

City council elects officers/changes meeting time

by Emma Palova

The city council elected officers at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Jim Hodges continues to be the mayor for another term and Sharon Ellison is the mayor pro tem.

After 30 years, the city council also changed the meeting times from 7:30 to 7 pm.

In related business: The city council approved the expansion of the industrial development district for King Milling, authorized the signatures for city bank accounts and the collection of summer property taxes for 2012.

Lowell has been recommended for \$450,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. Williams and Works will be the design firm.



City clerk Betty Morlock swears in Sharon Ellison, Jim Hall and James Valentine.

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Dean honored on the national scene for community service

by Casey Cheney

The power of influence – in the context of high school football coaches, the phrase is synonymous with Noel Dean. The Lowell community would be quick to say that with pride and now it's been acknowledged at the national level.

Dean traveled to Texas this week, where he is being honored by the American Football Coaches Foundation as the 2011 "Power of Influence" award recipient. Only one high school coach in the nation is selected each year.

Athletic director Barry Hobrla said, "It's a much deserved award. When he was nominated by his peers, they saw a worthy candidate and made a good decision."

Dean said he found out he'd received the award in mid-August, right before playing Rockford. "I was extremely blown away by it," he said. "It's humbling [to be selected out of] all the coaches and all the programs. It's amazing."

The foundation's website states what makes one eligible for this award: "That positive influence should be reflected in his community service, his mentoring and role modeling, and finally,

measured by the lives he has touched and changed."

Teresa Beachum, who's worked closely with Dean on the Pink Arrow Project, said the coach was astounded by the news of winning the award.

She remembered him saying, "This is such a wonderful time in my life."

Dean had told her that coaches who get this award typically have years more experience than he has.

With his brain child, the Pink Arrow Project, there is no shortage of lives touched by his efforts in the community.

Dean said of Pink Arrow, "It's become the fabric of the community."

Hobrla said that one of the greatest things Pink Arrow Pride has accomplished is inspiring other communities to try the same.

"The concept of the Pink Arrow game and how it's grown has spawned so many similar type of events," Hobrla said. "Obviously he was one of the pioneers of that."

Dean was quick to share the credit.

"I have so many great people that I've been lucky to work with. Lowell is sec-

ond to none when it comes to the type of people and the way they go about their business. I've been very lucky to be associated with them," he said. "I'm just the one fortunate enough to get the plane ticket."

Beachum said, "He picked a few people who he thought could help and look how the community has embraced it."

Much of the inspiration for these efforts leading to his selection come from

Dean's father, who died when he was young.

"I was very fortunate to be raised by a man who was a very community-minded person and instilled a lot of values I try to embody today," Dean said.

The Lowell community and a Pink Arrow community that extends so far beyond the township lines have benefited from these values. Dean, however, said those same values take priority with his own children.

He said, "It's been great to have those same relationships with my own children now. I try to have those same experiences with them."

Of course, Dean could not have won this award without his role as a football coach. When he talked about the success of the Red Arrow football program, he spoke not of the number of state titles won, but how this team's success on the

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Post office promotes letter writing

The birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the first Postmaster General of the United States, falls on Tuesday, Jan. 17. On that day, the Lowell Post Office is promoting a letter writing campaign.

The idea of a letter writing campaign came from a postal carrier in East Lansing, Dave Randall.

Randall has had a love for and been a supporter of the handwritten letter. "Seeing someone's actual handwriting is like seeing their face. Letters are a precious heirloom," says Randall.

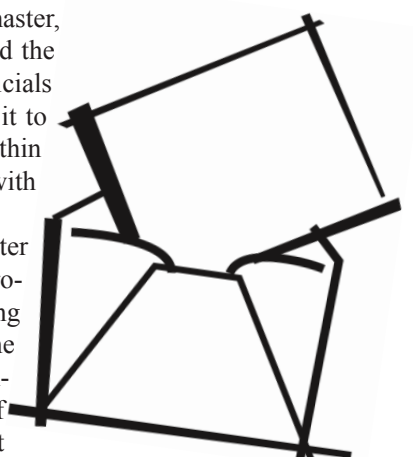
His idea has been embraced by a local school that is along his mail route. The

principal of the school liked the idea so much so that he passed it on to the postmaster general for his support in declaring January 17, 2012, National Letter Writing Day.

Randall's postmaster, Cindy Erickson, shared the idea with postal officials who in turn proposed it to other post offices within their district to share with their communities.

Lowell postmaster Jana Tuck says, "Promoting letter writing not only supports the postal service, it demonstrates the power of the mail and the impact

and importance of the postal service on all communities. Letter writing encourages communication, community outreach and reminds us that there is nothing like a handwritten letter."



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field has paved the way to accomplish great things off the field.

"I've always wanted to have a program that's rel-

evant enough that we can leverage it to do something meaningful in the community," he said. "Nothing comes close to what we've accom-

plished here. We've won off the field. We didn't accept the winning and say that's all we're going to be. We've done so much more."

His time in Texas has included seminars – one of which he led – meeting high school and college coaches and collectively discussing how each can help their community.

"I think it's going to inspire him to do more in the community," Beachum said of the award and his time in Texas.

Beachum gave him Pink Arrow paraphernalia

to share with the coaches he meets in Texas as a way to spread the word as well as spread the hope brought by Pink Arrow.

She told Dean, "Give them a token of what we care so much about here."

When asked how this experience will affect his community service efforts in the future, he said it's really business as usual.

"If anything, we just keep doing what we do," he said. "At the same time, what's really important is that there has to be a lot more value to sports than

the winning and losing of games. I think that message is being delivered by the way we run our football and our program."

He added that his receipt of this award, "is a way we can spread our message quicker."

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Michigan Corn offering collegiate scholarships

Corn growers plant seeds in the spring with the hopes of harvesting a bountiful corn crop in the fall. This year, growers are also planting seeds for the future through the sixth annual Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) scholarship program. The MCGA board of directors will award a minimum of two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

"With an aging population, a priority must be put on young peoples' education. I certainly appreciate the opportunity for the children of our state's corn growers to be able to compete for this scholarship," said Jeff Sandborn, MCGA president and a corn farmer from Portland. "The MCGA board of directors looks at this scholarship program as a way to give back to our

members, while promoting higher education to young adults."

