows place third at Invite

Submitted by Paul Judd
Girls cross country coach

The Arrows received another perfect day for racing, with cooler temps and a fast course, last Saturday at the Allendale Invite. Lowell took advantage throwing down some great times and coming in third with 71 points, right behind OK Red members, Grand Haven (58) and Rockford (65). The lady harriers also secured the No. 3 top-five average time of 19:52, right behind the 2017 Allendale Invite team.

Annika Sandman led the Arrows with a runner-up time of 19:14.9, Katrina Sandman took 9th in 19:48, Keira Sandman took 11th in 19:53, Evie Deur took 21st in 20:37, Claire O'Boyle took 27th in 20:44, and Audrey Latchaw took 50th in 23:04.



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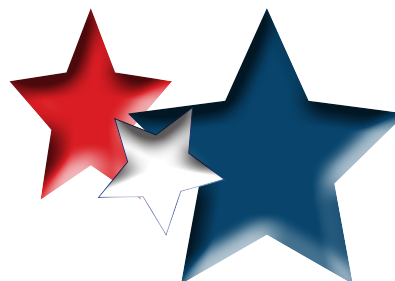
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- SENIOR Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Senior Athletes This Week:

Jason Korzen & Stephanie Spinella

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

This week we're highlighting senior soccer player, Jason Korzen. Korzen was recently one of three LHS students named as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



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

I've been playing soccer since I was 5 (12 years).

What are your plans for after high school? (Examples: College/major, trade school, military, etc.)

After high school, I plan on attending the University of Alabama for Management Information Systems.

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

The sports memory that sticks out to me the most is beating FHE in districts last year in a PK shootout, after losing a scrimmage and Pink Arrow to them.

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?

The person who's had the biggest impact on my high school life is my mom. She has always been supportive of anything I want to do and pushes me to work hard and dream big.

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?

An accomplishment I'm most proud of is my academic success.

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

My favorite sport outside of high school is college football.

What is your favorite movie about sports?

My favorite sports movie is The Blindside.

This week we're highlighting Lowell senior golfer, Stephanie Spinella! Spinella is a part of the Lowell girls golf team who recently broke the school record for 18-hole low score.

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

I play golf, and I have been playing since I was six years old.

What are your plans for after high school? (Examples: College/major, trade school, military, etc.)

I'm hoping to attend Michigan State University for pre-veterinary.

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

You can win every match, tournament, and jamboree ever, but you will never have fun if you can't have a good time with your teammates. My favorite memories are all the times I've had a really great team-bonding moment. Whether it's huddling up before teeing off, sharing a moment after a



Stephanie Spinella

rough round, or laughing our heads off at something completely nonsensical; those are the best moments that will stick with me forever.

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?

I started attending Kent Career Tech Center last year, and I became fast friends with my tablemate, Audrey. We are both top athletes, her in basketball and me in golf, and we are very good at supporting each other. We have this mutual understanding of each other that I can't quite explain; she's so uplifting and inspiring, and I'm so glad I met her last year.

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?

Honestly, just being able to play a sport, work a job, spend time with friends and family, and maintain high grades at school is some-

thing that I'm proud of.

Which school in the OK White, outside of Lowell, is your favorite and why?

I would have to go with Byron Center, which feels odd to say because they are the number one team in our conference and our biggest competitors. However, all the girls I've ever played against from Byron are just the sweetest, and I always have a blast golfing with them.

How do your teammates make practice fun?

I am convinced that the Lowell girls golf team has the best practices EVER! We have themed practices, our coach plays his banger playlist on his huge speaker, we get to zoom around on golf carts sometimes, and we finish every practice with a "finisher", where the team has to come together and complete a challenge to get out of practice.

- GOLF

Girls Golf - Regionals Preview

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It's finally here. Everything the Lowell varsity girls golf team has been working for all summer, all of this season happened this Tuesday in the regional tournament. Of the 13 teams in contention, only six are likely to have a realistic shot at top three, which is what a team needs to place to make the state tournament.

One should expect a battle down the final nine between Lowell, Sparta, FHN, FHC, Coopersville, and East Grand Rapids. Three to go to state, and three for their season to end. All six are ranked in the top 60 in the state, regardless of division.

Ledger deadlines are on Monday, so results from regionals were not available in this week's Ledger. We will have full coverage next week.

