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What's ado with the LPAC?

By Gabrielle Yeary
contributing writer

"I love the atmosphere and the people there. You can truly be yourself and do the things you love." Says junior crew member, Emily Garcia, when asked how the Lowell High School's fall play is coming along.

Like previous years, the high school will be performing their annual fall play. The Shakespearean comedy, 'Much Ado About Nothing,' follows two couples and their dramatic and comedic trials of love. It showcases multiple different groups all inside the one play, and the affect that shakes everyone, when one of the lovers, Hero, is accused of an affair. Directed by Heidi Kolp, the play is sure to be one to remember!

One thing that will make the play so memorable this year is the set! Since William Shakespeare's works cost nothing to perform, this allows a large budget for other expenses, such as



Cast and crew of Much Ado About Nothing

costuming and set pieces. This year, the Lowell High School Theater Department has rented out a gigantic, Renaissance-inspired set piece. The set, assembled and decorated by the student stage crew, is like no other set before.

"My favorite part of the entire play has to be the comedy. There's often a belief that Shakespeare is bland and boring, but it's really the total opposite. Much Ado About Nothing is full of hilarious scenes and moments. I believe

the audience will love the show and laugh during its entirety," Junior Hope Kaminski says, in reference to her favorite part. "My character, Beatrice, is hilarious to act as. I love the back and forth scenes between her and Benedick,

where they make sharp, witty replies and attacks at one another. Though it was hard to fall into character at first due to the diction, now that I'm in the rhythm

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"Things That Go Bump in the Night" has a successful run at LowellArts

by Bill Lee
contributing writer

Playbytes by Playwrights concluded on Sunday, October 30 after five performances, starting on Thursday the 27th. The ten 10-minute, one-

act plays were performed at LowellArts and all of the selected plays revolved around this year's Halloween theme: "Things That Go Bump in the Night."

It was an idea LowellArts had many years

ago, as a way to support playwrights from across the country and world, while using local directors and actors to produce them. A few months ago, LowellArts put out a call for play submissions

from playwrights, from anywhere. Out of the 64 plays submitted, co-directors, Laurel Conrad and Mary Beth Quillen and three other readers, selected the final ten without knowing who the authors were. The winning plays came from all over the country, including Washington State, Maine, Illinois, and Arizona. Only one was selected from Michigan, and ironically, it was from Grand Rapids and written by one of Playbytes actors, Sue Stephenson-Bradford.

Each play had its unique twist on the theme. One of the plays, entitled "Buttdial," was a funny story about a conversation between a woman and God, who mistakenly calls her. There were a couple of plays where the main characters were having conversations

with ghosts or figments of their imaginations. All were fun, well-directed and had great acting from local volunteer actors.

Marian Ward King, who played roles in "Confrontation" and "Buttdial," lives in Grand Rapids and has been involved with LowellArts since 2018. She has been acting most of her life and really enjoyed being one of sixteen actors this year. "It's fun and a really fun cast," said Ward King. "You meet a lot of new friends and get involved in the community. And get out there and get a little attention too!"

All the actors enjoyed working with their directors, as well. Co-directors, Conrad and

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Eva Switek, Sue Stephenson-Bradford. Photo courtesy of Laurel Conrad.

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Quillen directed five plays each. Actors Kelsey Ohle and her daughter Charli performed together in "Confrontation" with Ward King. It was Charli's first play, but Kelsey has been performing since she attended Lowell Middle School. "I actually took acting classes from Mary Beth (Quillen) at Civic Theater when I was in high school," said Ohle. "It kind of came full circle to work with her again as an adult."

It was another successful program by LowellArts and the next Playbytes won't be until 2024, so you have plenty of time to write your play!



The cast of Playbytes by Playwrights Photo by Bill Lee.

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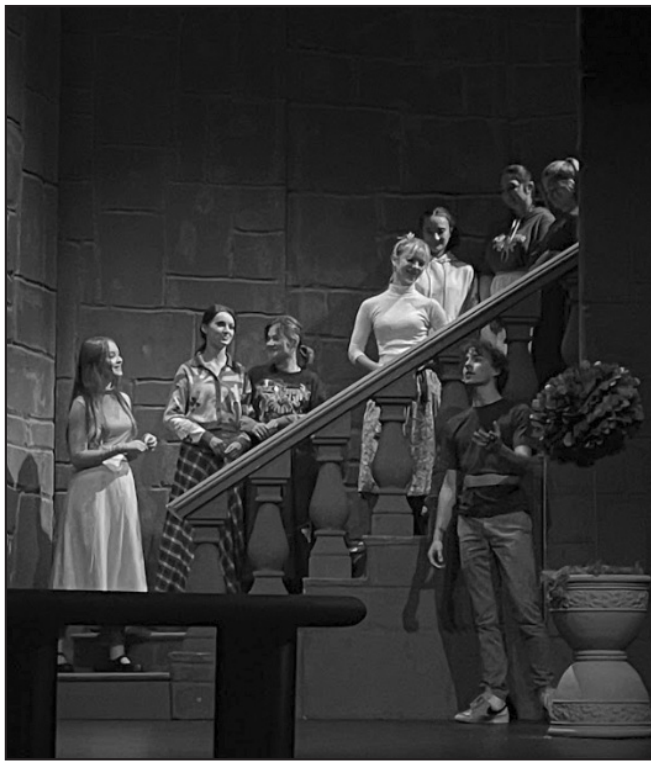
of Beatrice, it's easy to see our similarities."

The rest of the actors agree that learning to understand and perform with the Shakespearean language is a learning block. Many practices were spent going word-through-word to understand what they're saying and how to reflect that with their actions. Now that the students are all comfortable with the language, they get to add their own twists that help the audience better comprehend what is going on. This, along with a modernization of the language, will make the play easy and accessible for all audiences.

"So many students

worked hard, on and off stage, to make this show as great as it can be and all that hard work shows in the final product," finishes Don Pedro, played by Conner Casarez. Over the span of two months, the students and staff of LHS have produced an amazing and unique performance that is definitely worthwhile!

Lowell High School's production of 'Much Ado About Nothing' will perform the first weekend in November. Shows are November 4 and 5 at 7 pm and November 6 at 2 pm. Tickets are available for purchase online at tix4u.com for \$10, with live and streaming options available!



Aysha Vandenbosch, Aliina Forester, Jill Fabis, Hope Kaminski, Gianna Gates-Duprey, Faith VanDuinen, Claire Block, Ben Vonderheide.

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The quality of a play is the quality of its ideas.
~ George Bernard Shaw



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Could switching the clocks soon come to an end?

On the first Sunday in November, people across North America will adjust their clocks, turning them back one hour and thus returning Daylight Saving Time back to Standard Time. When spring arrives anew, the clocks once again will move forward an hour. This phenomenon has taken place for more than 50 years.

Time zones once were overseen by the railroad industry in an effort to streamline transportation. In 1918, the handling of time zones and other topics of time were turned over to a federal organization known as the Interstate Commerce Commission. The ICC also was put in charge of regulating the newly established Daylight Saving Time, purported to help with the

war effort. The concept initially was introduced by Germany during the war to conserve fuel and power by extending daylight hours. The United States soon followed suit.

After World War I, DST was abolished nationally, but continued on a state-by-state basis, according to the Department of Transportation. However, the DOT took over regulation of DST in 1966, and by this time a law made it consistent across the nation.

While switching the clocks has become rote, the effects of this tweak have been notable. Some consider it a mild annoyance that messes with their schedules for

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Healthcare Fundraisers – Our System is Broken

By Cliff Yankovich
contributing writer

Last week something occurred in Lowell that fills me with pride and disgust at the same time: another fundraising effort for a resident facing a debilitating disease and the mountain of financial debt that comes with such things in America. The community response to an event like this is wonderful and terrible at the same time. The wonderful part is how businesses and people recognize a need and pull-together resources and money is raised. It was a success. We help others in Lowell. Pink Arrow is something to brag about; what we do here has been copied all over the state of Michigan and the country as a whole. Pink Arrow money stays in Lowell and goes directly to those fighting cancer. I speak from experience and appreciation.

How could this type of thing possibly disgust me at the same time? Because people in the United States are the only people on the planet who live in a developed nation and who face bankruptcy because they get sick. Please re-read that last sentence until it sinks in.

My eyes were opened to the reality of this situation by a former customer at our store. Mike was born in Scotland, lived in Ada and traveled the world because of his skill set – he was one of a handful of people who can quickly repair high volume candy-making and wrapping machines. Think Hersey Kisses. Companies around the globe would fly Mike in to work his magic. He told me that men and women all over the world would think he was joking when he told them Americans face financial ruin from illness.

They could not believe that the wealthiest nation on the planet had a for-profit healthcare system in place that continues to provide the number one cause of bankruptcy. Mike has since retired to his native Scotland, where his entire family has nationalized health insurance. He told me clearly that his move to retire there was driven by healthcare.

Studies suggest that over 60 percent of bankruptcies are caused by medical bills and that hospital stays are the main driver of those bills.

Hospitals and health care systems wear the “non-profit” badge written large, but big money/profit is being made. Go to your favorite search engine and inquire into executive pay at “non-profit” hospitals and health care systems. The top exec for the Clover Health system was paid \$389.6 million dollars in 2021. I added up the top ten executive compensation amounts and it was \$791.9 million dollars, with the lowest salary on the list at \$16.5 million. Michigan’s own BlueCross/Blue Shield’s top dog missed the list because he only received \$15.6 million dollars that year. Well, maybe his highly paid Board of Directors will give him a little bump and get him back into the Top Ten.