All members of the MCGA, including students, growers and associates, as well as children of members, between the ages of 17 and 25 are qualified. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at a post-secondary educational institution during the fall 2012 semester in order to be eligible. All applications must be received in the Michigan Corn Growers Association office no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, February 13, 2012. Applications can be obtained from the MCGA office by calling 1-888-323-6601 or online at www.micorn.org.

The application must include a membership identification. **Scholarships, continued, page 4**

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Orientation for the Lowell High School class of 2016 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. This is for parents and their students who will be entering high school in the fall of 2012. Please call 987-2908 with questions.

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School board members recognized for their service

by Shelly McNaughton

Superintendent Greg Pratt presented gifts and admiration for board members in conjunction with Board Recognition Month at the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education regular meeting Monday night.

“Our board members meet for hours each month. Each member spends enormous amounts of time advocating for students, countless hours of dedication and leadership,” said Pratt.

Connor Smith, student council representative to the board, updated the board on activities taking place at the high school. Forthcoming activities include conferences, the Snowball dance and freshman orientation for the class of 2016.

Brent Noskey, principal at Murray Lake; and Mike Fillman, teacher at Murray Lake; presented to the board the ways they are using technology at the school.

Fillman demonstrated how he uses a Smart Board

in the classroom. He finds it especially helpful for teaching math.

“The Smart Board is a great technology tool for us to use in the room. Many Smart Boards have been funded by grants from the Lowell Education Foundation,” said Fillman.

“Technology requires us to be co-learners with our kids. It is important that we embrace being co-learners and be willing to try new things,” said Roger Bearup, curriculum director.

“The extra effort goes a long way and is really ap-

preciated,” said superintendent Greg Pratt.

Bearup offered a curriculum update and announced that MEAP scores are back but they are embargoed at this time; he will share them as soon as he is able.

Pratt gave a superintendent’s report and said they continue to watch what is happening at the state level regarding kindergarten. As it has been the district policy, they do not plan to switch

to all day, every day kindergarten until mandated by the state. They will continue to watch for news out of Lansing regarding this mandate and will have plans in place to meet state requirements.



Lowell Area Board of Education members, in front, left to right: Gary Blough, Maureen Fleet, Pat Nugent and Jim Turner; in back: Tom Kaywood and Dan Brubaker.

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cation number. The MCGA policy states that one membership equals one person. Only one application per membership number will be accepted.

Students enrolled in a full-time educational program with an interest in the agriculture industry are eligible for a one-year membership in the MCGA for \$20. Grower and associate memberships in the MCGA are \$60 for one year, \$155 for three years, or \$500 for a lifetime.

Other benefits MCGA members are entitled to include:

- A collective legislative voice on state and national legislation and policy.
- Free attendance to the MCGA Annual Meeting, where key agricultural issues are examined and discussed by corn growers and legislators. This year's meeting will be held on Feb. 7 at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.
- Free attendance to the Thumb Area Golf Outing on Aug. 14 at Verona Hills Golf Club in Bad Axe; the Central Michigan Golf Outing on Aug. 16 at Cen-

tenial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield; and Ethanol Night at the Races on Sept. 8 at Dixie Motor Speedway in Birch Run.

- Membership in the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).
- A quarterly MCGA newsletter.
- Discounts with Auto Owners Insurance, natural gas discounts with Volunteer Energy, home services discounts with Connect Your Home and many more statewide benefits.
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- The opportunity to serve on the MCGA board at the county, state or national levels, and to become involved in NCGA Action Teams and Committees.
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- Eligibility to apply for a Farm Women's Symposium Scholarship, and
- The chance to ap-

ply for a Great Lakes Leadership Academy Scholarship.

For more information, or if you would like to purchase a membership, please contact the MCGA at 1.888.323.6601 or email us at membership@micorn.org.

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association that has represented the political interests of the state's corn growers since the 1970s. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) a legislatively established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. Michigan's corn industry adds more than one billion dollars to the state's economy annually, and in 2010, Michigan's corn farmers harvested a record-setting crop of more than 315 million bushels. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at www.micorn.org.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

When should you start taking Social Security?

If you're of a certain age, the new year means you're that much closer to a day you may have anticipated with a combination of humor and resignation — specifically, the day you're eligible for Social Security. But just because you can take Social Security, it doesn't mean you must take it. So, should you?

Before we get to that question, let's review the basic rules governing Social Security payments. You can typically start collecting benefits at age 62, but you'll get only about 75 percent of what you'd receive if you waited until your "full" retirement age, which varies according to your birth year but is most likely 66. You'll get even bigger monthly checks if you delay collecting them until you're past 66, and you'll "max out" on your payments once you reach 70.

So, the question boils down to this: Should you start collecting Social Security early — thereby receiving smaller, but more numerous, checks — or later, when your checks will be bigger but fewer?

If you really need the money once you reach 62, you've already got your answer. But if you could potentially afford to wait, we recommend you view your decision through a LENS:

- **L:** Your projected lifespan — You can't see into the future, but given your family history and general health, you can make an educated guess about your projected longevity. If you're fairly confident that, once you reach 66, you've still got another two or more decades in front of you, you may want to consider delaying taking Social Security past age 62.

- **E:** Your employment status — If you're under full retirement age — between 62 and 66 — then for every two dollars you earn over \$14,640 (in 2012), you'll lose one dollar in Social Security benefits. In the months before you reach your full retirement age, for every three dollars you earn over \$38,880 (again, for 2012), you'll lose one dollar in benefits. But starting in the month you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing any benefits.