Regional Previews and Predictions
UNLIKELY TO BE COMPETITIVE

Cadillac - The Vikings have a very young team and shot over 400 in their last three 18-hole tournaments. With an individual average over 100, they will not play a factor in the top 3. Prediction: 442, Place 13th

Greenville - Greenville was outshot by Lowell by nearly 70 strokes in their home tournament and Lowell comfortably beat Greenville all year. The good news for the Jackets is they have two sophomores and a freshman near the top of their rotation, which will be great for them going forward. Prediction - 435, Place 12th

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills - Kenowa Hills shot in the 400's their last three tournaments and finished just behind fellow conference member Cedar Springs

at The Mines last week. Prediction - 417, Place 11th
Cedar Springs - In a tournament where Lowell split their best golfers, both Lowell teams beat Cedar Springs by 20+ strokes at Kenowa Hills. The Redhawks shot a 435 in their last 18-hole tournament. Prediction: 415, Place 10th

THE LONGSHOTS
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer - The battle between Reeths-Puffer and Mona Shores will be a fun storyline to watch during Tuesday's regional. Like their Muskegon counterpart, Puffer averages near the 400 mark. Both schools tied at 396 in the OK Green conference tournament. Prediction - 402, Place 9th

Muskegon Mona Shores - The Sailors average between 390 and 400. Outside of the tie with Reeths-Puffer, Shores has consistently been 10-

15 strokes better than the Rockets, so should outpace RP. Lowell beat Shores earlier this year at the FHN Invitational. Prediction - 392, Place 8th

Grand Rapids Northview - After Greenville, Northview paced last in the OK White this season but has shown flashes of brilliance, scoring a 366 at an easier course (Yankee Springs) earlier this year. Northview is just missing a low scorer that would allow them to be more competitive with the rest of the OK White. They haven't shown the consistency to likely keep pace with the top six, though. Prediction - 388, Place 7th

ON THE BUBBLE
Coopersville - Coopersville is an extremely top-heavy team that relies on a low score from junior Lauren Davis. Davis typically shoots in the high

70's, with the rest of her teammates shooting in the upper 90's. The Broncos are ranked 15th in the state, but Arrowhead's layout can make for high scores. Holes like 4, 5, 11, and 18 have multiple hazards that for golfers, averaging in the 90's, can be round killers. With the slim margin the Broncos have, high numbers could make a difference, if the Broncos fourth slides into the 100's. It's exactly what happened earlier this year with the Broncos 3rd and 4th in the 100's at Arrowhead. Coopersville is one of the few schools with 18-hole experience at Arrowhead, shooting a 382 to Forest Hills Central's 373 earlier this year.

Prediction - 377, Place 6th

CONTENTENDERS
East Grand Rapids - The Pioneers and Red Arrows have traded wins over each other during jamborees and tournaments.

East played one of their worst rounds of the year at Arrowhead earlier this season, which makes it difficult to predict where they'll end up. Lowell beat EGR by 13 their last time at Arrowhead and are hoping that home course advantage, especially where the Pioneers haven't played on the back nine, will prove decisive. East shot 354 and outpaced Lowell by 10 strokes at the conference tournament, but with the same lineup as they played at Arrowhead. The Pioneers are in great

Golf, continued page 11



Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Soccer breaks through for first wins

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

Are you not entertained? Red Arrow soccer fans have seen some thrillers this year at home. Thursday night's non-conference game was no different, with six goals, two penalties, a red card, numerous yellow cards, and most importantly for the team, a win.

"Thursday meant a lot to the team, especially the seniors, since it was Senior night. It took a heavy weight off the team and coaches to get this win. Hopefully, with the win on Saturday as well, it gives us confidence heading into our conference tournament. Four of the top seven teams in Division 2

7-0 win over Hastings on Saturday.

Against West Catholic, Lowell broke open the scoring on a free kick that surprised the Falcons. Todd Parcheta played the role of distractor, running through the line at the goalkeeper, as Bryce Thompson took a shot on net that trickled by. The final few minutes of the first half were chippy and full of action. On one end, West Catholic fans were looking for a penalty on what was a clean tackle by a Lowell defender. Shortly after, Carter Szymanski cleared the ball off the line to keep it 1-0 Lowell. The Red Arrows then received a penalty for

in the Red Arrows favor. Momentum is a funny thing though, and a couple bounces can change the path of the game. Just a mere minute later, a Lowell foul helped let the Falcons back into the game with a goal of their own to make it 2-1 Lowell just before break.

Ryan Baker played a unique role in the first half on senior night, giving up his role on the back line to be starting goalkeeper. Baker performed admirably, having experience at the position, keeping the Falcons to one goal on numerous shots.

"Ryan played some keeper in his years of club



Jack Schaedig and teammates celebrate after converting a penalty in the team's first win of the season.



Senior Jacob Davidson on Senior Night, the program celebrated their seniors and exchange students.

play in our conference. We had six different people score goals between the two games. That also helps with morale," Lowell boys soccer head coach, Jeff Sweet, said of the 4-2 win over West Catholic on Thursday and

a foul on Bryce Thompson in the box. Jack Schaedig converted the penalty to make it 2-0 in favor of the Red Arrows.