Spectrum Health operates a slew of not-for-profit hospitals and their associated surgical and treatment centers all over Michigan. My inquiries discovered that there are 17 executives at Spectrum Health who made between \$1.5 million and \$6.5 million dollars last year and another 23 of them were paid between \$506,000.00 to \$912,000.00 dollars annually. These are NOT brain surgeons or

oncologists or cutting-edge treatment inventors; these people are paper pushers for the most part.

If your calculator has room for it, check out how much Board Members at BC/BS, and other medical “non-profits,” receive. If you have any strength left, try adding up the whopping paychecks from top executives in the Health Insurance field. Our medical system is an overlapping labyrinth of people making huge amounts of money that benefit no one who is sick. Millions and billions of our health care dollars go to executives that are so far removed from patient care, they have to watch PowerPoint presentations about it.

What this boils down to is that when your average person, like me, receives a diagnosis of “stage-four cancer in your throat,” two thoughts flash into your mind almost simultaneously. “Will this kill me?” Which is preceded or followed by “How am I going to pay for this?” The bills from my cancer dance took five years to pay. I can honestly tell you that the financial part of a cancer diagnosis caused almost as much anxiety as the physical/medical portion. I am hardly alone in this.

Just for the record, I am not suggesting that nurses, doctors, and surgeons should be paid minimum wage. Our son, James, just completed medical school and is an ER doctor, and his wife has been an RN for over 15 years. The amount of education and training they have, to say nothing of the day-to-day pressures they face, should result in very good compensation for them. But that does not carry over to a room full of board members and paper pushers who are paid millions to oversee “not-

for-profit” operations. Blue Cross must be making money somewhere for the CEO to get paid \$42,739.73 a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. That is an insane amount of money – this guy is not curing cancer or performing lifesaving brain surgery. He is an administrator.

The main reason we are subjected to this is because of the lobbying dollars the health care industry throws around in Lansing and Washington, DC. The not-for-profit corporations who compensate their executives and Boards with millions also spend millions to lobby our elected officials to keep the status quo. Use a search engine to see how much campaign money health care throws at politicians; it is almost as outrageous as the salaries mentioned above.

When she was running

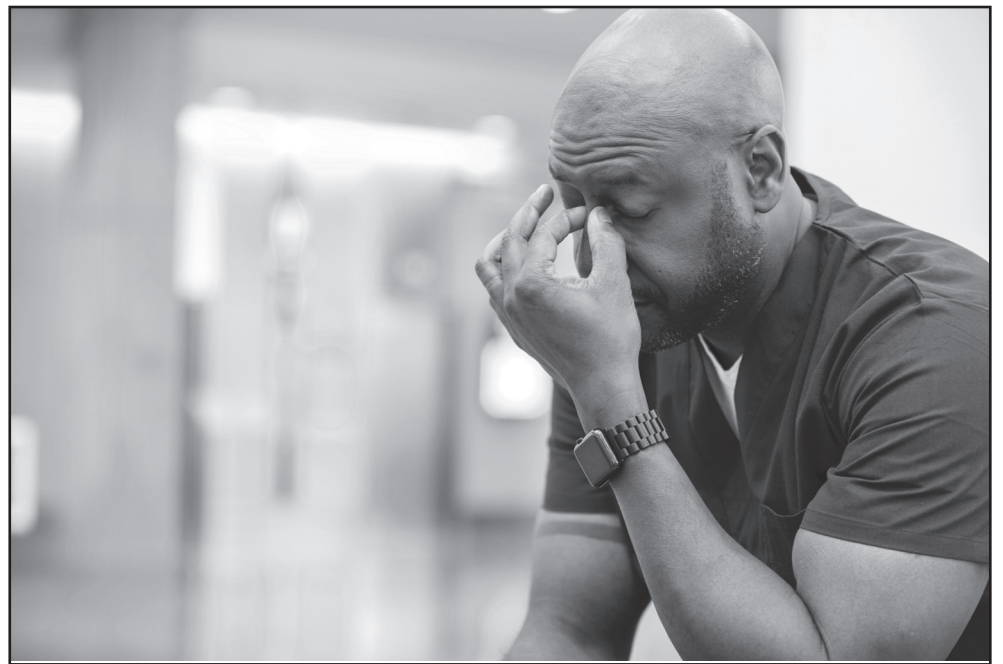
for office the first time, Governor Whitmer was quick to declare that Michigan is not ready for single payer healthcare. No doubt, she said this because her father is a former CEO of BC/BS of Michigan who is so popular with them; they named a building after him.

Another popular piece of misinformation that is force fed to us concerns the quality of our health care. We are told time and again that nationalized health care is vastly inferior to ours. Then why do so many Americans cross our borders North and South, and even fly to other countries, to purchase medicine and get dental and medical procedures done?

Are all the single payer health care systems perfect? Heck no. But to that I would say, “Why don’t we do it better?” Since when does America think we cannot

improve on the way other countries do things? People in my age bracket are signing up for Medicare, our version of single payer health care. I know several people my age who are adamantly opposed to national health care, but at the same time brag about how their out-of-pocket health care costs have dropped considerably since they became eligible for Medicare. Hello!

Bravo for the people and business owners in the Lowell area who respond to the financial needs of people facing mountains of medical debt. That is to be commended and celebrated. However, it is way past time for our country to quit treating medical care as a massive profit center and forcing people into bankruptcy just because they become ill.



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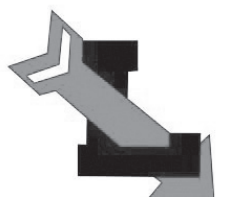
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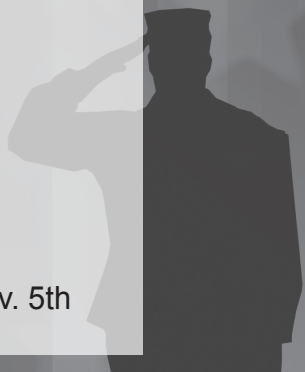
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Clooney and Roberts find their chemistry in "Ticket to Paradise"

by Bill Lee
contributing writer

Movies come in all shapes and sizes. You have action movies, scary movies, thrillers, big super-hero movies, intense dramas, and many other genres. And then you have the good ol' romantic comedy. They are absolute fail-safes in regards to knowing what you are going to get. Boy meets girl, funny things happen, boy loses girl, sad and funny things happen,

boy gets girl back for good, happy ending. The format is a simple one, but the way the stories unfold is where the movie magic happens. Honestly, sometimes you just need to see one.

I decided it was my time for a romantic comedy. "Ticket to Paradise," starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts, is directed by Ol Parker, who also directed three other RomComs, including 'Mamma Mia' and

'Here We Go Again.' The previews looked funny and the length of the movie was appealing (104 minutes), as most movies these days are two and a half hours long. Plus as already mentioned, it had Clooney and Roberts, a probable no-brainer when it came to chemistry. They've been in five movies together, including two 'Oceans' movies, 'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind' and 'Money Monster' (a movie I know nothing about).

'Ticket to Paradise' took a unique approach to the RomCom, as there were two stories with two couples working their way through their conflicts. The movie opens with Roberts (who plays Georgia) and Clooney (who plays David) talking to friends in separate scenes, each giving their rendition of Clooney's surprise proposal he gave her almost twenty years ago in a marriage that ended after five years. The marriage was a "nightmare" according to Georgia, and David categorizes it as "ancient history." The scene goes back and forth and sets the viewer up to

think that these two really don't like each other. Also, the scene is one of many where the two try to have a better one-liner than the other. The one thing they do share together is their daughter, Lily (played very well by Kaitlyn Dever), who is graduating law school. The parents begrudgingly have to sit together at the graduation and a humorous scene between them ensues. When Lily's name is called during the ceremony, they yell out in a competitive way, "I love you, I love you more, I'm so proud, I'm prouder," each parent trying to outdo the other. These scenes try to set up the tension between Clooneys' and Roberts' characters before the main part of the movie begins.

The second part of this movie revolves around Lily, their daughter. After graduating, she and her friend Wren (played nicely by Billie Lourd) vacation to Bali, and Lily ends up meeting the man of her dreams, a local seaweed farmer, Gede (played by Maxime Bouttier), and they decide to get married after a little over a month of knowing each other. Back in the States, the parents get the news and agree to fly to Bali for the wedding with one purpose in mind: break the young couple up and bring their daughter back to the States to fulfill her destiny of becoming a lawyer.

Their plan is to have Lily see the light on her own with a little push from them. Clooney decides to push a little harder, telling Gede on the first day of meeting him, "Don't have kids because it will be more complicated when she breaks up with

you and brings them back to the States." Hurt at first, Gede decides to fight back, as he discovers their plan of stopping the wedding from happening.

sparks between them begin to fly when they challenge Lily and Gede to a beer pong competition. In a drunken state, the parents start dancing in the bar, using old dance moves like



Overall, there are several funny scenes and characters. One character that needs to be mentioned is Paul (played with subtle hilarity by Lucas Bravo), Georgia's serious boyfriend. Paul's unrequited love for Georgia is sad but humorous, and Bravo plays the part well, including a very amusing scene when he gets bitten by a poisonous snake as he proposes.