- **N:** Your need, including your other sources of retirement income — If you have a pension, or you've built substantial resources in your IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you can support your income needs with modest withdrawals from these accounts, you might decide it's worthwhile to delay taking Social Security to maximize your benefits. Remember that regardless of your Social Security decision, you typically would have to pay a 10 percent early withdraw-

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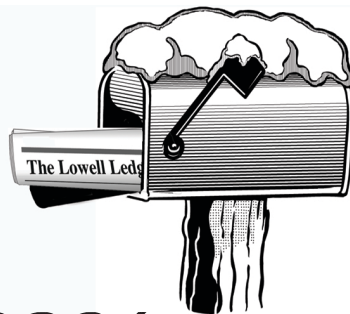
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city optimism

Dear Editor,
Community members look to 2012 with optimism was the headline in the Dec. 28 Lowell Ledger. The article stated - Lowell according to Hodges, needs to focus on the downtown business success, filling vacancies and continuing for a greater Lowell Community. Myself, I don't believe Lowell should be focusing on any area that puts little to

nothing in the general fund. The general fund is the heart of the city. Now it's time to focus on the city's real needs. It's time to have an aggressive plan in replacing the city's dilapidated road system. It's time to give city employees a cost-of-living wage raise. It's time to fund an equipment fund. To accomplish these deeds and more the Downtown Development Author-

ity (DDA) should help fund the general fund. The DDA could pay the full yearly payment of the city hall and police department building which would eliminate the \$140,000 city budget deficit. The DDA should pay for all services rendered to them by the city. It's time that the city council debates the single largest cost to the city budget, which is the police department. It's time that the city council and the DDA got their house in order.

It was stated in the article that the focus should be on creating a future vision for the community. I say the focus should be on maintaining the community first, before focusing on its future. Lowell has been putting the cart before the horse and that's why its tax rate is near the tops in Kent County and its roads have become twice the age of replacement.

Jim Howard
Lowell

sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

School Board recognition and the work ahead

January has been designated School Board Recognition Month in Michigan. We salute the Lowell Board of Education members for the crucial role that an elected Board of Education assumes. Each of our Board members works to ensure that decisions about the district's vision, programs, and finances are reflective of our community's values, culture, and circumstances. Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should occur all year! But, too often, we neglect to recognize the countless hours and hard work that is required of these men and women who represent us.

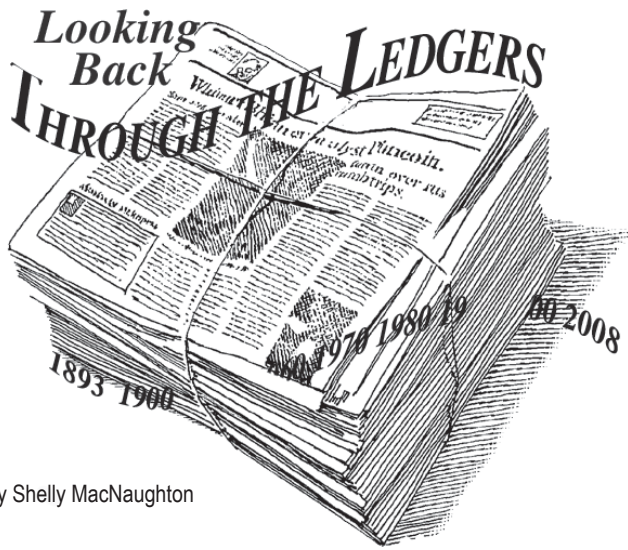
Lowell Board of Education members are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours at extracurricular events. Our Board members are motivated by their love for learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and community.

This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member. Our Board of Education members are: Jim Turner, President; Brian Krajewski, Vice President; Patrick Nugent, Secretary; Maureen Fleet, Treasurer; Dan Brubaker, Trustee; Gary Blough, Trustee; and Tom Kaywood, Trustee.

Serving on a school board has been described as the 'toughest volunteer job in America.' Did you know that Board of Education members dedicate countless personal hours to not only attend Board meetings, but also to develop and approve policies, attend committee meetings, school functions, and hours of preparation and reading for the decisions they make? They also bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget. In addition, many Board members actively engage on the legislative front, keeping informed about laws, regulations, and school budget cuts being made in Lansing. They pursue their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape.

That being said, the Lowell Board of Education in collaboration with district administration and staff will tackle much important work that lies ahead. This work is strategically laid out in a framework of action plans and goals, with timelines, and those responsible for executing the plans. One important goal is to develop a long-term facilities plan and vision for our district. As you know, last fall the district held a series of community forums to discuss facility improvements, future needs, and the development of a facilities plan for Lowell Area Schools. Attendees had an opportunity to provide input, ideas,

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By Shelly MacNaughton

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 11, 1912

I, the undersigned, being determined to have my record clear before god and man, do hereby confess that on the night of the day of November 1909, I disturbed the peace and endangered the safety of this city by knowingly and intentionally setting fire to the house in which I was residing, for which act I have truly repented before God and received his forgiveness, have made confession and restitution to the owner of the premises and to the insurance companies concerned and I now ask the forgiveness of my fellow citizens in as public manner as is demanded by the nature of my crime and am willing and ready to reimburse the city government for expenses incurred in extinguishing said fire and all individuals that suffered loss or inconvenience thereby, as far as it is in my power so to do—being prompted here, not by any human being, but by God's Spirit in my heart and in His word. HOMER LEE

The house in question was the Mount house on Washington Street, afterward rebuilt by John McCall.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo January 7, 1937

Perhaps J. C. Hatch should be called Lowell's permanent post office equipment installer, as he not only has the contract for installing new equipment for the Lowell post office, in the new location which is to be in the London block on W. Main St., but also for the reason that he installed the present equipment in the post office now in use. This was about in 1914 when Earl Hunter was serving as postmaster under President Woodrow Wilson. Those who assisted Mr. Hatch were the following: Joe Lewis, Eugene Wood, Richard Baird, George and J. C. Hatch, carpenters; Phil Krum, plumber; Roman Jones and C. D. Gunn,

painters; Ernest Shaley, mason. It was at this time that the front entrance was changed from the center to the east side of the building. Of the workers mentioned, it is thought all have passed away with the exception of Mr. Hatch and his done George and Richard Baird. This building, which has been used continuously as a post office was erected some fifty years ago by the late B. G. Wilson, who constructed many other business blocks and residences here during his lifetime.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger January 11, 1962

The weather has dominated the news in the community over the past week, freezing rain on Thursday night and Friday closed the schools. The freezing rain then turned to snow on Saturday and by Tuesday there was 12 inches of snow on top of the ice-covered side roads.