The result had the West Catholic side frustrated. Everything had turned

soccer and with the JV team. Ryan has been practicing at keeper, off and on this season, in case we needed him to step in. Aiden was out sick from practice so we were not sure how he was doing. He did a great job

stepping in," Coach Sweet said.

Starting goalkeeper Aiden Ottinger was able to return for the back in the second half. In the 53rd minute, Bryce Thompson showed a flash of what he can do, firing a shot narrowly over the crossbar from 30 yards out.

In the 60th minute, a Lowell corner turned into disaster as it was cleared and the Falcons quickly countered. Caught in a tough predicament, already on a yellow card, Szymanski was forced to give up a foul to save the goal with a tackle that resulted in a foul. There was a question whether it would be a free kick or a penalty, having been made near the edge of the box. The decision was a penalty, one that was converted by West Catholic, not only tying the game, but also with a man advantage the remainder of the game.

"I believe that when

we got up by two in the first half, we started to play not to lose, instead of playing to win. After the red card and the ensuing PK, the score was tied and we started playing to win again," Sweet said of the comeback from the Falcons.

It was Bryce Thompson, with a brilliant solo run, who got in behind the defense in the 67th minute, who put Lowell up for good 3-2, running through defenders and slotting the ball in the back of the net.

"The third goal really boosted our confidence and the team really stepped up after that to control the game, even a man down."

Thompson has been sidelined on and off throughout the season, but when healthy, is a prolific goalscorer.

"Bryce has had some injuries this year and it is nice to get him at full strength. We have had many illnesses and injuries throughout the year, but currently, we are all healthy heading into the tournament season," Sweet said.

A free kick from West Catholic nearly tied things up, were it not for a heroic parie behind the net from Aiden Ottinger in the 73rd minute.

Lowell tacked on another goal as senior Jason Korzen found the ball with plenty of space, and hit David Foster with an accurate pass, who put the ball in the back of the net to secure the win.

High school sports aren't about wins in the end, but they play an important factor nonetheless. Teams have perfect seasons; teams have winless seasons. It's

been a trying season for Lowell that has included three 1-goal losses, one tie with Byron Center, and working in a new playing system. Thursday's win on senior night was the first win of the season for Lowell.

Only three games were guaranteed after Thursday's game with West Catholic: a home game with Hastings, one that appeared winnable on the schedule; a difficult first round OK White conference tournament matchup with state-ranked East Grand Rapids; and the first game of the district tournament.

The safety net was thin, but in the end, if Lowell didn't come away with a win over West Catholic, they likely would've found that first win on Saturday.

The Red Arrows put on an offensive clinic against Hastings in a 7-0 win. Everything Lowell had been working towards, in regards to a shift to a more offense-oriented playing style, clicked in the rout of the Saxons. Both schools had played and lost to Middleville TK earlier this year, their only common opponent. Goals were scored by Thompson (3), Owen Davis, Miller, Jace Dixon, Foster. Assists from Andrew Snell, Rasmus Rewitz, Schaedig (2), Davis, and Todd Parcheta.

Lowell plays in the OK White championship tournament this week before setting their sights on districts.

- VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball faces some of state's best

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Ledger readers might be starting to sense a trend when it comes to sports in

the OK White. There's a lot of sports in the conference where there are multiple state-ranked teams residing in the conference. Volleyball is no different.

In past years, it was Lowell sitting as one of those top teams, but this year the Red Arrows are on the other end of the spectrum. FHN, FHC, and Grand Rapids Christian

are all currently ranked top ten in their respective divisions

The Red Arrows have gone through that OK White gauntlet recently with a 3-1 win over Greenville, then losses to Byron Center, FHC, and FHN. Lowell picked up one set against the Rangers, but fell 3-0 to the Bulldogs and Huskies.

On Saturday, Lowell hosted a quad at LHS. There, Lowell brought Division 1, state honorable mention, Caledonia, to the

brink before falling in five sets. The Red Arrows also defeated Grand Blanc 3-1 and Grand Rapids Catholic Central 3-0. In an earlier tournament, Lowell headed to state power Marian where they lost to the hosts, lost to another state honorable mention team, Lake Orion, 3-2, and beat Grand Haven 3-2.

Lowell is 8-15 on the year and plays Grand Rapids Christian before heading to the Lakewood Invitational this week.



Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS



Arrows narrowly edged by unbeaten Rangers

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

“Lowell football will compete for four quarters, no matter the competition.” That’s the takeaway from the Red Arrows 14-7 loss to Forest Hills Central on Friday. Lowell had their chances against an undefeated FHC team, on the road on Friday, but it wasn’t meant to be, as the Rangers escaped with the win.

It was exactly the type

of game Lowell wanted. A heavy dose of running, long drives, and a low-scoring affair gave the Red Arrows every chance at beating the defending conference champions.

