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Water superintendent loves his job in Lowell



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by Emma Palova

Brian VanVeelen, a 1994 Lowell High School graduate, is now the water plant superintendent. Previously he worked as an operator at the plant. He likes making decisions on water testing.

The plant won the regional taste off on April 24 based on appearance and the taste of a sampling of water in Mount Pleasant. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) gave the award to the Lowell water plant.

"It proves that we have good water," he said.

The city has four wells on Bowes Road behind the plant that was built in 1977. The wells are shallow, averaging 80 feet deep.

On June 1, Kristen McAlpine will be boarding a plane for Nicaragua to volunteer for two months with Outreach360, a nonprofit organization that works with disadvantaged children, families and communities in Latin America. McAlpine will work at a community center in the town of Jinotega, helping children to develop English and literacy skills.

Outreach360 began in 1995 to assist orphanages in the Dominican Republic and expanded its service in life skills, literacy and Eng-2011 to focus on education lish programs for pre-school



Brian VanVeelen with AWWA drinking water award.

Lowell grad travels to help disadvantaged children

and community health needs of children in disadvantaged neighborhoods in the Dominican and in Nicaragua. The vision of Outreach360 is to enable every child to live a life of choice by providing the necessary education to allow children the opportunity to attend a university or obtain good vocational training.

Outreach360 establishes community centers to provide development activities, nutrition programs, environmental education, through high school. The centers focus on sustainability, both environmentally and by developing the job readiness for local participants.

McAlpine, a graduate of Lowell High School, received her teaching certificate from Michigan State University this spring and will be teaching at the community center in Jinotega. Volunteerism is not new to McAlpine. During college she volunteered in Durban, South Africa at an elementary school and AIDS orphanage. She also organized two trips to Belize in Central America through the International Volunteer Action Corps at MSU and traveled to Honduras as part of a medical outreach mission serving rural communities. To keep program costs at a minimum, Outreach360 requires volunteers to raise their own support. McAlpine is about halfway to her \$2,800 goal and continues to seek support that will cover the program costs of her teaching in Jinotega. You can help the children of Jinotega receive instruction this summer by supporting McAlpine's program with a tax deductible gift at www.outreach360.org/kristenmcalpine.

"We're very fortunate we have the water we do," he said.

The plant is now qualified to go to the state taste off in Shanty Creek in September.

"It's a great promotion for the community, we have clean and safe drinking water," said VanVeelen. "Our goals are to continue to provide good water."

The water is filtered and softened at the plant where chloride and fluoride are added.

The entire water drinking operation including flushing hydrants and people on the streets taking care of customers is funded by the water fund, one of the enterprise funds of the city. The water plant with distribution employs a total of 4.5 people (some employees are part-time).

Currently, water plants are experiencing shortage of employees. VanVeelen has taken three exams to be qualified to run the plant.

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"You qualify with experience and education," he said. "It's a great job. I love the job and living here. It's a great community."

The future plans include the rehab of a well in 2013. The system provides water to both residential and commercial customers in the city and in Lowell Township, and to the high school.

"When people go to the tap they don't think about how water is important, everybody just turns it on," he said. "It tastes good, we have good water."

VanVeelen replaces long time superintendent George Reagan.

The city has a designated Wellhead Protection Area north of town known as a recharge area for the wells, an area where water refills the wells. "We try to keep an eye on potential contamination," he said.

City budget highlights general fund, streets, water and sewer funds

by Emma Palova

The city budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be balanced and it takes in a six percent increase for streets. The total general fund is

The Arbor Board has also been taken out of DPW and stands alone. The park agreements will need to be renegotiated.

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Kristen McAlpine is pictured with children she met while volunteering in Honduras.

\$2,671 million.

Among the major changes, the police department will be taking care of zoning issues which may bring back \$3,000. The water rates will have to be increased because the water fund is losing money much like Lowell Light and Power was four years ago.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) ended being a catchall trying to keep up with the equipment fund and staff allocation on various jobs, according city manager Mark Howe.

"We need to set up how the staff will go out and work on infiltration," said Howe. "We need to be more proactive."

Approximately \$50,000

will be used for Downtown Development Authority (DDA) capital projects.

"There's not a lot of money for capital projects," Howe added.

The DDA fund balance is low at \$105,000. Both DDA and the general fund lost \$50,000 each in personal property taxes.

A transfer out of general fund to streets provides a six percent increase for street maintenance. This year Bowes Road will be reconstructed, which will cause low fund balance.

The cost to improve and maintain local streets is cal-

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culated per lane because of different street widths with software Asset Management.

"We need a different mix of fixes to get the most lane miles to stay ahead," Howe said, "and to stay within the budget."

The most costly is complete reconstruction, cheaper fixes include milling, and crack and chip sealing.

The total cost for Bowes Road reconstruction is \$385,000. Howe said, "You want to reduce the age of the system based on the need and the budget."

The reconstruction of a road extends its life by 30 years.

"We need to determine what is acceptable for the street system," he continued.

A lane of milling costs \$15,000, however crack sealing is less than \$400.

"We need to stay on

top of maintenance," Howe said.

Some federal dollars may be available for Jefferson and Monroe streets since it's a truck route and a loop.

The wastewater fund is okay since the bonds have been paid off, according to Howe. But it remains questionable how much unrestricted cash should be held for the sewer system in case capacity needs to be added,

for depreciation or any other improvements and fixes.

The charter, according to Howe, requires the city cover 100 percent of depreciation.

"Money is being set aside for capital improvements," he said. "The water fund is not doing so well. It's been losing money."

The sewer rates may be decreased, while the water rates will increase.

"We need to set the rates that need to be set." he said.

The water rates haven't been adjusted since 2008. A \$25,000 allocation from the general fund will go to the equipment fund.

"We are turning the corner on the equipment fund," said Howe.

There is also an outstanding special assessment for the water fund that will be paid off this year in the amount of \$20,000.

A schedule of rates and fees will be adjusted for various services and permits.

There will be a public hearing for the budget on May 21 and approval on June 4.

Howe and treasurer Sue Olin expect to have a balanced budget. Approximately \$150,000 has been saved by refinancing of the city hall bonds.



LEGISLATIVE COFFEE MEET & GREET

The Chamber Ambassadors are hosting the first Legislative Coffee Meet and Greet on Fri., May 18 at the City Hall, 2nd Floor, City Chamber at 8:00 am. Lisa Posthumus Lyons will be in attendance. Both Senator Hildenbrand and US Rep. Justin Amash have been invited, however their schedules will not allow them to be here for the first coffee.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 18-20 at the fairgrounds in Lowell. This event will feature eight bluegrass bands, songwriting contest, music workshops, barn sale, silent auction, 50/50 drawings, bake sale, pie eating contest, kids' activities and plenty of jamming. Family friendly event. For more info visit www.wmbma.org/festivals/mayfest12/mayfest12.html

LIFEWALK

Alpha Women's Center of Lowell is hosting their annual LifeWalk on Sat., May 19. Registration begins at 8:15 am and the walk begins at 9:00 at the center, 517 E. Main St. Pledge forms are available by stopping in at the center or calling 987-9533.