School opened Monday in spite of the storm, but many buses were late getting in. One bus bringing kindergarten children to the Morse Lake school in the Alto area arrived at the usual time for starting home with the boys and girls.

C. H. Runciman Sr., president of the C. H. Runciman Company, has announced the appointment of William S. Doyle to vice president of the company, effective January 2, 1962.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger January 14, 1987

Lowell grappler Brett Nagy made his notch in Lowell sports history by accomplishing something that only four wrestlers have done at Lowell. Nagy marked his 100th win during his high school career. The four other wrestlers that have accomplished this feat are John Wilder, in 1976; Tony Huver, Carl Pratt, and Brett Kirby all accomplished this last year in the 1985-86 season.

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weddings

Webb/Vollmer



John and Dianna Webb

Dianna Layne Vollmer and John Robert Webb were joined in marriage at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake on September 10, 2011.

Maid of honor was Alyse Vollmer. Bridesmaids were Shayna Brummels, Alison Datema, Kate Dilly, Julie Webb, and Regan Vollmer.

Best man was Troy

Gillan. Groomsmen were Kyle Hines, Chad Smolinski, Stuart Vollmer III, Matthew Trierweiler, and Barrett Vollmer. Ring bearer was Dylan Thomson.

Parents of the couple are Stuart II and Lynnell Vollmer of Grand Rapids and Edward and Carol Webb of Lowell.

The couple resides in Longmont, CO.

engagements

Schlosser/Manszewski

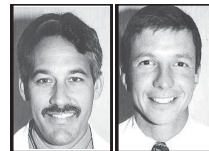


Katlin Manszewski and Elizabeth Schlosser

Elizabeth Schlosser and Katlin Manszewski will exchange wedding vows on July 14, 2012. The Lowell couple are the children of Charley and Pam Schlosser

and Kathy Thebo and Joe Manszewski, all of Lowell. Both the bride-to-be and the future groom attend Grand Valley State University.

health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

Osteomyelitis

Osteomyelitis is an infection in the bone. It is caused by bacteria that spreads through the blood from a wound or infection somewhere else in the body. In children, it usually occurs in the arms and legs. In adults, it usually affects the feet, spine or hips. People with diabetes or poor circulation are more likely to get osteomyelitis.

Symptoms of osteomyelitis may vary. Children usually have pain, swelling and redness over the area that is infected. They also may have a fever or trouble moving the arm or leg and they may be more tired than usual. In adults, the symptoms may be harder to pinpoint. They may have a fever or feel more tired. There may be pain in the area over the bone and wounds may take longer to heal. Symptoms can take up to six weeks to develop after the infection has started.

In children, osteomyelitis is usually diagnosed by the symptoms and a physical exam. In adults, the diagnosis can be more difficult because the symptoms and examination are not always clear. Blood tests can show infection in the body, but other tests, such as x-rays or MRI must also be done. The best way to tell if a patient has osteomyelitis is to remove a piece of damaged bone and test it for bacteria.

The main treatment for children and adults is antibiotics. Antibiotics are usually given first through an IV to get high doses of the medicine into the blood. Later, antibiotic pills may be used. Children usually need about four weeks of antibiotics. Adults need to take antibiotics for six to eight weeks. Sometimes surgery is needed to clean out the infected bone.

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college news

Michigan Technological University has released the dean's list for the 2011 fall semester. To be included, students must achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Those earning straight A averages of 4.0 are indicated by asterisks.

Among the honorees are the following from the local area: From Lowell, Corey Bilski, computer science* and Derek Chopp, computer engineering; from Saranac, Tarah Falsetta, bio-

chemistry and molecular biology-chemistry; and from Alto, Daniel Freiberg, materials science and engineering.

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resources; computing; technology; business; economics; natural, physical and environmental sciences; arts; humanities; and social sciences.

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Following are local students who have been named

to the dean's list at Davenport University:

Jeffrey Huizing, Benjamin Hutchins, Kasondra LeVault, Christopher Lehman, Lindsay Shoaf, and Kathleen Thomas, all of Alto.

Tyler Bitterman, Anne

Blazo, Sharmayne Busha, Donald Clark, Gabriel Delnick, Lisa Kenworthy, Britany Lyman, Taylor Mankel, Colleen Miller, Jessica Rehl, Dale Richardson, Adrienne Ripley, Amy VanEns, and Amy Vander Ziel, all of Lowell.

Courtney Schmidt and Andrea Converse, both of Lowell, have been named to the dean's list at Hope College for the first semester of the 2011-12 school year. To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Sharing the Vision, continued

and confer about our vision for the future of our learning environments and what students need to be successful. The next step was to conduct an electronic survey of our staff and parents to collect additional feedback as we move forward. If you are a parent in the district, and haven't already done so, please complete the survey via the link sent to you via email. In the months ahead, I will be communicating with you about next steps. In the meantime, I want you to know how valuable the exchange of ideas and dialogue has been, I am appreciative of the time and effort given by those involved.

Another exciting initiative that began in 2010 was a collaborative partnership between Grand Rapids Community College and the Lowell Area Schools that resulted in a GRCC presence right here in our community.

For the first time, GRCC began offering courses conveniently offered at our Run-ciman building (where our central office is housed.) This opportunity opened doors for students and community members to gain as many as 13 credits without having to travel in winter conditions, deal with park-

ing, etc. I am pleased to announce that GRCC courses again began in January and a total of 60 students are now enrolled in one or more college courses locally this semester. Lowell IS the place to be!!

I wish upon our entire community an inspiring and meaningful New Year!