“We outgained them in total yardage, won the turnover margin, and were near even in average starting field position. We were in position multiple times to take control of the game, and we weren’t able to finish,” Lowell football

head coach, Jacob Henige, said.

Lowell struck first on a screen pass to Connor Lixie that went all the way into the endzone. The quick strike electrified a Lowell crowd that filled the away stands after a short road trip. FHC responded with a touchdown of their own, and it seemed, perhaps, that a shootout was on hand with plenty of points on the way. Only seven more would come.



Alex Binns blocking for Lowell’s offense.



Dawson Huhn makes a tackle on FHC.

Each team would have another chance at the end zone in the first half but both were denied; Lowell on a 4th down conversion that didn’t go their way, and the Rangers being intercepted. Both teams entered the half deadlocked at seven. Maddox Simcoe recorded the Lowell interception. He also recorded eight tackles on the night.

An injury put Lowell at a disadvantage in the second half. The Red Arrows lost

Connor Lixie the rest of the game to injury, and with Lixie such an integral part of the passing game, it limited Lowell’s ability to throw the ball. Lixie finished the game with five tackles, two passes defended, and 92 yards receiving and the lone Lowell touchdown.

The Rangers took a 14-7 lead in the third quarter on a long touchdown drive that spanned several minutes. With two minutes left to play, Lowell marched into the FHC redzone, but would be stopped on fourth down. The Lowell defense got the stop needed with about 80 seconds left on the clock, however, a roughing the punter penalty gave the Rangers the first down and secured the game.

“Credit Forest Hills Central for making the plays they needed to win the game. However, if we find a way to finish every play, every possession, every quarter against great competition, we will win this type of game when given our next opportunity,” Henige said.

The win all but assured the Rangers would be crowned conference champions in the next few

weeks, a game up on Byron Center and two up on Lowell. In the loss, though, Lowell proved their ability to compete with any team.

“It was the most physical game we have played all season. Both teams competed like it was a heavyweight title fight. Proud of the young men and coaching staff for how we competed as a program,” Henige concluded.

Other standouts from the game included Ethan Krieger with seven tackles and one tackle for loss, Carson Crace with eight tackles and one tackle for loss, and Tacho Gonzales with 64 rushing yards. Jackson Reisbig finished with 97 rushing yards, and 125 yards passing with a touchdown.

At 4-2, the Red Arrows have three games left against East Grand Rapids, GR Christian, and Northview. The Pioneers are 2-4, Eagles are 3-3, and Northview 2-4.

- CROSS COUNTRY

Boys place fifth at Allendale Invite

Submitted by Clay VanderWarf
Boys cross country coach

Perfect fall racing conditions greeted the Red Arrows as they competed in the Allendale Invite on Saturday at Allendale High School. Lowell Boys team placed fifth with 143 points in a competitive Scarlet Division. Grand Haven won the race with 59 points,

followed by Jenison, 65 points.

Ben Bromley was the first Arrow in with a personal record (PR) time of 16.35, good for 12th place. Levi Mills earned a season best of 17.01, 21st place. Rhys Sandman was just off his PR of last week with a 33rd place at 17.34. Braylon Iakiri was close

behind with a PR of 17.40 for 35th place. Dannon Simmet concluded the score with a season best time of 17.58, 42nd place. Mason Saylor was not far behind with a 45th place at 18.03 and Antonio Casarez completed the varsity lineup with a 50th place showing at 18.29.

The Red Arrows next meet will be Wednesday, at home, for the third OK White Jamboree. They will have the weekend off to rest and prepare for the OK White Conference Final and Regionals at Portage Central.

Golf, continued

form, but their previous Arrowhead struggles are tough to overlook if they play well, though they easily can run away with top three. Prediction - 368, Place 5th

Forest Hills Central - Lowell lost to FHC by three in the conference tournament, and the Rangers are one of the most consistent teams scoring wise. In courses that play similar to Arrowhead, the Rangers are good for two players in the 80’s and two in the 90’s. Very balanced and similar to Lowell, these two teams should be back-and-forth, as they have been all year. Recent 18-hole scores

- 359, 372 (at Arrowhead), 371, 366, 342. Prediction - 363, Place 4th

Lowell - In their last four 18-hole rounds, Lowell has shot 364, 377, 354, and 373. At their home course earlier this year, Lowell shot a 181, which would translate to a 362 round. Senior Stephanie Spinella has been playing well as of late, as has sophomore Elle Sluss. Lowell has held serve by playing well at Arrowhead this year, and that should give them an edge in a difficult field, where one stroke might actually be the difference,

and we think it will. Prediction - 362, Place 3rd

Sparta - Champions of the OK Silver, the Spartans will certainly be in contention for the top spot. They are the highest ranked team, sitting at No. 6 in the division two rankings. They’re a balanced team, which is beneficial at Arrowhead, and are coached by Lowell boys golf head coach Tom Koert. 18-hole team rounds - 363, 348, 333, 375, 355, 366, 358. Prediction - 359, Place 2nd