TOBACCO FREE FOR GOOD

Free smoking cessation classes begin Wed., May 23. Tobacco Free For Good class meets for six weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 East Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. Call 616-446-7058.

PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Got extra plants? We need them for the 10th annual perennial fundraiser over Memorial Day weekend. Drop off anytime at 520 N. Monroe or call 897-7808.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Join the North Country Trail Association - West Michigan Chapter in celebrating NTD 2012. Activities include music by the Hawks and Owls string band, three scheduled hikes, varying in length, informative mini-clinics on hiking and backpacking and a free raffle ticket with each lunch purchased. On the Riverwalk, by the bridge in downtown Lowell on June 2, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Mondays, June 11 and 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm. For more information call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org. LowellArts! is located at 149 S. Hudson.

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Timothy Wernet received a Communication Studies Prize in Memory of Charles Baldwin, Henrietta Bancroft, Bishop Joseph Berry, Catherine Hicks Glathart, George Bowen Silliman, and Elsie Verner and Outstanding Senior in Economics and Management during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation held late last month. The Albion College faculty and administration choose recipients for these awards from among the most exemplary students in all academic departments.

Wernet is majoring in economics and management and communication studies, with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. He is the son of Timothy and Suzanne Wernet of Rockford and a graduate of Lowell High School.



Asher Maliepaard, a student at Northland College, has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the winter 2012 term. To qualify for the dean's list, full-time students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C."

Maliepaard is a resident of Lowell and the son of Diane Loomis and John Maliepaard.

Matt Wichtner and Josh Spratt have a "jump start" on bringing their business ideas to reality. The Alma College students are the first winners of an inaugural business plan competition.

The JumpStart Entrepreneurship (JSE) competition, a collaboration of efforts by Students in Free Enterprise, business faculty and alumni, awards two students up to \$5,000 each to launch their business ideas.

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Lowell resident will appear on Jeopardy game show

by Karen Jack

"I'll take History for \$1000, Alex," might be something we hear when Mike Lally appears as a Jeopardy contestant on May 22.

Lally, who has enjoyed trivia all his life, can't tell us how he did due to a contract he had to sign. With his many years of running trivia games (and having attended college with him myself), this writer believes he probably did very well. With 100,000 trying out each year, only 400 make it to the tapings each year. That's a win either way.

It all started back when he was four-years-old. He watched the old version of Jeopardy and has been hooked ever since. When it came back in the late 1970s, he watched it religiously, so when they had auditions here in Grand Rapids back



Mike Lally frequently performs during openmike nights at Dr. Grins Comedy Club in Grand Rapids.

in 1994 or 1995, he tried out and "didn't do so well." But that didn't keep him away from trying to cross off the number one item on his bucket list.

He kept an eye out for the online auditions. Third time's the charm really rang true for Lally. About a month after his third audition, he was told he made it to the second round of auditions and had to be in New York during spring break. So he packed his family up and went to New York last year for the second leg of his brush with fame. He was told he "might" be called within 18 months of that second audition and if they didn't call, he would have to start the process all over again.

Ironically, he forgot about it because he was busy caring for his dying mother. Five days after she passed, he was leading a Cub Scout meeting and his phone rang and it was Jeopardy telling him he was one in about 400 and had to be at Sony Studios in Culver City, CA on January 17 for taping.

Jeopardy tapes five shows per day, two days per week. He had to foot the bill to get out there, as well as cover his hotel stay, but with third place being guaranteed \$1000, it generally covers the players' costs.

When asked whether he thought it was more difficult in person than when watching it on television, Lally said, "Well, you have to remember, there are two other people who have watched like I have, who also have a lot of useless information in their brain, and have practiced with the button before arriving there. If you tie when you hit the button, you're canceled out, so trying to beat them and having to answer the question makes it a little more difficult."

With such a long audition process to get there, Lally said he'd do it all over again. "That was number one on my bucket list."

Next on his bucket list? "Getting my own show on the Food Network. I think they need a game show, with a little bit of humor mixed it." Lally has been doing open-mike nights, at Dr. Grins Comedy Club in Grand Rapids, for four or five years, so it's not a stretch for him. If his tenacity for getting on Jeopardy is any indication, maybe, just maybe, Lowell will have a Food Network star to brag about in the future.

Anybody interested in watching with Lally on May 22, can be at Honeycreek Inn. He, his family and some friends will be there watching.

College News, continued

A committee of four alumni, three faculty and a student selected the winners.

Wichtner, a 2012 graduate from Honor, won \$5,000 for his business proposal: Matty's Boards LLC, a custom, made-to-order skimboard-producing company with signature designs inspired by the Great Lakes region.

Spratt, a sophomore from Ada, won \$2,500 for his proposal to develop a company that produces a sustainable, environmentally friendly line of men's blue jeans that incorporates recycled materials in every product.

"Matt and Josh have good, well-thought ideas that are quite different," says Chris Ahn, '98, an investment banker in Troy who, along with Alma College assistant professor Ron Lemmon, sparked the development of the competition.

"This was a good case study on how alumni can "The competition proved meaningful to students who had thoughtful business ideas," says Ahn, who judged the competition along with fellow alumni Scott Hill, '00 and Steve Wisinski, '97.

Wichtner began envisioning his business of producing skimboards in 2009 after his freshman year. He posted his idea on Facebook and began receiving requests to make boards.

"My friends liked the board, thought it was a good idea and wanted me to put them in shops, but I hadn't perfected them," he says. "Last fall, I went to Professor Lemmon for advice and he mentioned the Jump-Start competition. So I took the class in the fall, met the alumni committee and received great feedback for launching my business."

Skimboarding is a board sport in which riders glide over the surface of water or the wash of a wave. It is a growing sport in coastal growing in popularity in urban areas and college campuses. He plans to use the \$5,000 prize money to purchase tools, such as a drill press and band saw. A graduate of Benzie Central High School, he is the son of Matt and Karla Wichtner of Honor.

Spratt has created Josh Andrews Denim, a company that will produce high-end fashion blue jeans for men using ecologically sustainable yarns and fabrics. He plans to use an eco-textile product called bionic yarn, which blends petroleum and natural based fibers with recycled plastic bottles. An average-sized pair of jeans has the equivalent of seven water bottles, he says.