The chemistry between David and Georgia is not immediate in the film. There were times in the beginning where their cheekiness seemed a bit unrealistic, but their dynamic gets better as the movie continues. The

The Running Man and The Charleston, embarrassing Lily to no end. From this point, we begin to see that maybe these two could work it out.

Filmed in Bali, Australia, and LA, "Ticket to Paradise" uses the scenery to help with the love stories. The choreography throughout the film is amazing, with incredible sunsets and sunrises, deep blue waters, and mountain terrain. How could you not fall in love?

Overall, I find it hard to rate a romantic comedy. Mostly, they are simple films that hopefully make you smile, laugh and even shed a tear and help you to forget the hard things out in the world. They always remind you about how love is so important in our lives. 'Ticket to Paradise' did all of those for me and it was great to see Clooney and Roberts at it again, both looking great of course, and both presenting their characters well. I give it 3 and 1/2 out of 5 popcorn kernels.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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viewpoint



125 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 4, 1897

The fellows who run the sitting down places at the Grand Rapids carnival complain that they did not make expense. Good shot. Any man who is hog enough to charge 25 cents for the privilege of sitting down on a pants-ful of hemlock slivers ought to lose money by the barrel.

Archie Lyle, of Easton, found a horse and buggy in the road near the Easton Town Hall on Sunday morning last, and drove the rig to Ionia, where he turned it over to the officials. Later developments show that the outfit was stolen from a man in Vergennes. It was returned to the owner, but as yet, there is no trail of the thief.

Two bushels of good potatoes will buy a year subscription to this paper.

Levi J. Hall, of Easton, was killed by a falling pig-pen, which his father had raised upon jacks.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 9, 1922

Burglars blew open the safe at the Grand Trunk Depot in Lowell Tuesday morning in the "wee small hours," and got away with \$20.45.

A party of five came near death on the Cascade road near Whitneyville, Sunday night, when an automobile rolled down a 20-foot embankment and held the occupants prisoners.

A pleasing sight Sunday morning, an automobile passed with its gas tank on the rear, nearly dragging on the ground.

Tuesday morning, three freight cars jumped the Pere Marquette track in front of the section house at Whitneyville, caused by broken cross bars on car. No one hurt.

J.S. Thomas received the prize for best corn presented at the grange Saturday night.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 6, 1947

Twin babies, a boy and a girl, were born Tuesday morning in the rear seat of an automobile, while enroute full speed, to a Grand Rapids Hospital. The baby girl lived about an hour, the boy is in an incubator. The babies were born prematurely.

Mr. Isidro Ayors, whose home is in Quito, Ecuador, is spending a few weeks as the guest of the King Milling Company, studying the plan and operation of the mill, and conferring with the officials of the company as to the best procedures for the successful operation of a mill.

A.H. Stormzand, Commander of the Clark-Ellis Post of the American Legion, announces a free dinner at the City Hall on Monday night, November 10, at seven o'clock, to which all veterans are cordially invited.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. MacTavish, of Lowell, was one of the candidates who passed, with flying colors, the state bar examination. She was the only woman among 61 successful candidates.

County Supervisors will now receive 20 cents for each dog listed to be taxed and the township or city treasurer will receive 15 cents for collecting each dog tax. Dog license fees remain the same, \$1 for males and unsexed dogs and \$2 for females.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Suburban Life November 2, 1972

The former Lowell Automotive Store at the corner of East Main and Lafayette, has been transformed to a new home for the Lowell Barbershop, completed with a putting green.

Table tennis (or ping pong) lessons will be given each Saturday morning, beginning November 4, at the Lowell High School gymnasium, but the Lowell YMCA.

The Lowell Red Arrows clinched the Tri-River football conference title Friday night as they edged the Lakewood Vikings out of the running, 12-3, on the loser's field.

A decision was made on the footbridge to be constructed over Cherry Creek, for the safety of students living in Valley Vista who walk through the field and across the railroad track to school.

This is the first national presidential election in which Michigan's 18-year-olds will get to vote. Their voting rights were granted but the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Michigan State legislature was one of the first to ratify that amendment in 1971.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 5, 1997

Jeanne Shores and Donald Green earned four-year terms in the city council election. Mike Blough will serve a two-year term.

For the first time in the school's history, Lowell will participate in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state football playoff. The Red Arrows seeded third in Class A - Geion II, will play Loy Norris Friday night in Kalamazoo.

Lowell Light & Power customers were without electricity for six hours on Sunday as work to restore the electrical system was carried out.

The formation of the Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (LASSO) is a new soccer program that will prepare soccer players for high school competition. LASSO has been established to fill the gap between soccer at the YMCA level and the varsity level.

Sixteen Lowell homes will be open to holiday shoppers during the sixth annual Christmas Through Lowell tour, scheduled for November 14 - 16.

to the editor

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

Dear Editor:

In the 1860s, a 16-year-old orphan girl traveled alone on a large steamship from Scotland to New York City harbor.

The anxious teen was met at the dock by her older brothers, who had immigrated a few years earlier to work in Ohio coal mine. That wee Scottish lass was my great-grandmother Mary.

Fifty-four years later, she taught her 3-year-old granddaughter, Lila, how to read -- before the little girl enrolled in a one-room rural school near Caledonia. That girl was my mother, Lila Thaler (1914-2011), a Lowell elementary school teacher from 1955-74, who taught hundreds of Lowell children how to read.

Thus, past immigration continues its benefits even to the present, many generations later. Remember -- except for native peoples of North and South America -- we are ALL immigrants or descendants of immigrants.

Our ancestors were fleeing famine, war, poverty, communism,

religious persecution, or came involuntarily as slaves. America provided opportunities for "tired . . . poor . . . huddled masses yearning to breathe free" -- Emma Lazarus' famous words on the Statue of Liberty.

The Lowell Historical Museum's weekly Ledger articles tell about immigrants who built Lowell's early factories, mills and stores -- now recycled as favorite restaurants, shops, and businesses along Main Street.

New arrivals have always been part of our nation's history. In 2022, 14 percent of us are foreign-born, the same as 1910 and 1870. For Canada, the figure is 21 percent.

Today's immigrants come from Ukraine, Syria, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Venezuela. These are not people to be feared. They bring hopes, dreams, work ethic, and a drive for success that every nation

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We love to hear from you!



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

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ABCs of Lowell history

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

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Part II-the Brick Building
Built: 1865-66
Builder: Edmund Lee
First Business: Edmund Lee
Grocery: William Pullen,
Gent's Clothing & Tailor
Building Name: Pullen
building

During the unseasonably warm November of 1865, bricks were laid by Edmund Lee for Lowell's first brick building. It is a two-storefront building built on the site of the old American Hotel/store, which burned down in 1864. Lee briefly had his grocery store in the new building before selling the building to William Pullen.

William Pullen's Tailor Shop and Gent's Clothing Store was located here from 1866-1900, with the



Interior of the Gain Bangs Grocery Store. Gain Bangs Grocery occupied the west half of the building from 1908-1918.

exception of 1878-1881, when the building was rented to M. Jacobson & Co. for The Boston Double Store's dry goods business. His son, Will Pullen, ran the store until 1908. Pullen moved elsewhere and returned after the Boston Double Store failed. Because Pullen owned the building and had

his business here for so many years, the building became known locally as the "Pullen" building. At times Pullen used both storefronts and other times he used only one and rented the other one out.

In 1883, after the failure of the Boston Double Store, Langs & McNaughton had a furniture store, along with A. D. Oliver's jewelry store on one side and Pullen's store was on the other side.

G. W. Bangs and J. E. Jessup are listed as having a grocery store in 1905, maybe at some other location, maybe here. We know, however, that Gain W. Bangs operated a grocery on the west side of this building, under his own name, from 1908 to 1918. Other west side businesses included a paint store (1938) and Norris Tavern from 1941 to 1946, before it became the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall.

The east address was a Billiard Hall in 1885; Will Pullen's clothing up to 1908; Weldon Smith Bakery for a year, while he built the building next door to the east; Express Office (1918); and Norris Café, operated by Mrs. Mary Norris Post, from 1934-1941.

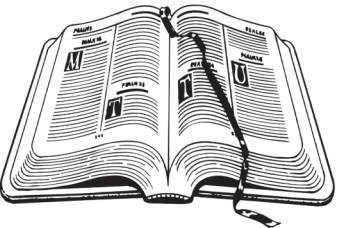
The second floor was used as the Masonic Temple, prior to being purchased by the Flat River VFW Post 8303 in 1946. From the 1960s, until they closed in 2001, the VFW utilized both the first and second floors.

In 2003, the building was purchased and remodeled by Mark Batchelor, Architectural Restorations. Since then, the west side of the building has been occupied by Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones and Noreen Myers, Attorney. Businesses on the East side were Voyages, Ella's Coffee & Cuisine, and Sweet Seasons bakery and coffee shop since June 2017.



The Pullen Building on the left survives another flood, 1905.

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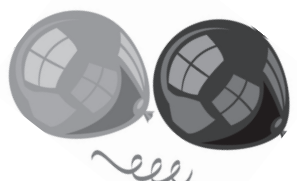
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The beauty of the U.P. nature captured in pyrography art

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Joanna and James Walitalo have captured the beauty of the U.P., while promoting environmental messages, in their pyrography art on scrap wood, in hundreds of pieces of art. Their artwork has been recently compiled in the beautiful book of art, *J. Walitalo Woodburnings, Highlights from the First Five Years*.