THE FAVORITE
Forest Hills Northern



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Homecoming

Fri., 10/21 at 7:00 pm
Varsity Football: Lowell vs Northview Senior Night



obituaries

SCHUIDEL

 Thomas M. Scheidel, age 90, of Lowell, Michigan, passed away on the evening of September 27, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Catherine Scheidel; brother, Richard Scheidel; niece, Jeanne Scheidel; and son-in-law, Mark Trier. Tom is survived by his wife of 65 years, Florence (Timinskis) Scheidel; brother, John (Rosie) Scheidel; and sister-in-law, Juanita Scheidel. He is also survived by his children, Tom (Mary) Scheidel, Linda Trier, Brenda (Paul) Schab, and Patrick Scheidel; eight grandchildren, Colleen (Casey) Selzer, Jake Scheidel (Ariyel Jefferson-Ray, fiancée), Ian Scheidel, Steve Trier (Suzanne Grimmer, fiancée), Michael (Valeria) Trier, Amanda Schab, Molly Schab, and Samantha Schab (Kyle Mallwitz, fiancée); and one great-grandchild, Sadie Selzer. Tom was born in Grand Rapids on October 30, 1931. He grew up in Comstock Park where he attended Holy Trinity Parish and School. He graduated from Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids in 1949. He then attended Central Michigan University and spent two years in the US Army. Tom was an electrician by trade, spending most of his career with Strain Electric Company. He was a past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus 7719 and a 4th Degree member. Tom spent several years volunteering as the head electrician for the Lowell Showboat. He also volunteered time to several other local organizations, including at St. Mary's Church. Tom was always there to lend a helping hand, an easy smile, and bit of humor. Visitation was held on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 5PM to 8PM, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. With rosary said at 7PM. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11AM, Monday, October 3, 2022, at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity St. NE, Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Luncheon to follow the interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations be made to the Knights of



Columbus 7719, 322 Amity St., Lowell, MI 49331; St. Mary's Church; or JDRF, Michigan Northern Ohio Chapter, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 125, Southfield, MI 48075.

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ANIBLE

Anible, Jane C., age 91, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Anible; parents, John and Elsie Ver Wys; 7 siblings; her son, Timothy DeHaan; and grandson, Joseph Troske. Jane worked at Rosepatch & Label in Grand Rapids for many years. She lived a full life and was proud of building a new house on 10 acres in Ada, with her husband Ed, in her earlier years. Jane was an avid snowmobiler and was the historian for the Flat River Snowmobile Club. She also enjoyed camping in their motorhome down by the river with their friends. In her later years, she



took pleasure in working in the yard at her cottage on Murray Lake, playing cards with her family, and sharing ice cream at night in bed with her cat Cleo. One of her favorite things was the hunt of a good sale. She leaves behind her daughter, Sandra DeHaan; son, Daniel (Deborah) DeHaan, grandchildren, Eric DeHaan, Rebecca (Kristopher) Krannitz, Abigail Humphrey, Mindy Shears; 6 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank everyone at Porter Hills Village, Blodgett Hospital, and St. Ann's Home for all the wonderful care that she received from them. Funeral services were held at 1PM, Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Ryan Landt from Calvary Christian Reformed Church officiating. Private interment at Chapel Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice or Crash's Landing Cat Rescue www.crashlanding.org.

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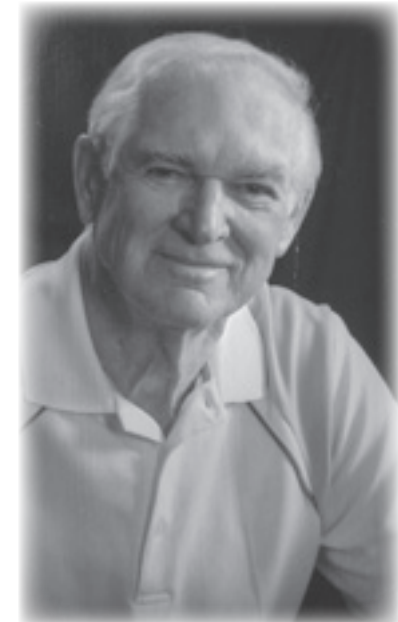
Robert L. Meneghini, age 78 of Lowell, MI, passed away October 3, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Julia Meneghini; in-laws, Donald and Evadne Tortellet; and brother, James Meneghini. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen Meneghini; children, Robert A. Meneghini, Linda (Richard) Anderson, Christine Lanker; grandchildren, Brenda Gillispie, Sarah Anderson, Michael Anderson, Tony Meneghini; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings, Joseph (Janet) Meneghini, Donald (Linda) Meneghini, Julie Ignasiak, Cynthia (Rick) Trachy; sister-in law, Carol (Carl) VanHeck; several nieces and nephews; and special pets, Chloe and Bella. Robert graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's and master's degree in Electrical Engineering. He spent his career as a program manager at GE Aviation. Robert enjoyed softball, running, and exercising, ballroom dancing, playing bridge, and loved working in his yard. The family would like to give a special thanks to Maple Ridge Manor and Careline Hospice for taking care of Robert. Visitation will be held, 2-4PM and 6-8PM, Thursday, October 6, 2022, Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Mass of a Christian burial will be held 11AM, Friday, October 7, 2022, St. Robert of Newminster Parish, 6477 Ada Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Association of West Michigan, 7311 Crystal View Dr., Caledonia, MI 49316.