"I've always been interested in fashion and being entrepreneurial in general," says Spratt. "Last fall I wrote a research paper on Levi Straus and denim and that got me interested in this type of project. I saw the fabric and thought it was something I could do."

Spratt attended Lemmon's business class last fall and entered the competition.

"This was a great opportunity for students to get some help on marketing their products," he says. "The judges were looking for unique ideas that will sustain for a long period of time — something that could expand and grow and produce a profit in the future."

He plans to use this prize money to buy materials and have patterns and samples made.

"I want to start with small production," he says. "This summer I want to get a prototype made, purchase software for making patterns and talk to a tailor."

A graduate of Lowell High School, Spratt is majoring in business administration with a minor in art. He is the son of Stuart and Susan Spratt.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 21 and June 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2012-2013. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,671,000 in proposed expenditures.

Copies of the 2012-2013 Budget will be available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page www.ci.lowell.mi.us on Friday, May 18, 2012.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall, Attn: City Clerk prior to the meeting or appear in person.



interact with the college and the faculty to take an idea to fruition in a short period of time," says Ahn. "Ron Lemmon was fantastic; he took our idea and created a business incubator awards program. The first JSE competition was a great success."

Lemmon taught a seven-week business planwriting course in the fall as a springboard for the competition. Applicants for the competition completed an executive summary that described their proposed business products, services, target customers, goals, financial plan and competitive advantage. Six student finalists were chosen to present their business ideas. areas, as well as inland regions with suitable bodies of water, he says.

"My skimboards are plywood based with custom designs," says Wichtner. "The boards are treated in a press where they develop their curvature to aid in hydroplaning and wave riding. They are finished with a polyurethane finish and waxed for grip.

"I'm from the Traverse City area and there are miles of beaches," he says. "You see a lot of skimboards. My skimboards are handmade for individual riders."

He also hopes to custom produce longboards, a type of skateboard that is

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~ Anonymous, often attributed to Dan Quayle





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Urinary tract infection

The urinary tract is made up of the bladder, the urethra, the ureters and the kidney. Urine is made by the kidneys. It then flows down the ureters to the bladder where it is stored before being passed out of the body through the urethra. Urine is usually a sterile fluid, but when it is infected, it contains bacteria. Urinary tract infections (UTIs) are very common, especially in women. These can sometimes occur recurrently.

Signs and symptoms of



Can you turn "Be a Millionaire Day" into reality?

If you look hard enough, you can find many obscure holidays, but few of them can instantly capture people's interest as much as Be a Millionaire Day, which is "celebrated" on May 20. While amassing a million dollars may not be as significant a milestone as it used to be, most of us would still feel pleased if we could someday attain "millionaire" status. While there are no perfect formulas or guarantees, here are some steps to consider when working toward any investment goal:

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A blood count and blood chemistries may be ordered, especially if fever is present or there are signs of a serious infection, such as when a UTI affects the kidneys (pyelonephritis).

UTIs are treated with antibiotics. For most uncomplicated UTIs, a threeday course of antibiotics is sufficient. If a person has recurrent UTIs, drinking lots of fluids is very important to maintain good urine flow. Urinating after sexual intercourse may reduce the risk of UTIs, especially when the UTIs often occur after sexual activity. Urinary catheters may be a source of UTI. They should be left in place only as long as they are needed for medical purposes. A urine sample should be rechecked after antibiotics are finished, to make sure the infection has resolved.

first." Each month, move some money automatically from a checking or savings account into an investment. When you're first starting out in the working world, you might not be able to afford much, but as you advance in your career, you can increase your contributions.

• Control your debts. It's easier said than done, but if you can keep a lid on your debt payments, you'll have more money with which to invest.

• Take advantage of tax deferral. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, your money has the opportunity to grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. Of course, when you start taking withdrawals, presumably at retirement, you'll have to pay taxes, but by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And since you'll have some control over your withdrawals, you can help control taxes, too. Build share ownership. As an investor, one of the best things you can do to build your wealth is to increase the number of shares you own in your investments. So, look for buying opportunities, such as when prices are low. Also, consider reinvesting any dividends or distributions you may receive from your investments. Don't be overly cautious. For your money to grow, you need to put a portion of your investment dollars in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. It is certainly true that stock



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cells and bacteria. Urine

may be sent for a culture to

determine what type of bac-

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side. The earlier you be-

gin saving and investing,

the better your chances of

reaching your financial goal.

You can't expect to "strike it

rich" immediately with any

single investment, but by in-

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and by choosing quality in-

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If you wait until you "have

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reader meets his match

Dear Editor,

Anyone for a game of chess?

Recently, I made the acquaintance of a person quite a bit younger than myself. We shared many of the same interests and became very good friends. We talked about many subjects - music, books, politics and chess.

Chess, that's where the trouble begins. We decided to purchase a chess set. Well I am a man and naturally competitive an also ready for combat. That is what chess is - war. When I was in high school, I played basketball and baseball. I was no star, but I did all right. Now I'm going to play a war game against a pretty little lady. I will do just fine. Right? Wrong!

Something happened on the way to the forum. After playing about thirty games, percentage wise she had won ninety percent of the games.

There is something screwy going on here. I am

dancing with two left feet. How is it that this little dainty woman is beating up on me?

My habits were changing. I began sleeping late in the morning. I took naps during the day. My appetite was not as it should be. I have bags under my eyes. At least my hair isn't falling out. I'm already bald on top.

Fortunately, I had an appointment with my doctor at the VA. This man is a great guy. We talked and in

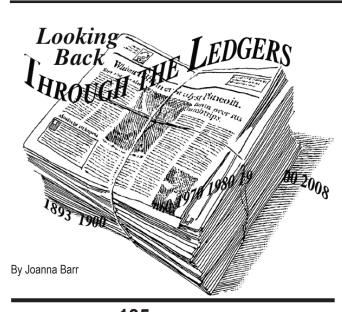
doing so we got on the subject of my dilemma.

He noted that I was playing this game with a lady. He says, there in lies the trouble. I am in competition with a woman.

You male EGO has been compromised, in other words, what you may have left of it has been blown away. It's all over pal. The doctor prescribed some vitamin D and sent me on my way. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Needless to say, I have changed my attitude. This has opened my eyes, as it were.

The lady has never once put me down because I am so little mentally challenged to her. She has been polite, encouraging, understanding, and very considerate. This is what women do. Men could take a lesson from the ladies in our lives and return this behavior. Now, on your way out - take the trash.