As a kid, Joanna burnt herself with a craft woodburner and laid it aside

artist, who grew up in Oil City, Michigan aka, Mount Pleasant, taking art classes in middle and high school. Time would show that the two paths synced perfectly.

J. Walitalo Woodburnings, Highlights from the First Five Years captures the range of artwork that the Walitalo's have created, and promotes environmental ethics through the use of scrap wood as the platform for the artwork, as well as, through the images they create.

"Our goal is to help

through the images and the material itself. Every piece carries that message."

Although Joanna had good experience illustrating other people's work, it was a dream come true being able to put together the book of her own artwork, and her husband's. "I've never pursued the idea of writing for fun," she said.

Most people imagine woodburning as a sign that you would hang up in your camp, Joanna laughed. "With the book, I wanted to show people the artwork even though I don't own it anymore," she said.

The process has proven to be a lot more challenging than Joanna had anticipated. The main challenge was obtaining all the release forms from the commissioned artwork from customers.

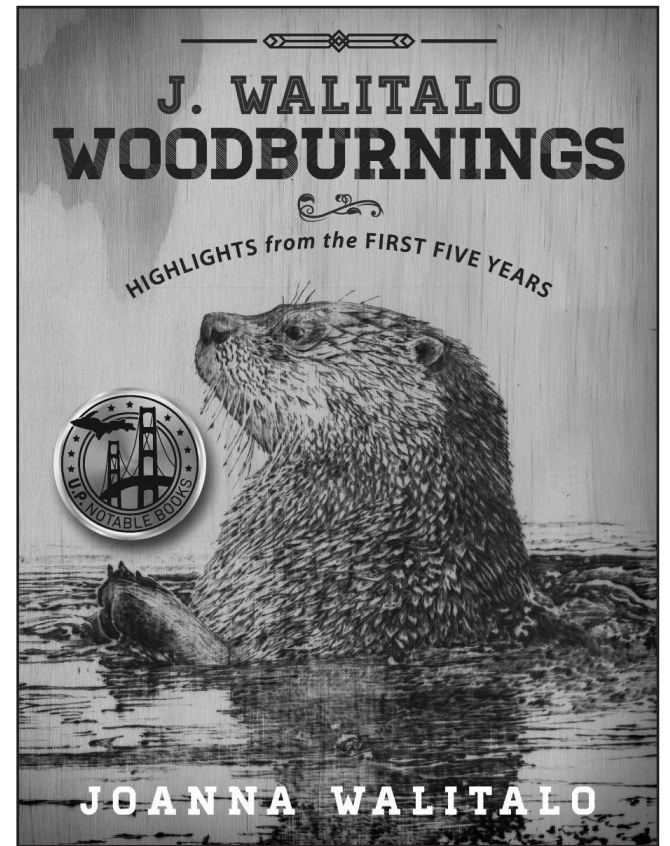
"Doing the artwork is the joy," she said. Joanna said the artwork in the book is a good representation of the team's work. "It's a shotgun effect who I could figure out and get the release," she laughed. And the most satisfying part was sitting down and being in the zone of the artwork. "It's a wonderful state of being," she said.

The results of the team's work are impressive:

In 2020, during Covid, the Walitalo's completed over 700 woodburnings, including some of their favorite works. "We hope that you have found a few gems, among the rough, in the artwork presented here," Joanna said. "We also hope that you have found inspiration."

Joanna said she was grateful to the entire publishing team, and people such as woodcarver, Joe Ash, and many more. "I couldn't do this without my husband," she said. "I do the doodle on the front of the board, and he does the cutting, planning, and sanding of each board. It really is a team effort. I can't do it all by myself. I wanted to showcase other people as well." As an invaluable assistant, James also spends many hours each day going outside to take reference photos of local wildlife and scenery for the artwork.

After completing 'Woodburnings' Joanna found out she had her own artistic style, which surprised her. "I've developed a style of artwork that is recognizable," she said. She loves doing woodburnings of



'Woodburnings' captures the beauty of nature in scrap wood while promoting environmental policies.

animals and plants. Joanna will be taking on more commissioned artwork once she is done with her Ph.D. in Forest Science in May of 2023.

And if you want to find out what was one of the most interesting things that

has ever happened to Joanna during an in-person author's event, listen to the podcast on <http://emmapalova123.podbean.com>

You might even win a signed copy of the beautiful 'Woodburnings' art book.

"Take what you believe in, and incorporate it into your job, your hobby, and your life. Start wherever you are, and build on it."

~ Joanna Walitalo

for years, in the meantime, pursuing a degree in Biology and Environmental Policies. "I didn't follow art as a career path," she said. "I followed a scientific path."

In 2009, she moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where she earned a Master's in Forestry at Michigan Technological University (MTU) in Houghton, overlooking the Keweenaw Waterway.

Those were some of the forces forming the

spread appreciation and love for our natural environment and wildlife by sharing the beauty of it through art," said Joanna.

Until recently, Joanna never owned a camera, however, she needed to capture images to remember. So, she started out with pen and ink drawings inspired 100 percent by nature.

"The main message is to promote environmental policies through my artwork," she said. "That is

Turn Back, continued

a few days. Certain health professionals have gone on record to say it is bad for health. The time change in the spring (DST) has been blamed for everything from increases in traffic accidents to a greater number of heart



attacks as people adjust to a temporary deficit in sleep, according to NBC News. A 2019 poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 71 percent of people want to stop switching the clocks.

Over the previous half-decade, 29 states have introduced legislation for year-round Daylight Saving Time. In March 2022, the

United States Senate passed legislation that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clock times, leading to brighter afternoons all year long. The measure was dubbed the Sunshine Protection Act, and passed unanimously by vote. To date, however, the House of Representatives, which has held a committee meeting on the matter, has not passed the bill before it can go to President Biden to sign. The House is considering whether DST or Standard time is the better

option for permanency, based on health implications and circadian rhythms. Other impediments affecting the legislation's chances of passing appear to be fundamental disagreements over the bill's language and a general consensus that other matters before the House may be more urgent.

Will switching the clocks each year come to an end? It still may take time to resolve this issue. In the interim, the public should be prepared to switch their clocks back on Sunday November 6, 2022, at 2:00 a.m.



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Shabby Chicnigans opens next to Curtis Cleaners

By Emma Palova
contributing writer

Located next to Curtis Cleaners, Shabby Chicnigans brings the fashionable shabby look to Lowell, just in time for holiday shopping.

From upcycled furniture and hand-painted signs to the brand-new line of Celeste Mogador hand-embroidered pins, the well-

lit shop entices with warmth and a friendly atmosphere. The attractive pins boast beautiful eyes and lips brooches.

After the closing of the Flat River Cottage in October, Chicnigans' owner, Michelle Emaus, moved to 1410 W. Main - Suite B and opened on Oct. 7. "My hope is that people are aware that I am here,"

Emaus said. "I am thrilled to have found this location."

Whether you're doing your laundry or having a burger, just take a few steps and you will be enchanted by this kingdom of lovelies. "It's nice to see people leave the store smiling," Emaus said. The main room displays Warmies, canvas banners "You are my Sunshine", wall décor,

pillows, wool throws, handbags, and much more.

Trending is men's Duke Cannon body care, a portion of the profits benefit US veterans, and Mixture candles covering a broad spectrum of scents. The candles are poured using 100 percent soy wax, which is renewable and burns cleaner than paraffin wax, while still providing the same atmosphere and aroma you're looking for.

"The focus is on what Lowell doesn't have," said Emaus referring to greeting cards and souvenirs.

The second room, in the back, with Ginger's byst and animal print headbands that can be used as masks, is a mix of various knick knacks, including dog treats and dryer balls.

The cold weather means less moisture in the air and that means chapped lips. You can take care of your lips with the amazing Bitchstix. Not only are they good for your lips, but every purchase benefits domestic abuse and sexual assault survivors.



Owner, Michelle Emaus, in front of Shabby Chicnigans.

Then there is the Duck Duck Jeep Tag Boutique for those who ride cool in a Jeep and want to tag other cool riders. In the greeting card nook, you can browse through the "Trash Talk" card collection for almost any occasion.

And if you're looking for a souvenir from Lowell, well look no more. Silipints and glass pints, with Lowell inscribed on them, are here to stay, along with upcoming postcards and books by local authors.

Caavallini Papers for gift-wrapping or framing for \$6 each are very popular, according to Emaus. And women can jot down their

wish list to be fulfilled in the Chicnigans' guest book. "We will provide gift wrapping," she said.

The store will hold holiday events, Christmas Chicnigans, from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20 followed by ChicMANigans, a special event for men to shop and have their items gift-wrapped, on Dec. 1, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

The store is open Monday through Saturday, from 11 am to 5 pm.

For more info, call 1-616-648-0048 and follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ShabbyChicnigans>



Michelle Emaus holds Ginger's byst with an animal print headband that can be used as a neck wrap or mask.

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Michelle Emaus holds one of the new arrivals, "Warmies"

Detroit Music: Jack White

By Cliff Yankovich
Contributing writer

The opening guitar chords of ‘Seven Nation Army’ is easily one of the most well-known guitar riffs to ever kick off a song. Chanted and sung at sports stadia all over the world, those licks are the product of one of the most impactful musicians to ever be born in Detroit: John Anthony Gillis (aka, Jack White) was born there in July of 1975, and it is safe to say that Detroit has a special place in Jack White’s heart.