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SEELEY

Darold V. Seeley (1934-2022). Born to Vernor E. and Letha J. Seeley on Nov. 20, 1934 in Lowell, MI. Died August 20, 2022 at his residence in Las Cruces, NM, unexpectedly. He is survived by his sister, Sharon Fox, Alto; daughter, Darlene Seeley; son, Douglas Seeley both of Lowell, and son David Seeley, of Elizabeth, CO; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His brothers, Louie and Dennis, are predeceased. Darold graduated Lowell high School and was married to Dolores Collins for



57 years before her death in 2011. Had five children, Darlene, Douglas, Doane, Denise and David. He was employed by Michigan Bell, AT&T and Mountain Bell/US West. Retired Nov 1989. Was Buyer's Real Estate Broker 1991-1996 in CO. His love for helping others was exhibited by his volunteering for Habitat for Humanity 1990-2016, many positions with Castle Rock Senior Center, Mountain Plains Civitan and Outdoor Buddies. Darold filled his spare time with skiing, hiking, hunting, senior golf and softball leagues. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife, family and friends. In 2004, he was introduced to Bob Ross style of oil painting, completing over 60 of them. Giving many away or donating them. Celebration of Life will be planned for later. In lieu of flowers/cards, please consider a donation to San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity, slvhabitat.org or mail to SLV Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1197, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance: waiting for the bathroom.
~ Bob Hope (1903-2003)

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~ dangerous sands

by Martha Hayden

Gay Sands Beach along Lake Superior on the Keweenaw peninsula is beautiful, but looks can be deceiving. This “sand” is actually a superfund site containing copper mixed with arsenic, silver and nickel from decades of dumping mining waste. For more than a century, 50 billion pounds of crushed ore had been deposited along the shore. It had once stretched a half mile into the lake. Now these metal-rich sands are starting to erode to the south which

sand come from?

The Stamping Process

The mined ore would be carted to a stamping mill located along a shoreline. The boulders containing ore would be “stamped,” (crushed) by a large iron anvil-type tool. (see below)

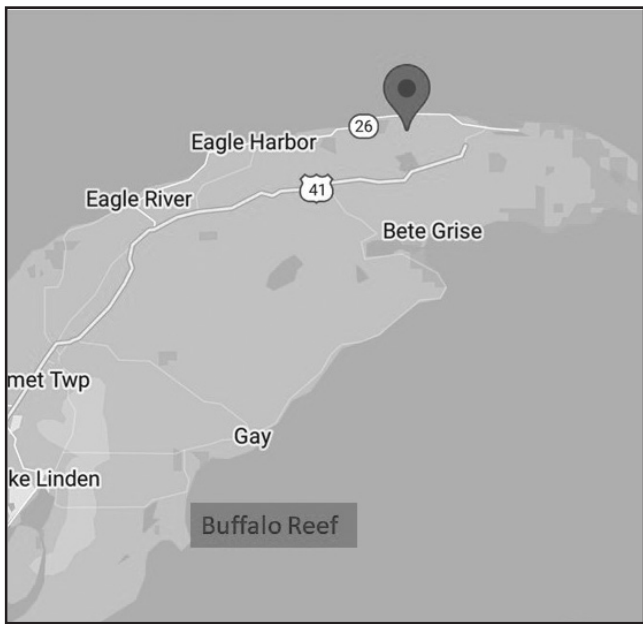
Copper was heavier than the rock and would easily separate. The remaining crushed tailings would be sent down a sluice and dumped into a body of water.



acres and is vital to the ecosystem, as well as our economy.”

One third of all Great Lake’s lake trout spawn at Buffalo Reef. “The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) estimates the reef brings about \$1.7 million annually in economic benefit to the entire Keweenaw region.”

“The consensus right now from all the biologists involved is, ‘yes’ — based on the telemetry data we’ve seen today — the reef is still viable and worth saving,” said Steve Check, project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. This will require a lot of dredging. “This project is going to take a lot of Congressional horsepower,” said Steve Check, “It is not going to be cheap to clean this up.”