> Rich Vorase Lowell



135 years ago Lowell Journal May 16, 1877

Mr. Geo. H. Butler missed it. He was a government officer, receiving \$6 a day and expenses, and he got noisy drunk and blowed. He drank expensive brandy in large quantities and the government instead of increasing his salary to a sum sufficient to keep up his riotous living, discharged him. Undoubtedly George is disappointed; but not half so much so as the Government. Cornelius Boylan, arrested for selling liquor unlawfully and without bonds. As we grind out the JOURNAL this week, they are supposed to be grinding out the facts in this case. Mr. F. H. Hosford is making and selling small beer, which the same is a very pleasant beverage. Cheap and harmless as milk.

We beg pardon. The amended liquor law is not so bad as we thought last week. A few slight improvements

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo May 20, 1937

With this issue the Lowell Ledger begins its 45th year of publication.

John Pattison, who works at the Central Garage, is expecting many "blessed events" in the next couple weeks as the King Milling Company ducks are nesting in his specially constructed nests beneath the garage. The ducks are hatching their eggs in old fenders and other auto parts. These modern ducks!

As will be seen by local market quotations in this issue of the Ledger, prices have undergone quite a change. As compared with last week, wheat has gone from \$1.22 to \$1.30, rye from \$1.05 to \$1.10, corn from \$1.15 to \$1.25, barley from \$1.80 to \$2.00, oats from 50c to 55c, corn and oats feed from \$2.55 to \$2.65, corn meal from \$2.80 to \$2.90, bran from \$2.25 to \$2.15 and hogs, dressed, from \$12.75 to \$14.00, etc.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 17, 1962

School Bond Attorney George R. Cook, announced today that the State Finance Commission has approved the \$1,100,000 bond issue to build a new high school in Lowell that the voters approved by a one vote margin on March 28. The bonds will be put up for bids on Tuesday, June 5, if present plans are carried out. Construction on the new school could get underway early in August if nothing happens to hold up the plans and specifications.

Books and magazines of all descriptions are

Financial Focus, continued

prices will always fluctuate, sometimes quite sharply, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when sold. But if you avoid stocks entirely in favor of more stable vehicles, you run the risk of earning returns that may not keep you ahead of inflation. As you approach retirement, and even during retirement, your portfolio will probably still need some growth potential. Work with your financial advisor to determine the appropriate approach for you.

• Think long term. By creating a long-term investment strategy and sticking to it, you'll be less likely to take a "timeout" from investing in response to perceived negative news, such as market d ownturns and political crises.

Following these suggestions may someday allow you to reach the point when your financial goals become a reality for you.



are found, but it took a good while and a good deal of money to make them. The old law was not a failure by any means, but let us hope that the new may be still more of a success.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 16, 1912

A peculiar accident, showing the force of Lowell's water pressure, occurred Monday morning while workmen were busy with the water pipes on Bridge street. A rusty plug blew out with great force hurling stones and gravel in all directions, but particularly on the plate glass front of Ford's hardware store, which was badly shattered. Clifford Gibson, who was in the hole, tried to put his foot over the stream but didn't have horse power enough and bystanders were too busy dodging stones to help much. Finally some one got a plank and succeeded in holding it down until the stream could be turned off. The Water and Light people set men at work to clean up the muss and something in the neighborhood of \$50 will cover the damage.

needed for Michigan prisons. Anyone with old books or suitable magazines are asked to leave them at the Congregational church.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger May 20, 1987

The Gus Macker Tounament isn't alone any more. Up until last week, participants and spectators in the annual tournament were about the only Lowellites to grace the pages of Sports Illustrated. But, thanks to the sharp eyes of Dick Bryan, former Lowell resident Roger Wittenbach was spotted in a photo of Baltimore Oriole first baseman Eddie Murray. Wittenbach lives in the Baltimore area and holds box seats behind first base. In an article focused on the current problems the Orioles are having, Murray was pictured as he missed a pop fly at the fence. Bryan saw this photo and rushed his copy of S.I. over to Roger's parents, Arnold and Evelyn Wittenbach. If Roger intends to keep this up, let's hope he starts wearing one of those mulit-colored afro wigs so we can spot him more easily.

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Lowell Women's Club holds annual May celebration page 6 🗕 wednesday • may • 16 • 2012

The May celebration honoring the Lowell Women's Club senior girls was held at the Lowell Township Hall on May 9. The event included the installation of the following new members and new officers for 2012-2013: Nancy Wood, president; Lori Ingraham, president-elect; June Dilly, secretary; Sue Stouffer, treasurer; Ruth Wood, Cindy VanderWall, Ginny Weber, Amara Kyes and past president Jan Thompson, board members.

Scholarships were given to eight senior girls. The money for the scholarships was raised through various Women's Club projects.

Each of the senior girls were given hand created bracelets made by the women's club board of directors.

After a luncheon provided by a committee chaired by Marj Harding and Barb Zandstra, the membership was entertained by author and international speaker, Maureen Burns, whose topic was "Looking and Laughing at Life!"



Liam Michael Reese was born at 1:06 pm, Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, IN. He weighed 11 lbs. 3 ozs. and measured 21 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sister Elleah Jeanne and her parents Michael and Hillary J. B. Reese. Grandparents are James and Jeanne Boss and Dennis and Barbara Reese.



Pictured left to right: Cindy VanderWall, Sue Stouffer, Nancy Wood, Lori Ingraham, Jan Thompson, Ginny Weber, June Dilly, Amara Kyes, and Ruth Wood.





The senior girls pictured received scholarships.



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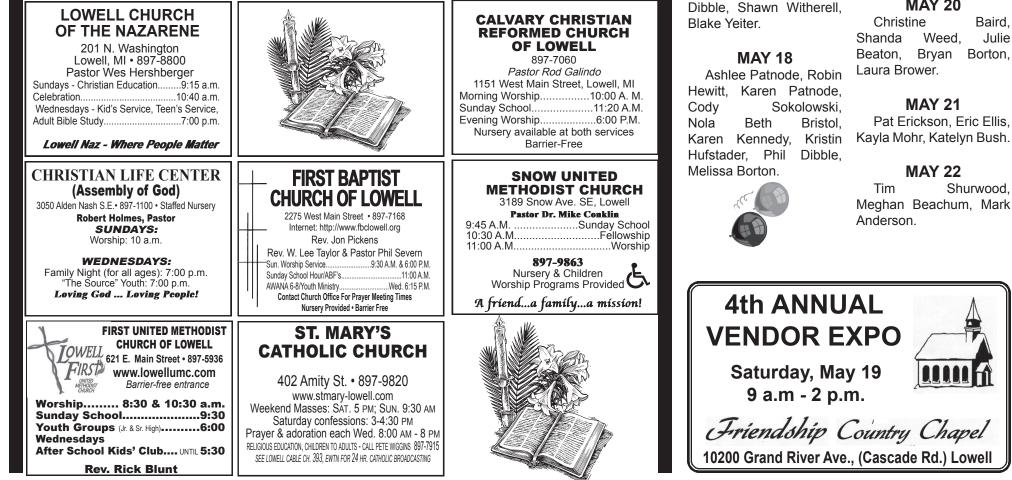
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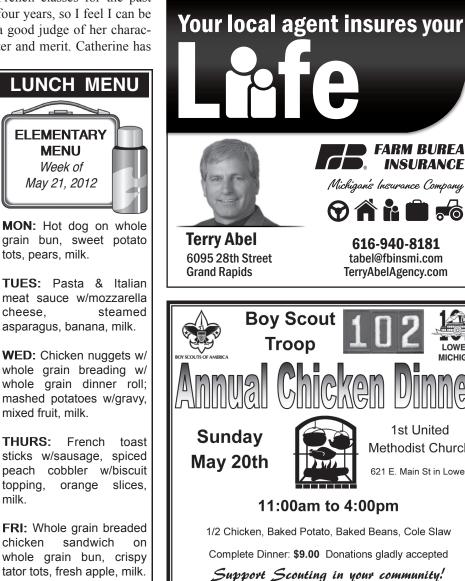
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Lowell High School Students of the Month for May