Full disclosure; this writer is a giant fan of Mister White for a plethora of reasons. Some of his songs are a constant on my personal play lists, but there are many of his musical efforts that have zero appeal to me. My fandom is not based on loving every lyric and chord, but my admiration is directed at a fellow Michigander

Gorman, was the building maintenance superintendent and his mother, Teresa, was a secretary to the Cardinal. It seems that being the last in line in a very big family served as a musical launching pad for Jack. As a first grader, he started playing around on a drum kit that was abandoned in the attic by his siblings, several of whom tinkered with music and formed a band called Catalyst. White stuck with the drums, while also playing with any other instrument he found in the house.

Jack almost entered the priesthood. He served as an altar boy, (and can be seen as an uncredited extra in the 1987 movie ‘Rosary Murders’) and was seriously considering the seminary when he decided to attend Cass Technical High School instead of attending a seminary, in

Man Upholstery – the motto for which was “Your furniture is not dead.” He also incorporated the color scheme of yellow and black, which continues today with Third Man Records.

Jack was good friends with Brian Muldoon, a fellow upholsterer, who talked White into forming a punk band. Since Muldoon was a drummer, White decided to play the guitar. Jack Gillis became Jack White after he met, fell in love with, and married Meg White. He decided to turn things upside down by reversing tradition and taking her name.

Turning things upside down and a love for old school technology has become a way of life for White. When he and Meg toured the planet as some of the best known examples of the revival of garage rock, White would purposely



The Third Man Records pressing plant has grown to the point where it employs 80 full time workers. Tours are available every Friday.



who charts his own course artistically, and who, in spite of traveling the world and now living in Nashville, remembers his roots in Detroit and has done a lot to keep the Motor City moving along, in spite of all the challenges it has faced over the last 10-15 years.

Jack White was the youngest of ten children brought up in a humble household. His parents both worked for the Archdiocese of Detroit. His father,

Wisconsin that had accepted his application. He played drums and trombone in the school band. When he was 15, he began learning the upholstery trade in a three-year apprenticeship program. These days, he has returned to his love of upholstery and creates and sells furniture. You can take a look at www.jackwhiteartanddesign.com. It is worth noting that White’s first entrepreneurial effort was called Third

make his performances more difficult by playing inexpensive guitars that would go out of tune in a heartbeat and laying out his stage set-up in a manner that actually made his job more difficult. His intensity and no holds barred live performances found willing audiences everywhere the White Stripes went.

These days, White tours as a solo artist, but he is and has been involved in many side projects, which

most notably include The Raconteurs and The Dead Weather. The Raconteurs were the result of Jack collaborating with Brenden Benson, a fellow Michigan-born musician. They crafted “Steady as She Goes” and enjoyed it so much they drafted some more local talent and recorded their first album in Benson’s home studio. They recorded a couple of albums, then took a break for many years before reforming in 2019 to record the album “Help Us Stranger,” and they toured in support of the album.

White met Allison Mosshart when she fronted a band called The Kills, who opened for the Raconteurs in their early tours. She actually filled in singing for White when he developed bronchitis that he had a hard time shaking while on tour. White returned to the drums when he and Mosshart formed the Dead Weather. They have toured and released three studio albums and resemble The Raconteurs, in that they might just spring up some time and record or perform.

White’s musical and video output is a wonder to behold in bands and as a solo artist. Three of his solo efforts have reached number one and he has taken home a dozen Grammy awards.

These days, White

lives in Nashville, but he has never forgotten his birthplace. It is pretty safe to say that Jack White has had a very large hand in the salvation and revival of music recorded and played on vinyl LP (Long Playing) records. He has said that nothing beats the thrill of opening up a brand new record, popping it on a turntable, while reading the lyrics and album credits.

To help create and satisfy the desire for vinyl, White began buying up old school record pressing equipment and moving it to a large building he purchased on Canfield Street in the Cass Corridor in Detroit. Thanks in large part to his financial investment there, the area has experienced a fantastic come back. Third Man Records, with the motto “Your turntable is not dead,” is an anchor in that neighborhood. Even if you have no appreciation for Mister White and/or his music, it is worth a visit to the neighborhood, which boasts cool places to shop and eat, in addition to providing an opportunity to see a vinyl pressing operation and a couple of blocks of impressively restored vintage homes. (www.ThirdManRecords.com) Since opening TMR in Detroit in 2009, White has also opened versions of

the store in Nashville, TN and across the Atlantic in London.

In spite of being well-known around the planet, White likes to keep his personal life as quiet as possible. One of my favorite White stories proves that point. When we attended a Chrissie Hynde concert at the Masonic Temple in Detroit in 2014, I noticed the ticket mentioned the show would be in the “Jack White Theatre.” When asked, the usher who sat us was happy to relate the story that White found out the Masonic Temple was in arrears on taxes to the tune of \$142,000 and was on the brink of foreclosure in 2013. With no fanfare, press releases or photo ops, White paid the bill and saved the venue. The Masonic Temple thanked him by putting his name on the theatre, he did not ask for it. He also put up \$170,000 to refurbish Clark Field, a baseball field in SW Detroit.

The New York Times once called Jack White “the coolest, weirdest, and savviest rock star of our time,” and I am very inclined to agree with that statement. Next time, we will take a look at some other rock ‘n roll acts born and raised in Detroit.

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SPORTS

LHS golf duo set to play at next level

By Justin Scott
Sports reporter

Two Lowell golfers will be competing at the collegiate level, starting next season. Lowell High School seniors, Drew Veldman and Cam Sluss, were each announced as the latest signings from Spring Arbor University in October. The school is an NAIA school located in the

town of Spring Arbor, about a 90-minute drive from Lowell, located in Jackson County, Michigan.

Both Lowell golfers are the first Lowell boys golfers to join the collegiate ranks since Tyler Kapcia (class of 2019), who originally committed to Aquinas and now plays for Davenport.

Sluss, whose sister Elle is a member of the Lowell

girls golf team, enjoyed Spring Arbor immediately after his first visit.

"Their facilities were great, along with the way the coach broke down my swing. I thought this was a place that could potentially send me to the next level, which was a goal of mine," Sluss said.

At any level, collegiate golfers are able to play some of the best courses in America. Spring Arbor played at Whistling Straits and TPC Deere Run this year, both prominent fixtures in the PGA rotation. Similar to other sports, the recruitment process can be a major stressor for a high school senior. Both players had been in contact with coaches, making visits, learning about the lifestyle of a collegiate golfer, scholarships, and more. All of that, on top of being dual sport athletes, Veldman in basketball and Sluss in tennis.

"Committing early definitely relieved a lot of stress and now my only worry is deciding what degree I want to earn," Sluss added.

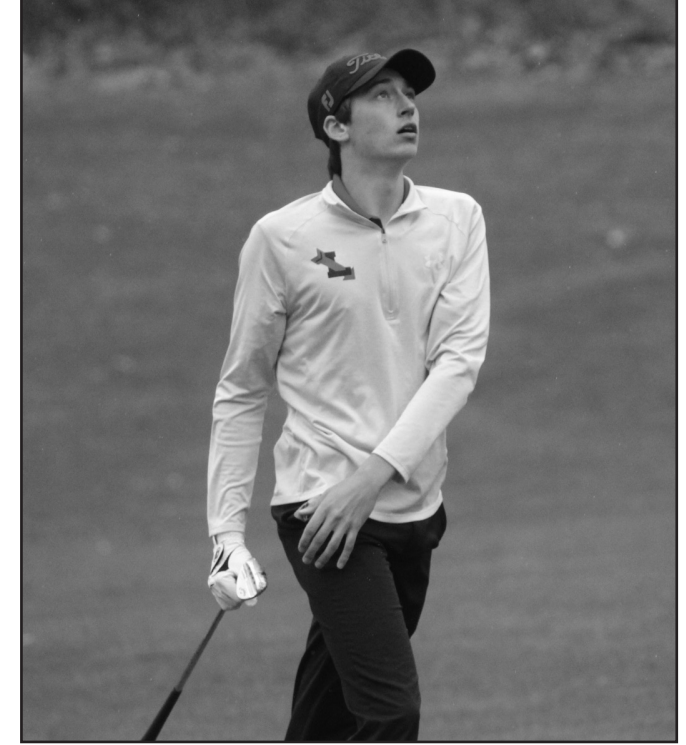
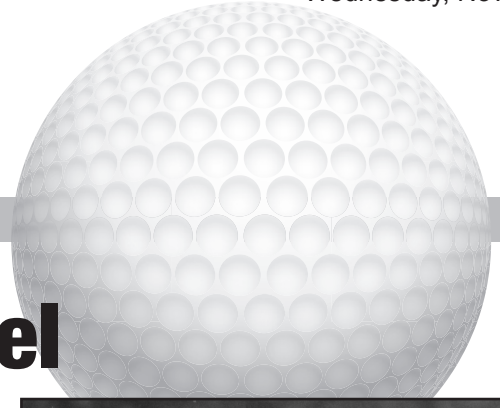
This spring will be the last season for the LHS

Class of 2023 golfers, both Sluss and Veldman, along with fellow senior, Patrick de Voest, are looking to lead Lowell to their first state tournament berth since 1990.

