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Cherry Creek Elementary vandalized

by Karen Jack

Vandals made their mark at Cherry Creek Elementary sometime between June 21 and June 25, using spray paint for most of the vandalism.

The damage was concentrated in one part of the building and seemed to be directed at one staff member, according to detective Scot VanSolkema of the Lowell Police Department. When asked why it took so long to let the public know about it, he said they believed students were involved and they were hoping someone would hear something or the perpetrators would brag to their friends and someone would report it to the police.

Vulgar language and hateful spews against the staff member were used in the damage, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage. The damage was extensive enough that most of it can't be cleaned

or repainted. Four netbook computers also came up missing. According to VanSolkema, the vandalism and theft are felony charges, among other possible charges that may be brought against the perpetrators.

If anyone has any information about the crime, they're asked to contact either the Lowell Police De-

partment at (616)897-7123 or give information anonymously to Silent Observer at (616)774-2345.

Publisher's note: Most of the graffiti was not appropriate for print



Annual Riverwalk Festival begins Thursday

The annual Lowell Riverwalk Festival will run July 12-14. The festivities

Concert will feature The Bronk Brothers (rockin' hillbilly). With over a de-

ing for Kenny Chesney in the national Next Big Star Contest.



The evening of Friday, July 13, will bring more activities and entertainment. Beginning at 6 pm, take a historic pontoon tour on the Flat River or find something special at the River Valley Credit Union Arts & Crafts and Re-found Treasures sale, find a book at the Englehardt

begin on Thursday with old-fashioned Bingo presented by the Lowell Moose, local food vendors and the Showboat cash bar. On stage, 7 to 9 pm, the Thursday night Sizzlin' Summer

cade of live performances, the act has shared the stage with more than 75 national touring country artists. In 2008, the brother duo, who describes their live show as a "rockin' hillbilly extravaganza," earned a slot open-

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. Play some Bingo and come hungry for a wide range of food at the

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Band member collapses at Lowell concert series

by Karen Jack

In sweltering heat, the band Magic Bus performed at the Lowell Sizzlin' Summer concert last Thursday, rockin' tunes from the Woodstock era. Unfortunately, one of their band members, Steve Richards, collapsed on stage during their performance.

Medical personnel from the audience immediately jumped into action and began giving medical assistance, as well as the Lowell Fire Department, until paramedics from Rockford Ambulance arrived on scene, who were able to get him stable enough to transport for more definitive care at the hospital.

Currently, he's in the ICU, but his band members and family are thankful for all the help he received from members of the audience, the Lowell Fire Department and the paramedics.

"To all the people in Lowell, thank you all for your help, thoughts and prayers. You are truly an awesome community and we consider all of you our friends and extended family," the band wrote on their Facebook page.

"We want to thank all of you for your outpouring of love and concerns about Steve; we love you," the band added. "Steve is always on our minds, so it is very hard to perform on stage without Steve. Steve is currently in

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Festival, continued

Grilling and Chilling area on Avery Street and listen to street entertainers.

The concert stage at 7 pm features Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys, combining country and rock, Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys provide a unique style that sparks every emotion. These six young men may be finding their way in the world, but they have truly mastered the formula of simply awesome rock and roll. Leave your worries at home and get ready to dirty up your boots! Stop in at the cash bar on the Lowell Showboat for a cocktail. Festivities conclude for the evening at 9 pm.

The festival continues on Saturday, July 14, with the all new Riverwalk Cruise-in! Cars begin registration at 8 am at the new location on Avery Street in downtown historic Lowell. Awards will be presented at 2 pm on the concert stage.

Arts and crafts, the used books sale, street entertainers, Blue Star Memorial dedication and food booths open at 10 am. Compete in the Bill and Paul's Kayak and Canoe Race at 10 am or enjoy kayak fun on the Flat River following the race. Bring your kids to the Pink Arrow/Arctic Heating and Cooling Kidz Zone to play for \$2 each.

Line up along Main Street at 12 pm for the Motorcycle Poker Run/Poker Fun "Rumble the Riverwalk" as they escort the FROM the Heart "Food Fight" parade benefiting Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). The North Lowell vs. South Lowell "Food Fight" is a friendly community-wide competition between businesses and residents to collect the most non-perishable food items and financial contributions. Parade spectators are encouraged to give from

their hearts. Bring your nonperishable food items to the parade and watch for the clowns to donate your food items. Don't forget to put them in the right barrels: North or South!