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MARCH 19	JUNE 18	SEPT. 17	DECEMBER 17

**7:30 P.M. - BOWNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE
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JANUARY 5	APRIL 5	JULY 5	OCTOBER 4
FEBRUARY 2	MAY 3	AUGUST 2	NOVEMBER 1
MARCH 1	JUNE 7	SEPT. 6	DECEMBER 6

7:30 P.M. - BOWNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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JANUARY 19	APRIL 19	JULY 19	OCTOBER 18
FEBRUARY 16	MAY 17	AUGUST 16	NOVEMBER 15
MARCH 15	JUNE 21	SEPT. 20	DECEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. - BOWNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Financial Focus, continued

al penalty if you started taking withdrawals from these accounts before you reach age 59 1/2.

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Bowne Township Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 2012-2013

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Submittal Deadline	Meeting Date (1st Thursday)	Submittal Deadline	Meeting Date (3rd Thursday)	
Site Plans & Other	December 7	Rezoning	December 1	January 6 2011
Special Uses	December 13	Rezoning	January 5	February 2
	January 10	Rezoning	February 2	January 19
	February 7	Rezoning	March 1	February 16
	March 7	Rezoning	March 8	March 15
	April 4	Rezoning	April 5	April 19
	May 2	Rezoning	May 3	May 17
	June 5	Rezoning	June 7	June 21
	July 2	Rezoning	July 5	July 19
	August 6	Rezoning	August 2	August 16
	September 3	Rezoning	August 9	September 20
	October 1	Rezoning	September 6	October 20
	November 5	Rezoning	October 4	October 18
	December 3	Rezoning	November 1	November 15
	January 7, 2013	Rezoning	December 6	December 20
	February 4, 2013	Rezoning	January 3, 2013	January 17, 2013
	March 4, 2013	Rezoning	January 10	February 21
	April 1, 2013	Rezoning	February 7	March 4, 2013
	May 1, 2013	Rezoning	March 4	April 1, 2013
	June 1, 2013	Rezoning	April 1	May 1, 2013
	July 1, 2013	Rezoning	May 1	June 1, 2013
	August 1, 2013	Rezoning	June 1	July 1, 2013
	September 1, 2013	Rezoning	July 1	August 1, 2013
	October 1, 2013	Rezoning	August 1	September 1, 2013
	November 1, 2013	Rezoning	September 1	October 1, 2013
	December 1, 2013	Rezoning	October 1	November 1, 2013

**Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC HALL
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Red Arrow SPORTS

- GYMNASTICS Friendship meet helps strengthen Lowell team

by Casey Cheney

Head coach Michele DeHaan said, "This is the first time ever that Lowell has been able to field two teams at an invitational, which shows our depth when both our teams can score within 6 points of each other."

She added that they haven't had a team of this size and with this much depth and talent since 2003. On top of that, much of that talent is young talent.

Of the 15 girls on the team, 10 of them are in ninth or tenth grade.

With that in mind, she said, "The first few meets have been a solid start and scores will only go up with more hard work and focus at practice. We're looking at adding more skills to the girls' routines that will fulfill more of the event requirements to raise their scores."



Beam queens, from left to right: Alyshia Inrig (K), Emma Hansen (F), Megan Stein (F), Jazmyne Jezowski (F), Karry Modolo (F), Kayli Redburn (F), Kaezi Bladey (L), Jorie Bennett (L), Lauren DeHaan (L), and Megan Lee (K).

Prior to this, DeHaan and her gymnastics team were able to try something new in the gymnastics' pre-season.

"Our Dec. 21 meet held at Lowell was not a traditional high school gymnastics meet," she said.

Freeland-Swan Valley, Kenowa Hills-Grandville and Lowell participated in the meet. DeHaan explained that while individual scores counted toward qualifying for regionals, team scores by school were not tallied.

"Lowell did not lose to Freeland that day," she said.

In fact, the gymnasts from these schools, that usually compete against one another, performed for the same team in what DeHaan labeled a "friendship meet."

"I decided to add a fun twist and the other two coaches agreed," she said. "I wanted to promote good sportsmanship and hopefully spark a few new friendships between the girls on the different teams." So, each school split their com-

petitors into three teams and three new teams were formed, each made up of girls from all three schools.

The teams were "Michele's Elves," "Suzy's Santas," and "Brenda's Bells."

DeHaan said, "I am so proud of my entire team for letting me think outside the box on this and embracing the fun idea I had. They really stepped up and I was so proud to hear them cheering for their 'teammates' for that night. I have even seen more conversations happening at other meets between the girls from these three teams, so my mission was accomplished."

She added that she's proud of the effort her girls displayed while being coached for the night by other coaches.

"Overall, it was a great night," she said.

Under this new system, the total team scores were tallied to determine a "winner."

"Scores were added up

possible for any of them to win the bragging rights," DeHaan said, adding, "I wanted to stress that staying on the beam and keeping routines clean would decide the winning team."

Each mixed team was given medals for first, second or third and DeHaan said the girls that performed their beam routines with no falls were crowned "beam queen" with crowns from Burger King.

DeHaan concluded, "This 'friendship meet' was a huge success and I am already making plans with the coaches to do it again next year."

Here were the three teams and their scores:

Michele's Elves (Lowell coach, Michele DeHaan) - wore white ribbons in their hair

Score: 131.825
Megan Stein - Freeland
Shelby Niedzwiecki - Freeland

Lauren DeHaan - Lowell
Abby Rogalke - Lowell
Bailey Roberts - Lowell

Megan Lee - Kenowa
Kaylee Wold - Lowell
Haley Maxwell - Freeland
Emma Hansen - Freeland
Erin Groom - Lowell

Suzy's Santas (Freeland coach, Suzy Weldon) - wore red ribbons in their hair

Score: 131.15
Kelly Momber - Kenowa
Elizabeth Carpenter - Kenowa

Karry Modolo - Freeland
Jazmyne Jezowski - Freeland

Meghan Plutschouw - Lowell

Jorie Bennett - Lowell

Emily Judd - Lowell

Ashley Buskard - Kenowa

Kaezi Bladey - Lowell

Morgan McVey - Lowell

Brenda's Bells (Kenowa coach, Brenda McDonald) - wore yellow ribbons in their hair

Score: 130.65

Colleen Cater - Lowell

Vivian Nguyen - Kenowa

Morgan Taylor - Lowell

Kayli Redburn - Freeland

Melanie Padgett - Freeland

Alyshia Ihrig - Kenowa

Maranda Johnson - Lowell

Taylor Tepper - Kenowa

Danielle Krajewski - Lowell

Bethany Kaczanowski - Lowell

Gymnastics, continued, page 9

based on the above teams for bragging rights only," DeHaan said. "So I guess I must brag and say that Michele's Elves team was the overall winner."