"For me, I had a few options to choose from, and those couple of months of visiting schools and talking to coaches was definitely becoming stressful. When I committed to Spring Arbor, I felt like a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders. I just remember on our visits, everyone was saying "hello" and being friendly; it was definitely feeling like a place where I could see myself in the future," Veldman said of the process.

It's been a weird high school journey for this particular group of senior golfers, who missed their freshman season of golf due to the COVID pandemic, and dealt with continued uncertainty from that, heading into their sophomore seasons. Veldman has an 82.5 average over 18-holes during competitive rounds his junior season, including an even par 72.

Both players average in the low 40's for 9-hole



Cam Sluss watches after a shot. Sluss and teammate, Drew Veldman, both committed to Spring Arbor for golf in October.



Drew Veldman lines up for a drive at Arrowhead's first hole last season.

rounds and 80's for 18, and that both players could continue to play golf together, was a bonus. Not since 2013 had two Lowell golfers played at the same school, Joey Gauck (Class of 2013) and Ben Hart (Class of 2012) at Olivet.

"We went on a few visits together and the idea of playing at Spring Arbor

together was definitely becoming a reality. I know for sure that being able to golf with Cam for another four years is another huge part of why I chose Spring Arbor," concluded Veldman.

- CROSS COUNTRY

Arrows punch ticket with regional win

submitted by Paul Judd
girls cross country coach

A perfect day for a cross country meet greeted all the regional teams at Portage West MS (Portage Central home course) as they lined up for the chance to qualify for the state meet. On paper, there were five teams within 30 points of one another, so a shootout was expected for

a chance to be a top-three team and an opportunity to race at the state meet.

Lowell's top five got out in the top twenty at the start and continued to work to maintain their scoring position to earn a spot. The initial unofficial score had the Arrows in second, one point behind Portage Central; and then, wait for it, the score was recalculated

with Lowell in first place with 107 points and the opportunity to hoist the regional trophy.

Lowell was led by All-Region honorees, Annika Sandman and Katrina Sandman, as they placed third and ninth with times of 18:22 and 19:18. Claire O'Boyle had a break-out race, nailing a personal record time of 20:17 for 26th;

Keira Sandman finished 33rd in 20:32; and Evie Deur closed the scoring, taking 36th in 20:38.

Completing the varsity team were Audrey Latchaw 75th in a personal record 22:43 and Anna Forney 80th in a personal record 23:24. As a whole, the girls averaged 90 seconds faster on the same course they started the season on in August.

Lowell still hasn't had a perfect team race. With a perfect team race the girls could nail a top-10 finish at the biggest race of the year.

The Division 1 girls race is at 4 PM, Saturday, at MIS in Brooklyn, MI.

Fall 2022 review
- boys tennis

by Justin Scott
sports reporter

The season for the Lowell boys tennis team has concluded. Patrick de Voest was Lowell's lone all-conference recipient, ending a career where he became the third de Voest brother to hold the number-one singles spot at LHS.

The Arrows placed seventh out of eight teams in the conference with a 2-5 conference record, outpacing Greenville. FHN won the conference.

Lowell finished 8-7-1 in dual meets this year, including a six-match non-conference win streak to start the season off. This brings their total dual record, stretching back to the first recorded dual match in 1916, to 384-528-31. In

total, including confirmed matches with unknown results, the boys tennis program has over 1,000 dual matches played in program history.

Numbers were a key focus point this season, as Lowell was unable to field a JV squad this year, and at times, unable to fill the full varsity squad down through four doubles. This presents a great opportunity for current eighth graders to get involved with tennis, and potentially, have an immediate impact on the team next year as freshman, or current high schools interested in adding a fall sport.

Lowell graduates five seniors this year, Cam Sluss, Reid Eldred, Max Stoner, Josiah Kissinger, Patrick de Voest.

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS



Football performs admirably in layoff loss

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

It had the feeling of a 'game of the week' heading in. A heavyweight fight between two programs, with plenty of success over the last two decades. Zeeland West has only existed since 2005; the brand new school that was an offshoot from the old Zeeland High School. Zeeland East carried over all old records. Since that creation, the Dux have been a state power. They've won over 80 percent of their games. At any level, that sustained success is remarkable.

For Lowell, of course, there are the three state championships and three state runner-ups since 2002. Plenty of success in between and after. This year, both schools had excellent regular seasons, Zeeland West, the seven seed in the state playoffs, and Lowell the 14, each in the top half of Division 3.

It was a heavyweight fight in terms of history, tradition, and excellence in Michigan high school football. It was also a heavyweight fight in the way the game was played. Each team exchanged scores, ferocious swings, if you will, as if they were boxers under the spotlight at Madison Square Garden. First Zeeland West, then

Lowell punched back. Back and forth the teams went, until in the end, the Dux were the last team standing. How close it was though, with only a couple of bounces one way or the other, perhaps, making the difference.

Lowell would be forced to punt on their first possession, and Zeeland West responded to go up 8-0. As they would almost all night, Lowell was able to find a response, this time on a 23-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jackson Reisbig to Alex Binns. Reisbig had a fantastic night passing, going 11/16 for 196 yards and three touchdowns.

The wing-t offense that Zeeland West runs, involves nearly entirely runs, a lot of misdirection, and proved, difficult to stop. The Dux would salt away clock on long drives, keeping possessions at the minimum. Carson Crace had a good night on defense, recording 17 tackles. Their second drive, Zeeland West scored, missing the two-point conversion, which made it 14-7. Lowell would respond with a drive of their own, only to get stopped on 4th and short just before half, deep in the Zeeland West redzone. A huge swing, considering the Dux got the ball to start the third quarter.

Starting the second half, Lowell looked to get things off to a surprise start with a pop-up onside kick, perfectly executed, that popped up and bounced eight yards downfield, untouched, lurched forward, before the sharp blow of an officials whistle and flag came out before the play was over. A flag that wasn't supposed to come out. The onside rule is that the ball has to travel 10 yards before the kicking team can try to recover; the problem is, Lowell was not near the bouncing ball, let alone trying to recover; they were trying to get where the ball had bounced to, past that 10-yard mark.

It was an erroneous whistle, though, a mistake. Officials aren't perfect, and with such a shortage of officiating nationwide now, it's important to appreciate the work officials do to make sporting events happen. After a conference, the flag was waved off, but the damage was done. Lowell lost their element of surprise, and they very well could have recovered the onside kick. It's, of course possible, Lowell would not have recovered. As it was, Lowell tried again, but was unsuccessful. Zeeland West scored shortly after, on a long run to make it 22-7. A disastrous swing of the



Brendan Wittenbach hauls in a long pass to set Lowell up with a redzone opportunity. Photo by Ivy McDonald, LHS Yearbook.

pendulum that would've destroyed a weaker team, but not Lowell, not on this night.

Lowell pushed back though. Zeeland West played a near perfect game, but they kept making one error. They kept kicking it deep to Lowell, whose kick return unit kept setting the Red Arrows up for success. The duo of Connor Lixie and Aidan Fitzpatrick proved difficult to stop, the latter having three returns for 91 yards, in addition to, four catches for 70 yards and a touchdown, seven tackles on defense, and a pass defend. Lowell's kick

return gave the Red Arrows short possessions. Reisbig got in on the quarterback keeper from two-yards out and Lowell was back to 22-14 down. He ran for 102 rushing yards and that touchdown on the night.

Lowell kicked off to the Dux, who stubbornly got three yards a carry and kept the clock rolling until they made it to the endzone. On defense for LHS, Maddox Simcoe added 10 tackles, in addition to the 41 receiving yards he had on offense.

Down 28-14 after three quarters, again it seemed Lowell was down and out. The Red Arrow offense responded again, though, and on a swing pass to Dawson Huhn made it 28-21. Something had to break the flow of the game following that score. Lowell desperately needed a stop, something to prevent that wing-t offense from going out there, getting three yards a carry, and shutting the door on the game for good.

Lowell would have the moment they needed, and it came on special teams. An early fourth quarter onside kick was in the hands of a Dux player; on the way down he was hit by a Lowell player, ball jarred loose, and recovered by the Red Arrows. Surely the break Lowell needed, until the officials pointed Zeeland West possession, which caused an uproar on the Lowell side of the field, before the officials changed course and gave Lowell possession.

They made the big special teams play, and soon enough they'd tie the game. Facing 4th and 4,

Lowell went over the top on a 44-yard touchdown pass to Aidan Fitzpatrick, and we had a tie game. Lowell went five for eight on fourth downs over the course of the game, and no conversion was bigger than that one.

One more stop was needed, but Zeeland West's unrelenting offense would not be stopped on this night. They moved down the field and scored to make it 36-28. Zeeland West, who doesn't kick extra points, went 3-5 on two-point conversions, and this one was a big one, giving Lowell one more shot to tie the game and force overtime.

On fourth down in Zeeland West territory, Reisbig was forced out of the pocket and ran for the first down, but a well-made tackle by a Dux defender finished off the drive. It was an offensive battle, as the Dux didn't have many answers for Lowell's offense either, except twice, when they got stops needed to end the first half and fourth quarter.

Fans paid \$7 a ticket to be at Zeeland Stadium on Friday night, and they got their money's worth. This was a back-and-forth game where a couple plays here and there made the difference, and Lowell, in defeat, had played their hearts out against a top-10 team in the state, deservedly. receiving a warm ovation as they left the field from their fans who had traveled to support them.