Gay is located on the eastern side of the land, just north of Buffalo Reef.

endangers the Buffalo Reef. This reef is where whitefish and lake trout spawn. Join us as we drive along the area experiencing the extent of this disaster, hidden in the pristine-looking Lake Superior shoreline.

This coarse vista stretched southward as far as we could see. The village of Gay, named for a founder, Joseph E. Gay, is located on the east side of the Keweenaw Peninsula, jutting out into Lake Superior. This area had been home to copper mining from the mid 1800’s to the 1960’s.

Where did ALL this

Gay Stamping Mill Chuck and I wanted to investigate the mill. As we neared the wooded area, bugs flagged a signal to their cohorts and swarmed upon me. I raced back to the Jeep to retrieve my “bug shirt”, as Chuck climbed through the ruins.

The Clean-Up Process Allison Lippert’s article (August of 2019) highlighted the dredging of Gay Sands near Buffalo Reef. “This spawning area for Lake Trout and Whitefish stretches 2,200



Built in 1901, the mill has been crumbling since its closure in 1932. The lone smoke stack stood quietly among the trees which had overtaken the stamping mill.

According to these experts, Buffalo Reef is seriously damaged but is worth saving. “If we did nothing, the stamp sands would fill in and we’d have significant flooding,” said Steve Check

The clean-up involves dredging, dumping the sands back into the old mine shafts, building a new reef and shipping some stamp sand to be

discuss findings, discuss progress and the thirteen strategies for clearing the stamp sands. The article I found was from the Department of Natural Resources.

After debates and discussions of the thirteen strategies, they were narrowed down to the following three:

Build a retaining wall to keep the material in its

strategy. The scope of our plan may also change as the project matures.”

The next step would be securing funding and sponsorships. After that, scientists and engineers would design layouts and start executing these plans.

Drivable Beach Gay, Michigan is known



Even though the Gay, Michigan mine ceased operation in 1932, toxic sediment still covers 1,400 acres of shoreline and lake bottom. Scientists say that if we were to load all this sand into railcars, the train would stretch all the way to California.

used as aggregate material.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has already paid \$3.7 million to clean-up the metallic sands in the area. Since 2010, more

original location. Dredged deposits could be contained in this area as well.

Build a landfill where sands could be dumped. This would be in an el-

for this drivable beach. The coarse sand makes for a perfect off-road experience. However, knowing that this leftover mining waste is an ecological issue



Restless Gay Stamping: The Freda Stamping Mill illustrates the process of crushing ore. (top and bottom Left) Gay Sands (bottom right)

than 4,700 projects have been started in and around the Great Lakes in an attempt to restore the habitats.

“It’s less than a stealth bomber but still a lot of money,” said Jay Parent, a district supervisor with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

Buffalo Reef Task Force – Current Status On July 12, 2022 The Buffalo Reef Task Force met at Linden-Hubbell High School to openly

evated area near Gay. White Pine Mine tailing basins and shafts in Ontonagon County could be filled with sands removed from the lake and beach.

Jim Parent, the district supervisor for the Michigan Department of Great Lakes, Environment and Energy’s Upper Peninsula District Office in Marquette, said, “Though our plan has been selected, we still need to identify a nonfederal sponsor and funding source(s) before we can move ahead with implementing our

gives me a new perspective. This situation reminds me to take a critical look at regions, history and even people’s opinions; continuing to look behind the curtain of life and figure out a way to leave this world a better, safer place than when I had arrived on the planet over half a century ago.

Resources:
MLive Article “On Lake Superior, a \$1 Billion Eco-Disaster Is Swallowing The Coast” June 16, 2022
EPA article August 25, 2019 Michigan Technological University article

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

BAKING TREATS WORD SEARCH

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

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WHIP

Guess Who?

I am an actress and talk show host born in New Jersey on October 2, 1970. I was a cheerleader and ballet dancer during high school. I spent 12 years on an ABC soap opera before landing a gig as a morning talk show host.

Answer: Kelly Ripa

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to baking.

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Answer: Spoons

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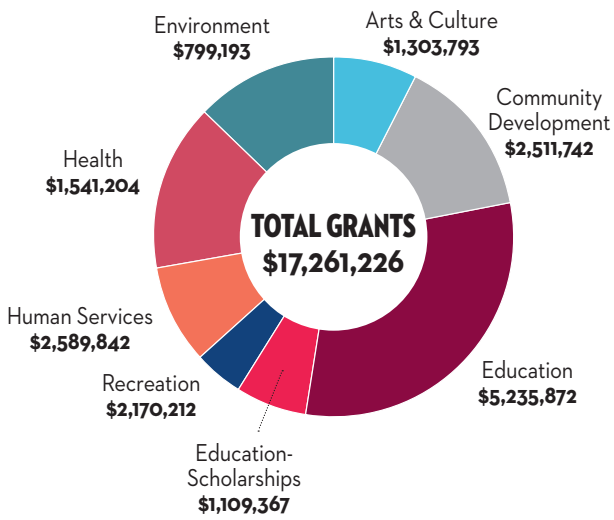
CLUES ACROSS