The division was divided to foster total participation. They were also split to be highly competitive.

"I was very happy that the teams were so close in scoring because I intended to try to make things pretty even because I wanted it



Brendas Bells

LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of
Jan. 16, 2012

MON: Hamburger on wheat bun (Danimals Yogurt w/American cheese & saltine crackers, also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, orange smiles, milk.

TUES: French toast sticks or cereal w/Graham crackers each w/ scrambled egg, (cheese omelet offered at Bushnell), fresh banana, fresh mini carrots, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets w/wheat dinner roll (Jr. turkey & cheese sub, also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes & gravy, peaches, milk.

THURS: Tony's pepperoni pizza (chicken patty on wheat bun, also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tossed salad w/romaine, fruit goop w/ vanilla pudding, milk.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Gymnastics, continued

Lowell's event scores from Jan. 4.

Vault
 Meghan Plutschow 8.75
 Lauren DeHaan 8.4
 Emily Judd 8.3
 Morgan Taylor & Abby Rogalke 8.3

Bars
 Lauren DeHaan 7.55
 Emily Judd 7.3
 Abby Rogalke 7.2
 Meghan Plutschow 7.2

Beam
 Jorie Bennett 7.6
 Bethany Kaczanowski 7.55
 Lauren DeHaan 7.5
 Kaylee Wold 7.2

Floor
 Abby Rogalke 8.05
 Bethany Kaczanowski 7.85
 Emily Judd 7.85
 Meghan Plutschow 7.7

1/7 Rockford Invitational
 Lowell A Team: 14th place, 124.075
 Lowell B Team: 15th place, 118.325

Vault
 Meghan Plutschow 8.7
 Jorie Bennett 8.6
 Morgan Taylor 8.45
 Colleen Cater & Lauren DeHaan 8.4

Bars
 Lauren DeHaan 7.125
 Kaezi Bladey 7.05
 Emily Judd 6.875
 Abby Rogalke & Morgan Taylor 6.8

Beam
 Kaezi Bladey 8.2
 Lauren DeHaan 7.95
 Abby Rogalke 7.7
 Bethany Kaczanowski 7.55

Floor
 Kaezi Bladey 8.15
 Emily Judd & Bethany Kaczanowski 8.0
 Abby Rogalke & Meghan Plutschow 7.85

- BASKETBALL

Girls' basketball takes losses at the hands of Forest Hills Northern, East Grand Rapids

by Casey Cheney
 The Lowell girls' basketball team only trailed by nine points at halftime in the home match against East Grand Rapids on Friday.

Thus far, however, they had only put up ten points. East scored six unanswered points to start the second half, making a comeback more difficult for the Lady Red Arrows. They now trailed 10-26.

After a series of turnovers by both teams, Lowell's Aubreigh Steed got a bucket in the paint off a nice post move, ending the scoring drought for the Red Arrows.

"There were too many wasted possessions turning the ball over," head coach Kevin Brechting said. He added, "Steed has been a presence for us and very consistent on the offensive end."

By the start of the fourth quarter, they trailed by 12 points.

However, the girls scored five points to the Pioneers' 12 with two minutes left in the game. East's scoring had put it out of reach, the score 21-40.

Lowell had scored their last for the match, but East managed to put up seven more points. The final score was 21-47.

The Red Arrows are

now 1-6, losing on Tuesday to Forest Hills Northern.

"Both games, I feel like we played extremely well defensively," Brechting said. "Our struggles all year have been on the offensive end... I believe actually our rebound has increased. We just have to put the ball in the hole more. That's what we're working on every day."

The girls travel to Kenowa Hills and Northview this week and Brechting said he hopes to bring home some "W"s.

He said, "It's been a

tough schedule to start, but hopefully we're going to turn the corner this week."

Other players to watch to snag those victories are Stephanie Stevens, Amber Martin and Lauren Kurtz.

"Stephanie Stevens has been an all-around great player defensively and our leading scorer, averaging just under double digits," he said. "Amber Martin has been doing a great job bringing the ball up the floor and running our offense as well. Kurtz has been strong in rebounding and coming alive defensively for us."



Suzy's Santas



Michele's Elves

It is a good rule in life never to apologize. The right sort of people do not want apologies, and the wrong sort take a mean advantage of them.

~ P. G. Wodehouse (1881 - 1975)

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JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 10

- Tiger Woods' ex-wife Elin Nordegren destroys her \$12 million Florida mansion because it does not conform to hurricane safety codes and is infested with termites. Apparently she will be rebuilding a very similar looking one in its place.
- Actress/comedienne Betty White celebrates her 90th birthday.
- Singer Beyonce and husband Jay-Z announces the birth of their daughter, Ivy Blue Carter.
- Pope Benedict comments in a new year address that gay marriage is one of several threats to the traditional family.
- A vigil is held at the University of Arizona in Tucson on Sunday, Jan 8, 2012, to mark the one-year anniversary of the shootings at the Safeway. Gabrielle Giffords attended and recited the Pledge of Allegiance with her husband Mark Kelly.
- Wife of Prince William, Kate Middleton turns 30 on Jan. 9.
- Newt Gingrich is dropping in popularity and states that he is "not going to let up on Romney," adding that, "I have broad shoulders. I can stand the heat. Now let's see if he has broad shoulders, that he can stand the heat."
- An Australian woman survives a 365 foot fall off Victoria Falls Bridge in Africa into the Zambezi River when her bungee snaps during a jump.