Lowell finished the season at 6-4. Zeeland West (9-1) advances to play St. Joe (9-1) in the next round.

- GOLF

Fall 2022 Review - Girls Golf

By Justin Scott
sports reporter

Full of high points, including broken school records and the program's first ever regional championship, the Lowell girls golf team concluded an excellent year.

Lowell finished fourth in a tough conference slate, which included an eventual individual state champion out of conference champion, Byron Center.

Elle Sluss was Lowell's lone all-conference golfer, but four golfers earned honorable-mention all-conference honors, and they were Stephanie Spinella, Leah Krieger, Hannah Flickinger, and Emma Jo McCormick.

The Red Arrows had one dual meet, a win over Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg, bringing the

program's all-time dual record to 219-161-1. This record spans back to the girls program's inaugural season in 1988.

Speaking of records, Lowell broke two this season. Elle Sluss shot an even-par round of 36, breaking the LHS school record for low girls golf nine-hole round. The team shot a 354 at the Lakewood invitational, which was the new record for low team 18-hole round. Other girls golf records include Stefanie Stuewe, holding the low individual 18-hole round, a 79 in 2006. A 172 in 2019 remains the low team nine-hole round.

The program loses several seniors, but after getting an entire group of juniors, sophomores, and freshman time in the rotation, including at

the state tournament and returning top golfer Elle Sluss, the Red Arrows have

good prospects for the short term ahead.



Elle Sluss

obituaries

SMITH

Emerson G. Smith, age 95 of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on October 25, 2022. He was born April 29, 1927, in Vermontville, MI, to Francis and Mary Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Smith; his parents; son, Donald Smith; granddaughter, Maria Rottier; and brothers, Edwin Smith and Bernard Smith. He is survived by his daughters, Mary (Bob) Rottier, Sara Steenwyk; daughter-in-law, Jackie Smith; brother-in-law, Bert Boes; sister-in law, Marge Baker; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Emerson and Betty farmed together for

over 60 years and were also members of the Alton Bible Church for over 60 years. Visitation was held 2-4PM, Sunday, October 30, 2022, Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral services were held at 11AM, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, Lowell, MI 49331, with visitation one hour prior. Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. In memory of Emerson, memorial contributions may be made to Tanalian Bible Camp, Attn: Building Fund, PO Box 176, Port Alsworth, AK 99653-0176.



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SHATTUCK

Joy Irene Shattuck, age 69 of Lowell, passed peacefully with family by her side on October 25, 2022. Joy was born on August 20, 1953, and was a lifelong resident of Lowell, Michigan. She will be remembered by the love of her life, Robert Bruce Shattuck, as a loving, devoted, and dedicated wife. Joy is survived by her children, Robert "Buck" (Kristen) Shattuck, and Tashia (Nathan) Lavallee; 7 grandchildren, who she cherished dearly, Cody (Bethany) Lavallee, Ceagan Lavallee, Chandler Lavallee, Talen Shattuck, Zayne Shattuck, and Grayson Shattuck; brothers, Joe (Sherry) Strouse, Ray (Joyce) Strouse, and Michael (Gloria) Organek; many nieces and nephews, but close to her heart were Shane (Bobbie) Shattuck and Robert (Beth) Martin. Joy was graced by God, and called Grandma by Lyn Melby, a special young lady who loved Joy endlessly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Lura Stouse and Robert and Ellen Shattuck; sister, Kay Menzel, and brother-in-law, Larry Shattuck. Joy was a dedicated team member at Meijer, serving the deli for many years. She loved to scratch lottery tickets; the family is sure the Michigan ticket sales will now plummet. Joy loved having a busy, full house, especially when it was her grandchildren. Her love for her grandkids was immeasurable. Each one of them held a special spot in Grandma's heart. If you were lucky enough to know Joy, you knew she was genuine, kind, caring, fisty, witty, and quick to respond. She was known for opening her home to all her kid's friends; the door was always unlocked, stove always stoked, and blankets on the back of the couch. If you called her Momma Joy, it's because she loved you first. She will be immensely missed by those close to her. Visitation was held, 1-3 PM, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. With a Celebration of Life following at 3PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shattuck family to help assist with funeral expenses.



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October 26, 2022

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October 25, 2022

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to the editor

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should desire.

Refugees from Central and South America are mostly Christians (Catholics or Pentecostals) escaping persecution. They speak a European language, and share our European values of democracy and capitalism. They are shopkeepers, farmworkers, sales clerks, domestics, skilled trades, small business owners, nurses, social workers, and teachers. Our nation needs these newcomers -- who quickly become workers and taxpayers.

Refugees have legal status under International and U.S. laws, but only after five years can they apply to become citizens.

We have a growing shortage of workers, due to declining birthrates since the end of the postwar "baby boom" of 1946-64.

From 3.6 births per woman in 1958, our present rate of 1.8 is not enough to prevent future population loss and economic decline.

With more aging baby-boomers relying on Social Security and Medicare, this is a serious problem. Current workers' taxes pay our present seniors' benefits. By welcoming today's international migrants, we simultaneously save our economy -- and honor our ancestors and the nation that received them here.

So let's be true to our religious values, and reject those who preach hatred against immigrants and refugees. We must strive to make America love again -- because that is who we truly are.

Bob Thaler
LHS Class of 1960
Bay City, MI

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, November 8, the decision will be made whether we continue with the Liberal Democracy designed by our Founding Fathers or a return to the Dark Ages. Just as Galileo revealed the wonders of an expanding universe that contradicted an age before science, our Enlightenment philosophers posited a new theological reasoning based on the acknowledgement that God is even greater than previously thought. The Earth was no longer flat, above the blue sky and clouds was not Heaven and there were no angels flying about.

It was previously thought that God put all his wisdom in the hands of a

few to rule over the others, such as kingdoms, czars, emperors and others, which was based on inherited wealth. our Founding Fathers believed God put a bit of his power and wisdom in all of us, where we together, can come up with what is fair. Meritocracy voted by citizens replaces inherited wealth and kingdoms.

That is what our next election will decide. We will either accept the mistrust and fear, with it's resulting authoritarian governments that humans have endured for centuries, or vote to continue with the Liberal Democracy of Jefferson, Madison and Washington.

Jack Misner
Vergennes Township

To the Editor:

I appreciated the letter in the October 19 issue of the Ledger by Steve Gough and Christine Beachler.

I have known the last three high school district media specialists, dating back to the 1960's. All of them lived in the district and their children are all graduates of Lowell High School. Their purchases of books reflected the values of the community without controversy.

Now, it is unfortunate that some self-appointed individuals (some not even residents of the community) see themselves as a morality

police that want to ban some books from our school libraries. We must not succumb to their extremist agenda.

On another note, I enjoyed watching the recent school board Candidate Forum. I thought it was well organized. The moderators did a professional job and the candidates gave thoughtful responses to some tough questions. Be sure to vote.

Tom Stahr
Fort Myers, FL 33913

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to the editor

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Dear Editor,
I am compelled to write because of the flip in policy by our current State administration. Governor Witmer, during the 2020 uprisings due to the George Floyd killing, called for defunding of the law enforcement agencies. She has been invited to our State's Sheriff's Association meeting annually and has never shown up, when history shows previous

Governors have attended to hear the needs and challenges of our local law enforcement agencies. Then today, the same governor that wanted to redirect funding-- and hasn't had the time to listen to the needs of local agencies-- just fifteen days before the election, announces more funding for the local agencies. It seems like she is hoping people will forget what her record shows and is also hoping to buy some votes.

Our Attorney General, Dana Nessel, being the top law enforcement official in the State, has nothing but disdain for the men and women in uniform. For example, in August of 2020, right here in Lowell, a LPD officer tried to stop a vehicle driving through town in the early morning because the driver failed to dim their bright lights. Upon turning to follow the car, the officer found no license plate on the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop which resulted in the driver fleeing from the officer. When the car had to stop because of a tree across the road, the officer exited his police cruiser and ordered the driver out of his vehicle. The driver

then attempted to run the officer over with his vehicle (damaging the officer's vehicle) and fled the scene again. The officer fired several shots at the vehicle. All of this took place in a matter of a couple of minutes and the attempted killing of the officer happened in a matter of seconds. Further investigation showed that the vehicle had five individuals in it, was stolen and was filled with stolen property. The officer was cleared by the local investigation and the State Police, but six months later, AG Nessel filed felony charges against the officer. Several months later, when the case came to trial, the judge dismissed

all the charges, meaning the officer could apply to have his MCOLs certification reinstated and go back to his career. On the last day the case was eligible for appeal, AG Nessel filed for an appeal. The incident happened over two years ago and this officer is still out of work because he took action to get five criminals off our streets.

Finally we come to Jocelyn Benson, our Secretary of State. Whether you think there were improprieties in the 2020 election or not, the faith and trust in the security of our statewide elections is in question. When the Constitution was ignored under the cloak of Covid

by mailing absentee ballots out to people that never requested them (a violation of current election law), to a lack of investigation when the poll watchers in Detroit were asked to leave and were locked out, a seed for not trusting the system was planted. Would the election have had a different result, we will never know?

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. It is time for a change, as these three do not deserve a 2nd term. We should elect Tudor Dixon, Matthew DePerno and Kristina Karamo.