Historic pontoon rides run 1 to 4 pm, Grilling and Chilling continues until 4 pm as well. The announcement of the Food Fight winner will take place in the afternoon on the concert stage.

Beginning at 1 pm, the concert stage will feature the Sea Cruisers. For over twenty years the Sea Cruisers have been making waves with fans of all ages everywhere they go. Playing the music of the 50s, 60s and 70s, they are sure to bring a smile to your face. They perform the great rock and roll of artists like Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Carl Perkins, Elvis, Dion and the Beatles, to name a few. Over

the years this talented four piece band has worked with performers such as The Association, Chubby Checker, Pete Wittig and Tommy James and the Shondells.

Other daytime activities in the city of Lowell include Laurels of Kent Pet Parade on N. Center Street. Enter your pet and bring smiles to the resident's faces! Registration begins at 1:30 pm, parade at 2 pm.

As the day winds down, take a trip over to the Grand River boat launch for announcement of the Poker Run/Poker Fun winner and the \$1,500 State Farm Duck Race at 5 pm. The finish line is at the boat launch on the south end of the Lowell fairgrounds. Adopt a duck for \$2, 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10. The first duck into the entrapment device will receive \$1000 and the following five ducks to finish the race will receive \$100 each. You can

purchase your duck tickets at designated locations in Lowell and at the information book on the Riverwalk Plaza during the festival.

To wrap up the Riverwalk Festival, the grand finale is the Laurels of Kent fireworks display. Make your way to Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road or the Lowell fairgrounds where you can get a spectacular view of the fireworks starting at 10:15 pm sharp.

Highlights:

July 12, 13 and 14: Moose Bingo in the arts and crafts area, downtown on the Flat River.

July 12: Sizzlin' Summer Concert series featuring The Bronk Brothers, 7 to 9 pm, downtown on the Flat River and Showboat cash bar.

July 13: Showboat cash bar 6 to 9 pm and concert stage featuring "Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys,"

7 to 9 pm, downtown on the Flat River.

July 14: All new Riverwalk Cruise-in, 8 am on Avery Street; Blue Star Memorial dedication downtown on Main Street; Poker Run/Poker Fun registration, 10:30 am at the Lowell fairgrounds; Motorcycle Rumble the Riverwalk and FROM the Heart "Food Fight" parade along historic Main Street, 12 pm; Showboat cash bar, 12 to 4 pm; concert stage featuring "Sea Cruisers," 1 to 4 pm, downtown on the Flat River; Laurels of Kent Pet Parade, 2 pm at 305 Center Street; \$1500 State Farm Duck Race on the Grand River, 5 pm; and The Laurels of Kent Fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park and the Lowell fairgrounds, 10:15 pm sharp.

Lowell Showboat Garden Club dedicates a Blue Star memorial on Main Street

During WWI in 1917, as part of a home front effort, families with men in the service hung a simple blue star on a small white flag in their windows to commemorate his service. The practice was continued again during WWII and for those families who lost a loved one, a gold star was

provided. The American Legion headed that WWII effort. The legion has once again stepped up during the conflicts we've had since 9-11 and has provided flags for families for both men and women who are serving.

Thursday, July 12, marks the arrival of River-

walk 2012 and as part of those activities, there will be a dedication of Lowell Showboat Garden Club's Blue Star memorial. The dedication takes place on Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the entrance to the Riverwalk and directly across Main Street from the Lowell's Veterans' memo-

rial. The Lowell dedication is one of six happening in Michigan this summer.

This brief program will include remarks by Lowell Afghanistan army veteran, Lt. Colonel Dean DeGrote, an American Legion-VFW Honor Guard, bagpipe band and brief comments by president of the Michi-

gan Garden Clubs and the state chair for the Blue Star Memorial project. At the unveiling, the plaque will be presented, by president of the garden club Betty Deans and Dave Thompson, the club's Blue Star chair; to the mayor of Lowell, Jim Hodges. Also participating in the event will be a traditional 21 gun salute and TAPS at the con-

clusion of the ceremony. The event is open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend this "Salute to All Veterans." The program will conclude in plenty of time to check out some of the Riverwalk activities and still find a favorite spot to watch the parade which steps off at noon from North Broadway.



along main street

USED BOOK SALE

Fri., July 13, 6 to 9 pm and Sat., July 14, 10 am to 4 pm under the striped tent at Riverwalk Plaza. Books for all ages and interests. Sponsored by the Friends of Englehardt Library. Proceeds to support library programming. Want to shop early? Come to the pre-sale at 5 pm on Friday and become a Friend for \$10. This is just one of the "perks" of membership.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

All Lowell High School graduates are invited to the annual Lowell High School All Alumni Gathering to be held on Sat., July 14, from 9 am to 11:30 am for brunch at Keiser's Kitchen. For information, e-mail: lowellalumni@gmail.com

CIVIL WAR ERA YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present another hands-on children's workshop, Thurs., July 19, from 9 am - 2 pm. Join us at Fallasburg Park Village (old schoolhouse) with Civil War re-enactor Bruce Butgereit. This youth workshop is designed for children ages 8 to 14. Call 897-7688 to register.