- Bay Area humorist
- Hurt
- Icelandic poems
- A taro corm
- Metaphorical use of a word
- It fears the hammer
- Excessively quaint (British)
- Laid-back California county
- Cook in a microwave oven
- Not late
- Go from one place to another
- Peoples living in the Congo
- Popular pasta
- Available engine power (abbr.)
- Popular musician Charles
- Angry
- Spelling is one type
- One who makes a living
- Indicates location
- Imperial Chinese dynasty
- Small water buffaloes
- Hungarian city
- Fabric
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Precursor to the EU
- Philly footballers
- Female sibling
- "When Harry Met Sally" actress

CLUES DOWN

- Small town in Portugal
- Site of famed Ethiopian battle
- German river
- Christmas carols
- Cash machine
- Rough and uneven
- Rumanian round dance
- Widespread occurrence of disease
- A place to relax
- Feeling of listlessness
- Coat or smear a substance
- Wild mango
- Brews
- Belgian city
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Small amount
- Part of buildings
- Vietnamese capital
- Sailboats
- Shelter
- Terminated
- Discharge
- Snag
- Partner to cheese
- A container for coffee
- Spend time dully
- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume
- Type of student
- Erase
- Instruct
- Girl's given name
- Jewish spiritual leader
- "To ___ his own"
- North-central Indian city
- Greek alphabet characters
- Weapon
- Amounts of time
- American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness

**LOWELL COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS
1997 - 2021**



SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1997, THE LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND HAS INVESTED OVER \$17 MILLION INTO THE LOWELL COMMUNITY.

LACF is celebrating its 25-year anniversary by recognizing and highlighting just a few of the many impactful organizations and projects the fund has supported and that continue to shape the Lowell community.



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS & LOWELL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Investment in the ongoing curriculum and capital needs of Lowell Area Schools, and support of 152 student scholarships for over \$1.1 million to Lowell students through the Englehardt and Runcimen Fund



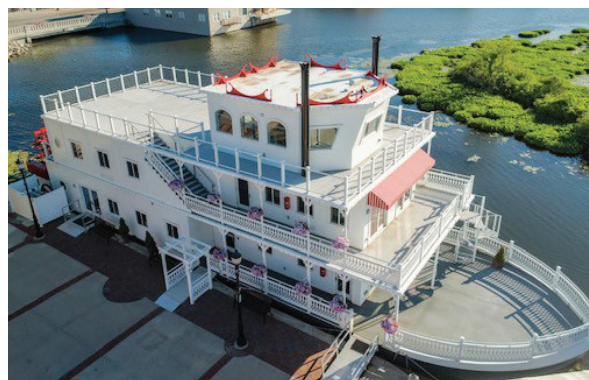
LOWELL TRAILWAYS & LOWELL WALKING BRIDGE

Connecting Lowell communities through investments in the Lowell Area Recreational Authority and the Lowell Township Pedestrian Bridge



YMCA & NEW LITELHOUSE FAMILY YMCA FACILITY

Support of the ongoing community programming needs of the Lowell-YMCA, and the capital construction needs of the new Lighthouse Family YMCA facility



NEW LOWELL SHOWBOAT & SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Support of the construction of the new Lowell Showboat and annual support of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series on the Flat River in downtown Lowell



PUBLIC SAFETY & NEW FIRE ENGINE

Investment in public fire safety equipment and fire engines

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Support for the launch of FROM Farm Market, renovation of their food storage area and ongoing programming and community needs



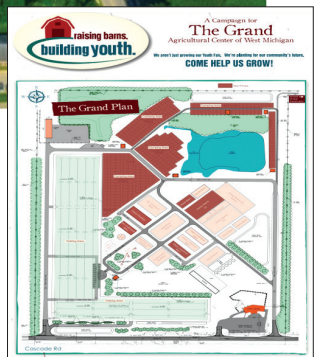
LACF SUPPORT OF LOWELL BUSINESSES

Investment in the Lowell business district through grants to the Lowell Downtown Historic District Commission for the improvement and beautification of downtown Lowell businesses



KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND NEW FAIRGROUNDS WITH "RAISING BARNS, BUILDING YOUTH" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Investment in the ongoing capital needs of the Kent County Youth Fair and support of the "Raising Barns, Building Youth" capital campaign for The Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan new fairground facilities



LOWELLARTS! & RELOCATION TO ITS NEW FACILITY

Support of ongoing arts programming for LowellArts and the relocation to its new downtown Lowell facility

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