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is announcing that Catherine Tremblay, 12th grade, and Jeff Onan, 12th grade, are the Lowell High School May Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Tremblay and Onan. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Tremblay was nominated by Ingrid Baird and she writes, "I have known Catherine as a student in my French classes for the past four years, so I feel I can be a good judge of her character and merit. Catherine has



always demonstrated exceptional work ethic and commitment to learning. She is



Catherine Tremblay organized, responsible, and follows through on tasks. All of these traits have served her well academically. Even more noteworthy, however, are her fine personal qualities. You will not find a kinder, more considerate person. Everyone likes

Catherine. In her relationships with others she is loyal, trustworthy, dependable and compassionate. Catherine is also gifted artistically. Her artwork shows depth of thought and perception. Catherine is a unique individual. She thinks for herself and is not swayed in her convictions by popular opinion."

Steve Kampfschulte nominated Onan and he writes, "From the beginning of the year Jeff has displayed a natural brilliance in our study of the Constitution. He goes above and beyond of what is asked, staying on top of current events which impact our discussions and points of view regarding government and politics. It is a genuine enthusiasm that ignites classmates into discussions and

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debates on matters of public policy. Along those lines he asks some of the most well



Jeff Onan

thought out, deep questions I have had put to me in my career. Lastly, his work and performance at Model UN competition was outstanding. Jeff and his partner took first place in their specific Security Council simulation representing Nigeria. It was one of the more impressive efforts we have seen in the twenty years of the LHS Model UN program. They grasped both the topic and their nation's policies on the topic at such a high

level that they had an obvious commanding presence which one could recognize soon after arriving in the room used for their competition."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.

SAVE THE DATES! **Online registration for** YOUTH FOOTBALL begins May 18, 2012 **Register at** www.lowellyouthfootball.com Two walk-in registrations this year at Lowell High School: • Wednesday, June 6 • 6-8 pm

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(During Flag Camp)

Tuesday, August 7 • 5-7 pm



Lowell Youth Football League

Questions/Comments: See our website at www.lowellyouthfootball.com <u>"l</u>ëdger

Girls on the run help out at nature center

The Cherry Creek and Murray Lake Girls on the Run teams volunteered last week at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience & Environmental Education Center.

As part of a community service project they chose to help at the center because of all it does for the Lowell Schools. The girls arrived after school and worked on various tasks including pulling weeds, trash pick up, and building rain barrels.

They will conclude this years program on May 19 with a celebratory run at East Kentwood High School with over 1600 other girls throughout Kent County. If you'd like to take part in this run go to kcgotr.org for more information.





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The Odd Couple strikes success all over again at Larkin's Other Place

by Emma Palova

Neil Simon's classic comedy "The Odd Couple" took to the stage at Larkin's Other Place for the third weekend in a row. Presented by Thebes Players, John Foley played Oscar Madison and Matt Tawney played the neat Felix Ungar.

"It was the Thebes Players' most successful production," said LowellArts! director Lorain Smalligan.

The comedy has been immortalized by the same name TV series and it has been entertaining audiences for nearly 50 years.

The play opened in Act 1 at Oscar Madison's messy apartment in New York City with guys playing cards. Oscar is divorced and the obvious slob in this play. The group is later joined by the clean freak, Felix who has just been separated from his wife. Felix is fastidious and depressed. The clean freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together.

Foley as Oscar puts on a great performance, Tawney as Felix seems to be too much depressed.

The play was directed by Sue Bradford.

"When I found out "The Odd Couple" had been selected as Thebes Players spring 2012 production, I knew I had to direct," she said.

The TV series starred Jack Klugman as Oscar and Tony Randall as Felix.

The basic plot is about two mismatched roommates, Felix, neat and uptight, and easygoing Oscar.

These were male roles, but Simon also made a version for female roommates



John Foley as Oscar, with Matt Tawney as Felix



"The Female Odd Couple" put on by the Thebes Players in 2007.

"Oscar and Felix, the mismatched buddies along with their poker friends are a riot," said Bradford.

Bradford is one of the founding members of Thebes Players, while Tawney has played in many of the Thebes productions, as well as directing some plays like "Play On" and "Sing On."

Foley has been in count-

less shows with many organizations. He loves being involved with LowellArts! and Thebes Players.

The dinner was delicious consisting of broccoli cheddar chicken, and mashed potatoes.

The cast included Gary Brook as Speed, Brent Alles as Murray, Dean Borth as Roy, Jeff Fisher as Vinnie, Sue Fisher as Gwendolyn Pigeon and Leanette Bailey-Tanner as Cecily Pigeon.

The apartment of Oscar Madison in New York City. The cast included Gary Brook as Speed, Brent Alles as Murray, Dean Borth as Roy, Jeff Fisher as Vinnie.

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First row, left to right: Colleen Cater, Melissa Southwell, Kate Montgomery, Taylor VanderHorst, Jessica Montgomery, Amy Carpenter, Skylar Bowne, and Paige McKenna; second row, left to right: Danielle Ordway, Abigail Ellis, Lauren Blanchard, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Stevens, coach Dan Lipon, Michelle Foote, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Analyse Bencker, Delainey Ferguson, and Madison Stadt.



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Red Arrow PORTS SOFTBALL **Lowell Arrows win one - lose one**

by Karen Jack

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The Arrows started off the week on Tuesday beating Greenville in both games of a double-header in conference play, but lost two tight games with Hudsonville the next night.