Help someone this Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 16 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day — a national holiday. To some, the day means more than an observance of the birthday of the civil rights leader. It is also a day to be of service to others.

The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans

from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.

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People who already have Medicare coverage, but who have trouble meet-

ing prescription drug costs, can apply for Extra Help online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp.

This holiday, make your Martin Luther King Day a day of service to someone who can use your help. Lead them to www.socialsecurity.gov. It may be easy for you, but it may be a dream come true for the person you help.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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The family of Ron Wenger wishes to extend their gratitude for the many acts of kindness received during his illness and recent passing.

We thank Pastor Wes Hershberger for his comforting words and support and to those who gave tribute at the funeral.

We thank Lowell Schools for the use of their facilities for the funeral and luncheon. We also thank the Oakwood Christian Reformed and Impact Church communities for providing the lunch and Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for making the arrangements.

Lastly, we thank the entire Lowell community, especially Ron's friends at the fairgrounds and the Backwater Cafe, for their support and kindness during his recent illness and passing.

Unfortunately, it would be impossible to name every person who showed love and support during this time because there were so many who did so. Nevertheless, we appreciate each and every act and thank you again.

*Barb Wenger
Cliff and Grace Wenger
Ken, Larry, Tom Wenger and their families*

obituaries

AVERY

Carol H. Avery died Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day 2011, in Roswell, New Mexico, surrounded by her family. Carol was born to Carl and Edna Haddan in Grand Rapids, October 15, 1928. In 1946 she and Keith W. Avery (who preceded her in death) were married at Snow United Methodist Church, Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1946, Grand Valley State College, Grand Rapids, in 1966 and earned her MA from New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM, in 1976. She taught school at Lowell High School; Springer High School, Springer, NM; and was the high school librarian in Artesia, NM, until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her sister, Alice Bauer, also of Lowell.



Survivors include three children, Carleton (Cla) Avery and wife Kathy of Roswell, NM, David Avery of Amarillo, TX, and Jane Ellen Gray of Roswell, NM; grandchildren, Chayne Avery and life partner, Russell Garcia of Albuquerque, NM, Chan Avery of Albuquerque, NM, Matthew Reed of Lubbock, TX, and Sarah Reed of Carthage, TN; one great-grandchild, Avery Lawless of Carthage, TN; sister, Judy Clippard of Swartz Creek, MI; sister-in-law, Dorothy Avery of Marquette, MI; nieces, Susan and husband Leonard Hanline of Lowell, Sharon and husband Tony Ellison of Lowell, Ann Marie and husband Jeff Sinclair of Hastings, Heidi Clippard of Morrice, Denise and husband Russell Diller of Holly, Mary Rita and husband Terry Fletcher of Muir, Anita and husband Mike McCollum, of Au Train; and nephew, Ronald Avery, of Munising. Also remembered are step-grandchildren, Saul Gray-Hildebrand of Santa Barbara, CA, Amanda Huggins of Grand Rapids, and several great nieces and nephews. Memorial services were conducted for her at the First United Methodist Church, Roswell, Tuesday, January 3, 2012, with Rev. Gordon Smith officiating. A memorial service and burial will be held in Lowell at a later date. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, 888 West Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106; Cowboy Bell Scholarship Fund, 200 North Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, NM 88201; or Friends of the Roswell Public Library, 300 North Pennsylvania Ave., Roswell, NM 88201. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at andersonbethany.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory of Roswell, NM.

to the U.P. and camping with the grandchildren. Larry was a member of the Lowell First United Methodist Church, Boston-Saranac Historical Society, Ionia Co. Genealogical Society and First Family Society. The family would like to thank Faith Hospice for their love and support at this time. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 7, at South Boston Bible Church with Pastor Joe Everett, Pastor Rick Blunt and Pastor Ron Tuinstra officiates. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boston-Saranac Historical Society or the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

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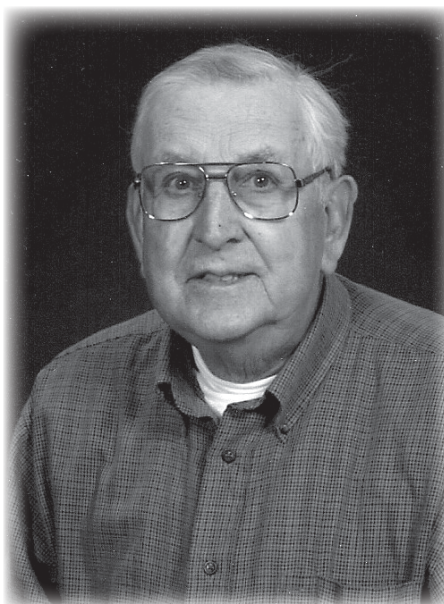
Joan Marie Lane, age 89, of Lowell, formerly of Detroit, went to be with her Lord Saturday, January 7, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, William and eight siblings. She is survived by her children, Edward (Doreen) Lane, Julia (Thomas) Jones, Mary Burns, Timothy (Katie) Lane, Margaret (John) Walsh, Patricia (Barry) Rosenberger, Michael (Lisa) Lane; grandchildren, Chris, Erin, Kelly, Kerry, Megan, Michael, Matthew, Manus John, William, Morgan, Joan, Maggie, Sheila, Coilin, Patrick, Mary Kate, Julia Joyce, Meredith, Nicholas, Olivia, Ryan, Danny, Aidan; eleven great-grandchildren; one great- great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lane was a graduate of Siena Heights University. Joan was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 402 N. Amity, Lowell. Interment Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Home, 2161 Leonard St. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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STORMZAND

Joyce Jean Stormzand, age 82, of Lowell, passed away after a lengthy illness Sunday, January 8, 2012. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Myrtle Hermans; husband, Edward H.; and sister, Phyllis Kline. She is survived by her children, Elizabeth Raab (James Momber), Elaine (Kenneth) Gregersen, Edward II (Lisa) Stormzand; grandchildren, Tera Raab, Tricia (Bill) McGovern, Trent (Julie) Raab, Holly (Jason) Fetterhoff, Kenneth Gregersen, Maxwell Stormzand, Reed Stormzand; 16 great-grandchildren; one great- great- granddaughter; and sisters-in-law, Lillian Bosccher, Helen O'Neil. Mrs. Stormzand worked for the Lowell Area Schools for 22 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11:00 am at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main. Rev. Rick Blunt officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell or Spectrum Hospice, 100 Michigan Street N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49502.