FELTING CLASS AT LOWELLARTS!

Artist Cindy Allen will teach a felting class at Lowell Arts!, 149 S. Hudson, Tues., July 24, from 6 to 8 pm. You will learn to wet felt fabric from fiber. After brief instruction, the class will be primarily hands-on. For more information, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

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Food fight parade to determine winner - again?

submitted by Rick Seese

"Here we go again," said Kraig Haybarker, FROM board member. "What a great Lowell summer tradition."

"We didn't think it could get any closer than last year," said Dave Emmette, FROM board member. "But it looks like it could."

Of course, Haybarker and Emmette are referring to the Flat River Outreach Ministries' (FROM) annual Food Fight, between North Lowell and South Lowell, to collect the most nonperishable food items for the FROM Food Pantry. The rivalry pits every-

one living or working on the north side of Main Street/Fulton Street against everyone on the south side. Now in its fourth year, the Food Fight has been won by the North Lowell team two of the previous three years. Last year was a most spectacular victory by the North team. "I remember it well," said Haybarker. "South Lowell had a sizable lead going into the parade, but the North team brought more food to the parade and ended up winning by 29 items."

The Flat River Outreach Ministries' Food Pantry has benefited greatly over the previous three events by collecting nearly 60,000 food items or dollars to help those in need in the greater Lowell area. "FROM is definitely the real winner of the event," said Roger LaWarre, FROM

board member. "We appreciate the Lowell community and their huge hearts. There is not a more giving community than Lowell."

"The parade is somewhat like the two-minute warning of a football game," said Kurt Lardie, FROM board member. "And it's all coming down to which team brings the most food to the parade."

The parade route will once again be lined with big red North team Food Fight barrels on the north side of the street and big white South team barrels on the south side. Spectators are encouraged to bring non-

"Each year the amount of food and dollars has increased," said Haybarker. "And this year has been no exception." The 2011 event garnered 32,327 food items or dollars. With a week to go, each team has already exceeded 16,000 in collections.

"I believe we're looking at another wild finish at the parade," said Lardie. "This is better than any football game. It's fun, exciting, community involved and best of all, it helps us help those in need." "Everything stays in Lowell to help the Lowell community," said Ann Dimmick,

Final Food Fight Facts

- All barrels, buckets and food will be picked up on Thursday and Friday, July 12 and 13, from all area food collectors. After containers are picked up, any food donations can be brought to the FROM Thrift Shop by 5 pm, Friday, July 13 or brought to the parade and deposited in the North (red) or South (white) Food Fight barrels along the parade route. The parade begins at noon this Saturday, July 14.
- All on-line donations at www.fromlowell.org must be completed by 4 pm, Thursday, July 12, to be counted in the competi-



tion. Each dollar donated equals one food item toward your team of choice.

- Arrangements for other monetary donations can be made by calling the Food Fight Hotline at 421-0029 by 5 pm, this Friday, July 13.

perishable food items to the parade and gently deposit them in the team barrels of their choice. Immediately following the parade, the barrels will be picked up and transported to FROM for the final count and the winning team will be announced during the Riverwalk Plaza concert featuring the Sea Cruisers, between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, Saturday afternoon. The parade begins at noon.

FROM board chair. "We are so grateful for the support our community gives us, year after year."

For the latest Food Fight score, visit www.fromlowell.org or discover-

lowell.org Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. seeks to meet the needs of people in the Greater Lowell Area in their time of hardship.

The Magic Bus rock band delivers a tribute to Woodstock hippie era



Even with the heat of the evening climbing up to three digit temperatures, the much awaited band played, the good old rock and roll music that many grew up with, on the Riverwalk stage last Thursday. Those were the tunes from the 60s and the 70s.

The Sizzlin' Summer concert series continues with the Bronk Brothers, rockin' hillbilly music, scheduled for this Thursday. Parking and admission to the concerts are always free.