In the first Greenville game, the Arrows shut out Greenville 9-0, with Morgan Groom doing her usual magic striking out 20 of the 22 batters she faced in another no-hitter. She threw 77 balls and 62 of them were strikes. The Arrows scored one in the first inning with a hit from Groom, a sacrifice from Julie Smith and a base hit from Lindsey Crawford. In the third inning, they chalked up four more runs with hits from Groom, Carissa Paiz and Sarah Mogor. Grace Quiggle also got a triple in that inning, but was stranded on base. Lowell got two more runs in the fourth and sixth

innings thanks to hits from Crawford, Paiz, Mogor, and Quiggle.

The Arrows won the second game against Greenville by a score of 11-8, coming out of the block scoring six runs in the first inning. Bethany Dean got three hits, including two singles and a double. Groom and Mogor each had two hits, and Crawford, Paiz, Quiggle, Jenna Smith, and Shelby Wolbers each had one hit.

The next night, the Arrows faced third-ranked Hudsonville in a doubleheader and lost both games in a tight battle.

In the first game, the Arrows fell 1-0. Going into the seventh inning scoreless, Lowell managed to get a runner on base, but couldn't capitalize. In the bottom of the seventh. Hudsonville had two outs and then managed to hit a solo home run to end the game. The Arrows went hitless for the first time all year.

In the second game, the Arrows lost 4-3. All tied up going into the seventh inning, Hudsonville managed to hit a solo home run to end the game. Mogor, Crawford and Julie Smith each had a hit, with Crawford's being a triple.

The team plays at Northview on Thursday, May 17 and then goes to Traverse City for a tournament on Saturday, May 19.

> Grace Quiggle slides safely into third.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In accordance with Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider comments on the Bowne Township 2012 Master Plan. This proposed Plan is an update of the 2006 Master Plan and is intended to serve as a guide to the future development of Bowne Township and contains recommendations for future land use, goals and policies, analysis of land use issues, current demographic information, community information, maps of public utilities, and recommendations to implement the Plan. The hearing will be held as noted below:

The hearing will be held as follows:



Julie Smith covers a bunt for the out.

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: **BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL** 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed 2012 Master Plan is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846. The maps which accompany the Master Plan are available on the Township web site: www.bownetwp.org

> Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township



Baseball has undefeated week

by Karen Jack

The Arrows had a great week in baseball, defeating Greenville, Stevensville Lakeshore and Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

In the Greenville game, Tim Antel got the win with the final score being 13-3.

The Arrows beat Stevensville Lakeshore 11-1, with the winning pitcher being John Fox. Jordan Drake and Luke Bigham both went two-for-four at the plate. Drake had a stolen base

while Bigham had two stolen bases. Travis Gordon had a triple and a stolen base. Jake Stephens went two-for-three with two stolen bases and Kyler Sherlow went one-for-three, with a stolen base.

Lowell scored one run in the third, eight runs in the fifth inning and two runs in the sixth. Stevensville scored their only run in the sixth inning.

In the Grand Rapids

Catholic Central game, the Arrows came out as winners with a score of 9-5. Lowell scored two in the third, while Catholic Central scored one. Then Lowell scored seven in the top of the seventh inning. Catholic Central tried to make a run for it in the bottom of the seventh, scoring three more,

but couldn't quite get over the top.

Drake went one-forthree at the plate with two runs. Bigham went one-forthree, had three RBIs, and a stolen base. Titan Anderson got a hit and a stolen base, while Zach Hoover went two-for-four, with a stolen base. Jake Boelens also got a hit. Anderson, Huver, and Parker Groom all had RBIs in that game.

The Arrows' overall record is 24-9-2. Next game is on Thursday (5/17) at home against Creston. Game time is 4:15 pm.

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Red Arrow LACROSSE SPORTS **Girls lacrosse splits for the week**



Hannah Liu charges toward the goal.

The girls lacrosse team beat Mattawan 15-11 this week, but lost a nail-biter to Grand Haven 10-9.

In the Mattawan game, the team's leading scorer, McKensie Barnes, scored five goals. She leads the team in goals with 31 for the season. In the attack position, Sam Moody scored three goals and had two assists. Elizabeth (Biz) Downing, who also plays in the attack position, scored three goals. She has a total of 16 goals for the season, but has missed three games due to job commitments. Hanna Liu, Hannah Burtt, Delaney McCarrey and Monica Bussell all scored one goal.

The defense was led by Autumn Monroe, Mackenzie Fredrickson, Rachael Wittenbach, Hannah Johnson and Nicole Cummings. Anchoring the defense was goalie Abby Downing, who had 16 saves in the game.

In the Grand Haven game, Barnes had four

goals, Biz Downing had three goals and Burtt had two goals. Abby Downing recorded 14 saves to keep the Buccaneers close enough to win the game. As a freshman, goalie Downing is one to keep an eye on in the future. With the team graduating five of their starters, it looks like she'll be an up-and-coming leader of the team.

"We have played some very tough competition, and girls lacrosse games can be very high-scoring," said head coach Kaiser Downing. "It really begins with being athletic and fast. Stick skills, throwing, catching, and shooting can all be worked on and coached. Athleticism and speed cannot. I'm excited for next year because we have some eighth graders coming in that are already showing promise," added Downing.

With lacrosse growing in popularity, Downing will be running a middle school/ youth girls' lacrosse camp

this summer with hopes of home against Caledonia on drawing more girls to the sport. The next game is at

Wednesday, May 16 at 6:00 pm.



McKenzie Barnes faces a couple of opponents trying to block.

Lowell track stars take firsts at conference

by Karen Jack

It was definitely two days of excitement for the Lowell track teams. Standouts Matt Kyllonen, Mattie Newman, Rachael Walters, and Zach Rose brought home the gold, along with the girls 4 x 100 relay team of Rebekah Betts, Alon Watson, Danielle Ordway, and Michelle Foote.

Kyllonen won his event in the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.99. He also took third in the long jump and fourth in the 200 meter dash. Mattie Newman took first in shotput with a throw of 375° , as well as placing third in the discus throw. Walters won the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.00, as well as sixth in the 200 meter dash. Zack Rose took first in the 300 meter hurdles with the time of 41.57, and placed second in the 110 meter hurdles. Second place winners were Foote in the 200 meter dash, Ordway in the long jump, and the boys 4×400 relay team of Kyllonen, Rose, Sean Khodl, and Jake Khodl. Taking third place were Foote in the 100 meter dash, Jake Khodl in the 400 meter dash, Robby Coffey in the pole vault, the girls 4 x 400 relay team of Betts, Foote,

Emily Judd, and Mallory Yaw. Also taking third was the boys 4 x 800 relay team of Martin Brubaker, Zach Crawford, John Mark, and Sean Khodl.