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CAHOON

Lawrence (Larry) M. Cahoon, age 81, of Clarksville, went to be with his Lord on January 3, 2012, at home surrounded by his loving family, after a short bout with cancer. He was born in Grand Rapids on January 12, 1930, to Maurice and Jessie (Hatch) Cahoon, who both preceded him in death. He was also preceded by sisters, Anna Cahoon Everett, Ida Cahoon; and brother, Robert Cahoon. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Marilyn Rickert Cahoon; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Nancy (Greiner) Cahoon of Southfield, Brian and Wendy (Stahl) Cahoon of Saranac and Jim and Robin (Hewitt) Cahoon of Lowell; 10 grandchildren, Michael, D.J., Stephanie, Jessie, Ted, Patrick, Stephen, Lucas Cahoon, Cody Cook, and Kristen and Casey Delnick; three great-granddaughters; brother and sister-in-law, James (Fred) and Jacqueline Cahoon; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gerald and Shirley Weeks Nester; two special nephews, Joe and Mary Jane Everett of Belton, MO and Steve and Linda Everett of Vallejo, CA; and nieces, nephew, cousins and many, many friends. Larry grew up in South Boston, Ionia Co., on the farm his great-great-grandfather Timothy White settled in 1836. He attended North Bell rural school, graduating from Saranac High School with the class of 1949. Larry was a friend to all, always had time to visit and tell a good story and willing to help anyone when needed. He always set a high level of integrity for his family to follow. His great sense of humor prevailed to the last. After his marriage to Marilyn, they purchased a farm near Clarksville and have lived there for 57 years, raising their family and enjoying rural life. He liked to cut wood and had the winter's supply ready. In past years he worked at John Bean in Lansing; Universal Metal Products, Saranac; Newells, Lowell; Woodland Mall; M.S.U. Research Center, Clarksville; as well as general and dairy farming. While growing up he was a member of the Boy Scout Troop 71 of Saranac. He served in the National Guard, Co. H of Ionia. Larry and Marilyn enjoyed their retirement years, traveling

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Estate of JAMES JOSEPH KONWINSKI.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Joseph Konwinski, who lived at 3387 English Hills Dr., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 12/21/2011.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia Arelene Tousignaut, who lived at 9451 Vergennes St. SE, Ada, Michigan, died 12/26/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Todd Konwinski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**THEME:
HOLLYWOOD
LEGENDS**

ACROSS

- 1. Large, imposing house
- 6. "Lake" in France
- 9. "Que _____," sang Doris Day
- 13. Unwritten exams
- 14. Spermatozoa counterparts
- 15. *Hollywood legend quality?
- 16. Laker great
- 17. Judge on "Dancing with the Stars"
- 18. L on clothes
- 19. "The Big Sleep" leading lady
- 21. *He played "Spartacus"
- 23. Before, old English
- 24. Ancient Greeks' harp
- 25. Cattle prod
- 28. "For" in Spanish
- 30. "Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship," in "Casablanca," e.g.
- 35. Port of Yemen
- 37. Comedy Central's 1990s animated series "Dr. _____, Professional Therapist"
- 39. Country singer _____ Tucker
- 40. Irritate
- 41. _____ of parsley
- 43. *What Perkins did in the shower in "Psycho"
- 44. Accord or comport with
- 46. Yugoslavian communist
- 47. Location of Dante's nine circles
- 48. *Eastwood's Josey Wales, e.g.
- 50. 2009 Daniel Day-Lewis musical
- 52. Charlotte of "Facts of Life" fame
- 53. First, second or third in baseball
- 55. Follow ems
- 57. *Last name of two female legends

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- 61. *He called for Stella
- 64. Relating to axis
- 65. Second person of "be"
- 67. "Unbearable Lightness of _____"
- 69. Pulitzer winner _____ Cather
- 70. Decorate cake
- 71. Dam
- 72. Flower holder
- 73. Once around
- 74. Undo

DOWN

- 1. *Garland to Minnelli
- 2. United _____ Emirates
- 3. Hindu serpent deity
- 4. New York is famous for it
- 5. Protective embankment
- 6. Be lazy or idle
- 7. _____ Maria
- 8. *Canadian funny man
- 9. Ore smelting by-product

- 10. Basketball great "The Pearl" Monroe
- 11. Capital of Latvia
- 12. Greek god of war
- 15. Like a native speaker
- 20. Accidental holes
- 22. Mine deposit
- 24. Soldier's bathroom
- 25. *Famous for her low, husky voice
- 26. "Farewell" from Catherine Deneuve
- 27. Blue and white pottery style
- 29. Wholly engrossed
- 31. 100m _____
- 32. Prefix for "among"
- 33. African antelope
- 34. *He said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

- 36. A Broadway legend, given name
- 38. Tubular pasta
- 42. One who's doomed
- 45. Singular of tabulae
- 49. It engulfed the world in the 1940s
- 51. Render capable
- 54. Escargot
- 56. Express contempt
- 57. Hems and _____
- 58. Sign of escape
- 59. Arrange in a stack
- 60. Healing ointment
- 61. Road Runner sound
- 62. Cher or Celine Dion?
- 63. Dollar bills
- 66. AV manufacturer
- 68. "_____ whiz!"

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- Louise

I really enjoy the new sections in the Ledger (Earth Talk, crossword puzzle) as well as the regulars like Behind the Scenes and Sound Off. I also like Around the Globe. I don't always watch the news, so thanks for the great work that you do and for helping to keep me informed.

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