Band member, continued

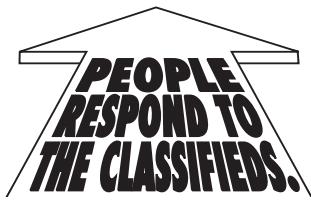
a hospital in Grand Rapids receiving excellent care; his condition has improved, however the immediate healing and care process is an hour-by-hour and day-by-day medical treatment

and assessment. We aren't going to share every detail, but we certainly will share with you all of the major improvements and we want to thank all of you for the love you have shared."

If you'd like to give them support and follow his progress, you can find their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/magicbusband>

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

A lineup of investment moves worth considering

This week, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game is scheduled to be played in Kansas City. Whether you're rooting for the American or National League, you'll no doubt admire the ability and athleticism exhibited by these tremendous ballplayers. Of course, any all-star team is made up of players who bring different talents to the game. And this same approach — of combining a collection of skills toward one common effort — can be found in other endeavors, one of which is investing.

Here, then, is one possible lineup of investment moves to consider:

- **Diversify.** All investments have both benefits and risks. As an investor, your goal is to help maximize the benefits and minimize the risks — and one of the best ways to do this is by diversifying your money across a range of assets. Diversifying can help you reduce the impact of market volatility that might affect your portfolio if all your money was tied up in one particular asset class, and that asset went through a "down" period. Keep in mind, though, that diver-

sification, by itself, cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- **Rebalance.** Even without your taking significant actions, your portfolio can evolve in ways that may not be to your liking. For example, if some of your more aggressive investments appreciate greatly, they may eventually constitute a larger percentage of your holdings than you had planned — and in doing so, elevate your overall risk level. To prevent this from happening, you should meet with your financial advisor periodically to "rebalance" your portfolio.

- **Seek quality.** Many people latch onto "hot" investments, only to be disappointed when they "cool off." Instead seek quality vehicles — the ones that generally lose the least ground when the market is down and recover more quickly when the market rallies. When you invest in stocks, for instance, look for those companies that have strong management teams, competitive products and good business models. When you purchase bonds, look for those with high ratings from the

independent rating agencies.

- **Stay invested.** It's tempting to "take a breather" from investing when the financial markets are volatile. But if you stay on the investment sidelines, you may miss out on the beginning of the next market rally. If you've built a diversified portfolio of quality vehicles, it may be easier to stay invested.

- **Know your risk tolerance.** If you find yourself constantly fretting about the market's ups and downs, to the extent that your worries are affecting the quality of your life, you may have a portfolio that's unsuited to your risk tolerance. Conversely, if you're dissatisfied with the growth of your investments, you may be investing too cautiously, which could be a concern when you're striving to reach long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Ultimately, there's no one "right" way for everyone to invest, but you do need to match your portfolio's composition with your individual risk tolerance and time horizon.

Your financial advisor can help you find the "lineup" of investment moves that is right for you. Put it to work soon.

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To the Editor,

I thought I knew about the Pink Arrow Pride, but I didn't. They are so much more than I had thought.

Last month my daughter approached me about a granddaughter's friend that had just been diagnosed with bone cancer. She said that the family needed help. I called my friend about what I could do and she told me to call Pink Arrow's Teresa Beachum right away and let her know about this teen with cancer. I called Teresa and she told me that Pink Arrow was already on it. They had received a call from the school just before summer break. She and I talked about the family situation at length and the things that had already been done.

This family had moved to Lowell about a year ago and really did not know this community at all. Now the mother feels that God led her here to Lowell just for this purpose. Teresa Beachum got this family help from FROM, help with their transportation and help from Gilda's Club.

Pink Arrow does help financially, as I knew, but they are so much more. Pink Arrow is about the Lowell community helping each other in a time of need. It is about easing the burden families have in a time of a cancer crisis. It is all

about the family having a community standing behind them, doing the leg work to help in a time of need.

What can you do to help? Remember the Pink Arrow Pride that Noel Dean started with the Lowell football team. Pay it forward as someday it could be someone close to you that needs that extra help and community caring.

Beverly Hall
Lowell

yellow yard signs

Dear Editor,

We have been seeing all of these yellow signs in Lowell yards saying, "We support the workers of Lowell Light and Power and the City of Lowell." At first glance, I said, "Yes, of course I support them!" But what is the real story?

I called city hall and asked who put them up and what they signified. On both questions, I was told that the city has nothing to do with the signs and they have no knowledge of who put them up or who I could contact to ask about them. I was told that the city of Lowell has 40 employees.