Other placers from the boys team included Pierce Watson and Bryce Hrusovsky in the 110 meter hurdles, placing fourth and fifth respectively, Kelley Liam (sixth) and Hrusovsky (seventh) in the 300 meter hurdles, Sean Khodl placing fourth in the 800 meter run, and Tobias Marks placing seventh in the high jump and eighth in the long jump.

Additional placers from the girls team included Betts in the 100 meter hurdles (seventh) and the 300 meter hurdles (eighth), Alon Watson placing seventh in the 100 meter dash, Jessica Graves placing sixth in the 1600 meter run, Lauren Dehaan taking eighth in the high jump, Danielle Starkey placing eighth in the long jump, and Stephanie Vosburg (seventh) in the discus.

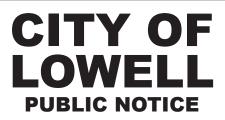
The girls relay teams

of Ashley Burks, Michelle Starkey, Danielle Starkey, and Stephanie Vosburg placed fourth in the 4 x 200 meter event, and the 4 x 800 meter relay team of Ashley Burks, Michelle Starkey, Danielle Starkey, and Stephanie Vosburg took fifth place.

Overall, the boys team placed third with a score of 77, just missing second place by two points, and the girls team took fourth with a score of 72.







The Lowell City Council, sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider the following variance request:

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1324 Laurie Gail Drive - Nancy Fansher wishes to construct a porch to the front of her home located at 1324 Laurie Gail Drive. The proposed porch would be 25 feet away from the front lot line. Within the R-2 District, there must be a 30 foot front yard setback, thus a variance was requested.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

obituaries

P-GEIGER

Charlene Bertha Geiger, age 86, of Lowell, formerly of Detroit, passed

away Thursday, May 10, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband. Verne: parents, Doris and Stanley Gardner; niece, Kathy Gooze. She is survived by her children, Thomas S. Geiger of Savanna. GA. Marianne (David) Nelson; sister, Mary Lou Gooze; nieces, Karen. Colleen (Ken) Beauvais: grandchildren,

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Derek (Andre) Nelson, Laurie Dehn, Michael Nelson; and great-grandchildren, Brianna, Gabriel, Alayna Dehn, Ella Nelson. Memorial service was held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Joseph Fremer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral arrangements provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI.



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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 12-192108-DE

Estate of ARDIS ADAMS. Date of birth: 06/29/1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE то **CREDITORS:** The decedent. Ardis Adams, who lived at 3749 Causeway **Dr.**. Lowell, Michigan, died 04/22/2012.

Creditors of the **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 12-192107-DE

Estate of JUNE M. 02/09/1936.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE то **CREDITORS:** The decedent. June Μ. DuPuis, died 05/07/2012.

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

THOMPSON

Ethel E. Thompson, age 100, born January 1, 1912 in Chicago, IL, passed away Friday, May 11, 2012 in Lowell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph A. Thompson; mother, Rose (Enzenbacher) Geck; father, Emil Geck; brothers, Edward and Andrew Geck. Ethel resided in Traverse City where she moved from about seven years ago into Laurels of Kent due to a medical condition. There will be a graveside service held Wednesday (call funeral home for time 616-897-7101) at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chicago. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Funeral services provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI.



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> **CITY OF** OWE PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the City of Lowell City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting on June 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331, to consider the following request:

Request for Zoning Ordinance variance by Lowell Area Historical Museum pertaining to a parcel of land commonly known as 325 W. Main Street, Lowell, MI, property identification number 41-20-02-401-003. The applicant seeks a variance of the terms of Section 20.07, B, pertaining to the duration in which special event signs are permitted to be displayed to coincide with a scheduled commemorative exhibit at the museum.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.



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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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for sale

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4th ANNUAL VENDORS EXPO-Sat. May 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave., Lowell.

BENEFITTEA-fortheAlton Historic Church repair fund! "Remember the Titanic! 100 Years Later" May 19, 2 p.m. For details call 616-745-0976 or e-mail: altonchurch museum@yahoo.com

JOIN OUR TEAM of Farm Market Vendors for the 2012 Lowell Area Farmers' Market beginning June 7. Call Market Master Dave and Betty Deans for more information at 897-9186 or www. discoverlowell.org

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- Accepting applications for PT positions in Lowell after 3 p.m. Drug screen & FBI fingerprinting required at no cost to you. Must be at least 18, have your own car & have a clean criminal background. Please apply online at www.grbsinc. com

GRAND CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP - has open-ings for two positions. Express Lane Advisor - full time employment paying \$24-26,000 depending on experience. The second position is a tech, \$8-9.50 an hour, full time employment. Apply in person Grand Chrysler, 930 W. Main, Lowell. Ask for Don Lown.

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Have cash. 989-584-6818.

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FLEA MARKET FRENZY / GARAGE SALE GALORE / MOVING SALE MANIA Ten country neighbors getting together in one location to offer you the best sale items ever. Inside and outside shopping. Teasures for all ages. Corner of Vergennes & Lincoln Lake (2 miles north of Lowell). May 17, 1 to 6 p.m.; May 18, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; & May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HUGE BARN SALE - May 18 & 19 at **Bluegrass Festival**, Lowell fairgrounds.

LIL' RED BARN SALE - It's our Spring Fling!!! We've chosen a wonderful collection of antiques, shabby chic items and fun things to decorate your home and garden. Come and choose your favorite today. Thurs., May 17, 9-6, Fri., May 18, 9-3. 12795 Burroughs NE, 2 miles north of Lowell, off Lincoln Lake Rd.

GARAGE SALE - May 16-19. Washer, dryer, unicycle, bicycles, dining tables, shot guns, precision tools, Kennedy tool boxes, window air conditioner, & much more. 5914 Potters Rd., Saranac.

YARD SALE - 2335 Segwun, Fri., 5/18 & Sat., 5/19, 9 to 5. Leather recliner, Christmas decorations, pictures, violin, ice cream chairs & buffet.

CALVARY CHURCH GA-RAGE SALE TIME! - Thurs. & Fri., May 17 & 18. (Across from Burger King). Get a load of good clean stuff at bargain prices. Clothes, plants, games and tools. From kids to Grandpa's. Come - Get it!