Jim Pfaller
Lowell

Dear Editor,
When I decided not to run for reelection to the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education earlier this year, I knew we needed someone who would continue the high excellence of education that Lowell Area Schools has been so proud of over the years and I felt that person should reside in the southern part of

the District, south of the Grand River, where I have been the only board member for the past 12 years. After some nudging, I was excited to learn that Jennifer Dougherty was willing to seek that position. Jennifer is highly qualified for the work of a board member, having lived all her life in the Lowell-Bowne Townships area,

graduating from Lowell High School, and raising her family here with her husband, Phil. She operates her own local engineering firm and also helps run the family turkey farm. She has spent the past year attending nearly every board meeting and other school functions and has studied our school policies, financing, curriculum, facilities and operations, as well as talking to many school personnel to learn all she can about Lowell Schools. She would be very prepared for the job.

Jennifer has always invested in community; she often can be found volunteering at her kids' schools and sporting events, organizing the Alto Community Blood Drives, attending Alto DDA meetings or assisting with Alto Fire Dept events.

I feel it is very important that someone from the Alto Community is part of the Lowell School Board, so I hope you will join me in voting for Jennifer Dougherty to continue the good work of Lowell Area Schools. Jennifer is truly a RED ARROW For LIFE!!

Gary Blough
Lowell Township

Red Arrow - CROSS COUNTRY - SPORTS

Cross country finishes season

Submitted by Clay VanderWarf
Boys cross country coach

Lowell boys cross country team concluded their season with a 12th-place showing at the Portage Central Regional. Kalamazoo Central took top honors with 75 points, with Portage Central close behind at 78 points. Forest

Hills Central grabbed third place, with 98 points, to earn their ticket to the State Finals.

Ben Bromley was the first Arrow in at 17.19, 42nd place followed by Levi Mills, 43rd, 17.20. Freshman Mason Saylor ended his season with a

personal record of 17.39, 54th place. Not far behind was Rhys Sandman at 17.48, good for 57th place. Braylon Iakiri capped off the score with a 70th place at 18.09. Dannon Simmet, 76th, 18.22 and Cooper Byrne, 87th, 18.56 concluded the varsity lineup, respectively.

- SOCCER

Fall 2022 review - soccer

Justin Scott
sports reporter

The Lowell High School varsity boys soccer team fought through a difficult schedule en route to a 3-15-1 record this season under a new playing style and coaching staff.

LHS finished seventh in the conference, a last

second goal and penalty shootout in the conference tournament, allowing Lowell to overcome an earlier season loss to Greenville to beat them out for seventh place.

The Red Arrows three wins came over West Catholic, Greenville in a penalty shootout, and Hastings. Additionally, Lowell earned a tie with Byron Center and hung tough with area powers, East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central.

Jace Dixon earned honorable mention all-conference honors, while David Foster earned all-conference honors for the team this season. Lowell graduates Avery Miller, Jason Korzen, Jacob Davidson, David Foster, Ryan Baker, Aidan Ottinger, and Noah VanLaan are from this year's squad.

Historically, the program is now 366-291-56, spanning back to the program's start in the 1980's.

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER Job Posting

Miss Dig Coordinator/ Operations Assistant

Job type: Full-time position (IBEW position)
Pay range: LL&P/ IBEW Union Contract (TBD)
Location: Onsite

Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) is a local municipal utility whose purpose is to provide safe, reliable, cost-effective electricity and energy services in a culture of efficiency, compliance, and sustainability. LL&P is a community focused organization, dedicated to serving our customers. LL&P offers a generous compensation package, which includes competitive pay and great benefits.

Job Description

Under the direction of the Transmission/ Distribution Manager, oversee and coordinate all LL&P Miss Dig requirements including performing utility marking requests, respond to online reporting requirements, and coordinate all Miss Dig requests for LL&P performed work. Provide assistance with various tasks associated with the ongoing operation of an electric distribution system, as directed by the Transmission/ Distribution Manager. This position also supports the administrative staff through meter reads, hanging disconnect tags, and the disconnect process. Administrative support will also include basic office duties. LL&P is seeking a candidate with utility locate experience for an electric utility or utility locating company as a preference, but not required. An applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must possess a valid Class D Driver's License and legally be allowed to drive in Michigan.

A full job description can be found at <https://www.lowell-light.org>.

Interested applicants should complete our application form on our website [lowell-light.org](https://www.lowell-light.org) and email along with resume to customerservice@lowell-light.org or send to Lowell Light & Power, PO Box 229, Lowell, MI 49331, no later than November 16th, 2022.



For information on Lowell and Light including more information on employee benefits and our company culture, visit our website at <https://www.lowell-light.org/>. Lowell and Light & Power is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

CITY OF LOWELL

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The City of Lowell Water Treatment Plant will not be softening the water from October 31, 2022 through November 7th, 2022 due to plant maintenance.



Any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 616-897-5234.

Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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FUN PAGE

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

ANNUAL
 ASSIST
 AWARENESS
 CANCER

CAUSE
 DIAGNOSE
 DIAGNOSIS
 DOCTOR
 FUNDRAISER
 HEALTH
 MENTAL

MOUSTACHE
 NOVEMBER
 PHYSICAL
 PROSTATE
 RESEARCH
 RISK
 SCREENING

SYMPTOMS
 TESTING
 THERAPY

Guess Who?

I am a musician born in New Jersey on November 5, 1987. I am part of a successful trio of brothers who burst on the scene after making an appearance on "Hannah Montana." I play lead guitar for the band, which still produces hits today.

Answer: Kevin Jonas

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's health.

C R E N C A

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Answer: Cancer

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CLUES ACROSS

- The central bank of the US
- Direct one's ambitions
- Only
- "Nothing ventured, nothing ___"
- Lead
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Indicates the pitch of notes
- Set up to blame
- States of rest
- Complete
- Be around longer than
- Instructs
- Childless (abbr.)
- Coffee machines do it
- Bowfin
- A group separate from established Church
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mends with a needle
- When you hope to get there
- Popular 80's pop duo
- Beloved Mexican dish
- Extremely small amount
- Special therapy

- Cause to move slowly
- A person's natural height
- Elicited
- Legislator
- Baking ingredient
- Sandwich store
- Peyton's little brother
- Southeast
- Popular Mexican beer
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Car body manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless volatile acid
- A way to tangle
- Jam rock band devotee
- The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
- Inviolable
- Collision
- Clumsy
- Bends again
- "Pollock" actor Harris
- Flew off!
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Comedienne Gasteyer

- Exclamation used for emphasis
- Expel from one's property
- Philly transit body
- Small amount of something
- Retirement account
- Holey type of cheese
- Young pig
- Climbing palm
- Discomfort
- Bullfighter
- High-level computer language
- Fleshy extensions above the throat
- Request
- Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
- Bruce and Spike are two
- Precipice
- Wombs
- A radio band
- Emphasizes an amount

NO MORE NONSENSE! VOTE RED NOVEMBER!

Tudor Dixon's Five Point Plan for EDUCATION



1 Distribute Tutoring Certificates

Fund 25 hours of one-on-one or small group tutoring in reading and math for every student in Michigan using some of the federal relief money for schools to help students catch up.

2 Preserve Parents' Rights

Require school districts to put all curriculum and teaching materials online for parents to see and ban school personnel from talking to Kindergarten to Third Grade students about sex and gender theory secretly behind their parents' backs.

3 Protect Girls Sports

Protect young girls from being forced to compete against biological boys in school sports by banning born boys from playing on girls' teams in school-sanctioned, gender-specific sports.

4 Improve Civic & Financial Literacy

Enact substantial civic and financial literacy requirements for grade school. Develop a civics curriculum that focuses on America's founding principles, the United States Constitution, and the roles and responsibilities of government as envisioned by America's founding fathers.

5 Create Education Savings Accounts

Empower parents to decide which education environment is best for their child. Allow families to use the state's per-pupil funding amount on public, private, charter, virtual, or homeschooling options. THIS WAS MADE BY A VOLUNTEER & NO FUNDS WERE USED.

VOTE NO ON ALL 3 NOV. 8!

All 3 proposals are amendments to the MI Constitution (permanent changes)

Prop. 3 Reproductive Freedom for All

Would make Michigan the most pro-abortion state in the country

- Allows abortion up to birth, including partial-birth abortion and the termination of babies that survive abortions
- Allows minor children to obtain abortions, sterilization, puberty blockers, & sex change surgery without parental knowledge or consent
- Eliminates screenings of woman coerced into abortion
- Removes health and safety requirements of abortion facilities

NO

Prop. 2 Promote the Vote

Would make us highly vulnerable to voter fraud

- Allows nine days of early in-person voting - less oversight
- More absentee ballots/drop boxes - less oversight, higher expense
- No state ID required to vote - potential for non-citizens to vote
- Allows public sources/charities to fund elections - potential for financial manipulation (Zuckerbucks)
- Establishes post-election audits can ONLY be conducted by state/local officials; denies citizens access to election records - potentially making it a crime to ask questions about election accuracy

NO

Prop. 1 Voters for Transparency and Term Limits

Would actually double how long Representative can serve

- Reduces max. length a lawmaker can serve from 14 years to 12 years, but would allow them to serve the full 12 years in one chamber! Since the Senate only has 38 seats and the House 110, currently most House Reps never make it to the Senate. Therefore, it actually doubles a State Rep's ability to serve from 6 years to 12 years and Senator's from 8 years to 12 years

NO

Taking the Arrows for your Children!

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