When I called Lowell Light and Power, I was again told that the signs have nothing to do with them. I asked if this had something to do with a union and was told that it probably was. Again, they had no knowledge of anyone that I could call to ask about the signs or to get to a specific person who put the signs up. I was told that Lowell Light and Power has 14 employees and three of these employees are in the union.

I am not against unions - in fact, I belonged to a nursing union before retirement. However, I am against what seems to be a lack of transparency in the present yellow sign campaign.

I need someone to explain the true meaning of these signs, who they represent and what they are trying to achieve.

Diane LaWarre

Dear Editor,

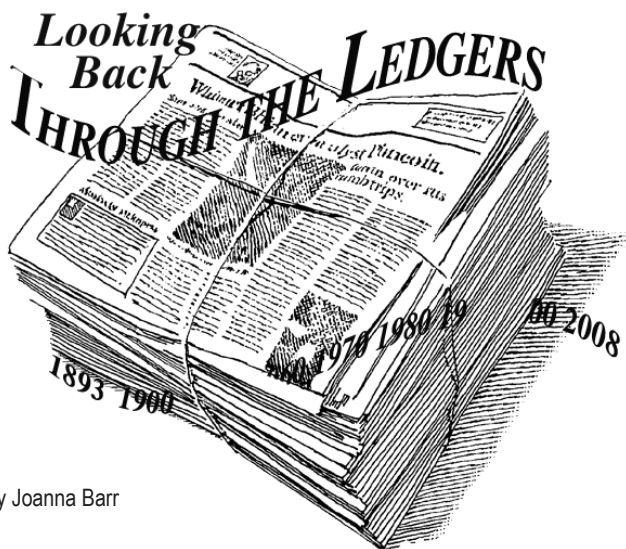
I have been blessed to have worked in this community as a server in a local family restaurant for a long time. I have met many wonderful families during this time and now your children are bringing in their children.

I understand the changing times, but would like to suggest that when you come in to dine with family or friends, please do just that! Dine, converse, laugh and listen to your company. In my opinion, cell phone calls and texting while dining with others is just plain rude. It can't be that difficult to put the electronics away for an hour and actually connect "live" with your company!

That being said, if you cannot break away from the phone, please give me 30 seconds to take your order. I actually asked a gentleman if he'd like to text me his order. That got his attention!

Thank you for your consideration, of my business and of others!

Sincerely,
Deb Apol



By Joanna Barr

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 11, 1912

Headline: Car Overturned - Nine passengers injured in wreck near Lowell. Pere Marquette passenger train No 31, due at Lowell at 10.45 a.m. on its way from Saginaw to Grand Rapids, was wrecked near Fox's Corners, about one and one-half miles north of this village Tuesday and nine people injured, though most of the injuries were slight. The wreck was caused by spreading of the rails, the parlor car being turned over into the ditch and badly broken and the ladies' coach and smoker, or combination car, derailed but not much damaged. Among the passengers were three physicians, who assisted the local doctors in caring for the injured. The sufferers were brought to town in the undamaged coaches. A wrecker was sent up from Grand Rapids during the afternoon to repair and clear up the track. Fred Lyman of Saginaw, who was in the smoker at the time of the accident states that the train was running at a good speed and that just before the cars left the track the passengers could feel the rails spreading beneath them and immediately afterward the rear car was hurled into the ditch. The train was well filled and at the time the accident occurred was running on time.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo July 15, 1937

Old timers may recall that 30 years ago this month Main street lost one of its early landmarks by fire. The property was known as the "wooden row" and stood at a point near where the Lowell Granite plant now stands. The building was built in 1846 by an Indian Chief Cobmoosa on the ground where Oakwood cemetery now is and was drawn to the village on December 7 of the same year by eight pairs of oxen. Daniel Marsac kept store in it for two years, J. S. Hooker for one year and after that it was used for various purposes, such as saloon, shooting gallery, etc. It was also the first home of the Lowell Ledger.

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off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

Work ethic: noun. A belief in work as a moral good. First use: in 1951.

That definition, taken straight out of Webster's Dictionary, helps me to understand, in very few words, several problems that I frequently encounter in my everyday office and home life.

Work ethic, or more to the point, the lack of it, is a sad, recurring factor in our day-to-day lives. Don't get me wrong. It's not that it doesn't exist, it's just that it seems to be disappearing.

For instance, you hire a guy to mow your lawn and not only does it take him an inordinately long time to do it but you find when he's "done" that there are patches of grass decidedly "undone."