MULTI-FAMILY NEIGH-BORHOOD GARAGE SALES - May 17 & 18, 8-3 p.m. & May 19, 8-12 p.m. Deerhaven Park Drive, Lowell (SE of Lowell just past the corner of Ware & Conklin). Clothes: newborn to adult (including maternity), toys (including Thomas the Train tracks, trains & bridges, tool bench, kitchen & dishes, etc.), household items stroller double bike trailer, Mary Kay, & tons of miscellaneous items. Something for everyone & PRICED TO SELL. PHOTOGRAPHY SALE going out of business. Many props: white wicker furniture, children's fire engine, sailboat/rowboat, 2 small children's table & chair sets, toy box, wagon, park bench, stools, apple crates, etc.; lights: calumet 750 travelites with umbrellas, large light box; several backdrops, tripod & misc. items too numerous to list: household items for sale also.1307 Sargent Ave., SE, Ada, Thurs., May 17 & Fri., May 18, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sat., May 19, 9 a.m. - noon. No prior sales.

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GARAGE SALE - kitchen, home, decorative, arts & crafts, some furniture. Sat. & Sun., May 19-20, 9-4 p.m. 11600 Lally NE, Lowell.

FOR SALE - lots of rocks & minerals. May 18 & 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the old Potter's Pebble Palace, 4073 Segwun. -

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TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & AC-COUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.TEN

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POTTED TREES - Colorado blue spruce. Call 616-868-7243.

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BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER - City parking lot, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 20, \$7 per person. Sponsored by the Lowell Moose Lodge.

for rent

FOR RENT - Pole barn, 40x60, north of Lowell. Info, Peggy, 897-5807.

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YARD SALE - Fri., May 18, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Furniture, art, books, clothes, misc. Everything will go! 10775 Foreman, Lowell.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES - 16-18" homemade outfits, \$10 & under. Come to "Jones Farm Market" Sat., May 19, from 9 to 3 or call for private showing. 616-642-6097.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Fri., May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11770 Kayden Lane SE, near Lowell High School. Books, girls & boys clothes, electronics, chairs, oil lamps, antique glassware & much more.

MOVING SALE - 9 to 5, Sat. May 19, household items, craft, tools, 9250 Bryndale Way. (East off McCabe).

18-YEAR-OLD - female seeking babysitting job. 987-4217 or 616-514-0582.

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Red Arrow PORTS



Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Mattie Newman Team: Track Grade: Junior

Matt Kyllonen Team: Track

Grade: Senior

Mattie Newman

How long have you been running track?

I have been throwing for track and field for five years this year, which includes my middle school years.

I have thrown every year in high school. She is the number one thrower for the girls' varsity team.

What other sports do you play?

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I used to play softball, which I had played for six years, but now I am focused solely on track and field.

What is your favorite sport?

My favorite sport has to be track and field due to my participation, as well as the range of events that are offered.



Have you received any awards?

I have received all-conference honors in track and field for my ninth and tenth grades years, [being] the conference champion my freshman year in shot put. My tenth grade year, I placed second in shot put and sixth in discus. I have gone to regionals both years and last year placed eighth in shot put. This year looks to be promising and I hope to throw well this Thursday, May 10, at the 2011-2012 conferences hosted at Lowell High School.

Have you broken any records?

I am on my way to breaking the shot put record and aspire to before I graduate next year. With the addition of

Do you have any siblings? I have a sister who graduated from LHS last year named Kyleigh Newman.

What do you like to do for fun?

One of my biggest hobbies is marching band and I love to play my instrument. However, being a drum major for my band has made it an even more exciting experience. I also love to read and write, as well as doing basically anything with my friends.

What was your personal best during any sport?

My personal records include those in shot put and a recently set record of 95' in discus that was set last Thursday.

Do you plan on playing any sport in college?

If I were to play a sport in college, it would certainly be track and field where I would solely throw. However, considering that I am unsure of my major and future school, I am uncertain of whether or not I will play in college.

Do you plan on attending college?

I do plan on attending college. However, I am very unsure of where. I have thought about the University of Michigan as well as Purdue or even Duke, but until I have sorted out a major of study, my decision is up in the air.

Matt Kyllonen

How long have you been running track?

I have participated in track since seventh grade, so I've been running for quite some time. I have ran in various events throughout the years, mostly sprints. Recently, I have added the high jump and the long jump.

What other sports do you play?

I played soccer all four years of high school and have been playing my whole life.

> What is your favorite sport? My all time favorite sport is soccer.

Have you received any awards?

I received the honors of all-conference in soccer my sophomore, junior and senior year. I also received all-district those three years as well. This year, I achieved second team all-state honors. Last year in track, I got all-conference and

Do you have any siblings?

I have two brothers. Drew graduated in 2008 and attends MSU and Devin graduated from Lowell in 2006 and currently lives in Seattle, WA.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to kick back and chill with the boys, longboarding, hiking, and disc golf. Anything outside I'll enjoy.

What was your personal best during any sport?

My personal records in track include a 51 second 400, 21' long jump, 6'1" high jump, and 23 second 200m run. In soccer this year, I came just shy of the school record for goals as well. I think I had just under 30.

Do you plan on playing any sport in college?

I had the opportunity to play in college at some smaller local universities, but opted out of that. I really just want to focus on getting my degree and that next level of education. The sports part of it just wasn't there for me because my heart wasn't really into it anymore.

Do you plan on attending college?

I am planning on attending GRCC for my first two years to save some dough and then hopefully move out west to continue my journey and education.



Nick Natale to our track team's coaching staff as a throwing coach (he is a four-time all-American thrower from GVSU), I feel like I can and will, break this record. I have made it onto the leader board in the running for the record and am currently two places away.

am planning on receiving the same award this Thursday at the conference meet at Lowell.

Have you broken any records?

Not yet. The records I thought I could break were pretty set in stone, but I had the 400 and long jump in my sights for the taking.



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MAY 9 - MAY 15

- A black bear was sighted in Greenville and now there has been one videotaped in Lowell stealing a bird feeder. Residents wonder if it could be the same bear.
- Russia is saying that their agents have foiled terror attack plans on the Black Sea resort of Sochi, host of the 2014 Winter Olympics. Georgian authorities, however, called the accusations "paranoid" and "hard to believe."
- The town of Crown King, AZ has been evacuated due to several wildfires that continue to burn and cover the Phoenix area with smoke.
- A law professor at Columbia University and five students spent over five years researching to discover that a man executed in 1989 was innocent. Carlos DeLuna, 27, was executed based only on an eyewitness account, despite a range of signs that he was not guilty.
- A man in Idaho was bitten by a rattlesnake in the gardening aisle of a Wal-Mart. After being sent to the emergency room and treated with six bags of anti-venom he was told his hand could be permanently disfigured.
- A blood drive is being held for the 24-year-old student fighting a flesh-eating bacteria. She is in critical condition after falling while zip-lining over a river and bacteria took hold in a cut she suffered. Her left leg has been amputated and it's possible her fingers will also be removed.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL QUESTION www.thelowellledger.com

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Go online and VOTE

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

With the several players are filing concussion lawsuits against the NFL. Do you think they have a case?

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