When confronted, the responses include the same ones that I hear constantly when it comes to, what I feel, is a poor work ethic. They include: "doing a better job will cost you more," "I'm really busy today," "I can come back and do it again later." Or my personal favorite, blaming the equipment, "If I had a better mower (computer, car, whatever) I could do a better job."

Now I'm fond of using the old adage "A poor craftsman blames his tools," and this holds true even if the tool you are using is your own brain.

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Letters To The Editor:

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weddings

Summers/Essich



Heather and Daniel Summers

Heather Essich and Daniel Summers became husband and wife on June 23, 2012, at the Ada Christian Reformed Church in Ada. The reception was held at the Hilton in Grand Rapids.

Heather is the daughter of Mark and Bonnie Essich of Lowell. Daniel is the son of Garrett and Marie Summers of Buchanan. The couple resides in Grand Rapids.

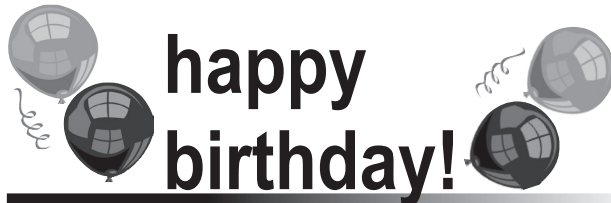
Severts/Wernet

The ceremony which united in marriage Shelly Wernet and Cody Severts was performed at St. Patrick's Church on July 7, 2012. Parents of the couple are Tim and Sue Wernet, of Lowell and Darell and Karen Severts, of Grygla, MN.

Made of honor was Katie Foley. Bridesmaids were Kelly Foote, Marie Pihlaja, Patricia Haywood, Emily Wernet and Tara Severts. Flower girls were Addison and Brianna Severts.

Best man was Mark Severts. Groomsmen were Jake Schenkey, Ricky Larson, Brandon Johnson, Nick Harris and Alan Ness. Ushers were Andrew Larson, Patrick Kelderhouse, Bob Wernet and Dan Wernet. Ring bearers were Jax Nelson and Bentley Foley.

The couple resides in Coolidge, AZ.



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Dina DeCator, Jodi Hutchinson, Savannah Rice.

JULY 14

Ernestine Bundy, Katie Stouffer, Richard Ellison, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany Kaczanowski.

JULY 12

Cole Burdette, Samantha Bellah, Jill Taylor, Hayley Fritz, Georgan Watrous.

JULY 15

Mari Stone, Joyce Van-Dyke, Keenan Hacker.

JULY 13

Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Justin Craig, Janet Burns, George Miles, Esther Newell, John Jones, Izzy Tackmann, Sharon Landman.

JULY 16

James Stanley Smith, Caleb Rinard.

JULY 17

Vicki VanDerWarf, Ken Willmarth, Marian Mayou, Tom Karp.

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Friends of the Englehardt Library used book sale

Shop the Friends' Used Book Sale (plus videos, audios and book baskets) under the red-striped tent during the Lowell Riverwalk Festival. Shop early for the best buys. Friday, July 13, 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Anime Program

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business matters



Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Sales Associate of the Month in June.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.



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I wish to thank Judie Eddie, friends from McDonald's & families for the wonderful birthday week.

Love, Velma

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Sexton pens fourth book on stories from Oakwood Cemetery

by Emma Palova

Sexton Don DeJong has re-created the stories of lives of some former Lowell residents who are buried at the Oakwood Cemetery.

In his fourth book, "If These Oaks Could Only Speak," DeJong takes the reader on a historical walk through the cemetery, adding a touch of nostalgia with old and color photographs.

In the introductory part, DeJong used the poem 'The Dash' by Linda Ellis.

DeJong was inspired in his work precisely by lives lived within the dash, which on the monuments separates the date of birth from the date of death.

DeJong's goal was to bring these stories alive, as well as to make people think about their own personal "dash" or the life lived within it.

"There are so many neat stories of people that are buried here," he said. "It's

worth pondering how we did with ours."

DeJong has taken the stories that were published in the Lowell Ledger and arranged them according to the lots in the cemetery by the first addition and by the old part.

"The paper is a rich resource for anyone who wants to go back in time and discover things about their ancestry and community," he said.

From ordinary to extraordinary, the book highlights people like rug weaver Martha Barber, who has woven 1,254 yards of rag carpet during the year 1887.

Agnes Perry, buried in the old part, was the last of the so-called "hello girls." Perry was actually the chief operator for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. She was known as "voice with a smile" and the paper called her a hometown prod-

uct, as she retired after 42 years of service in Lowell.

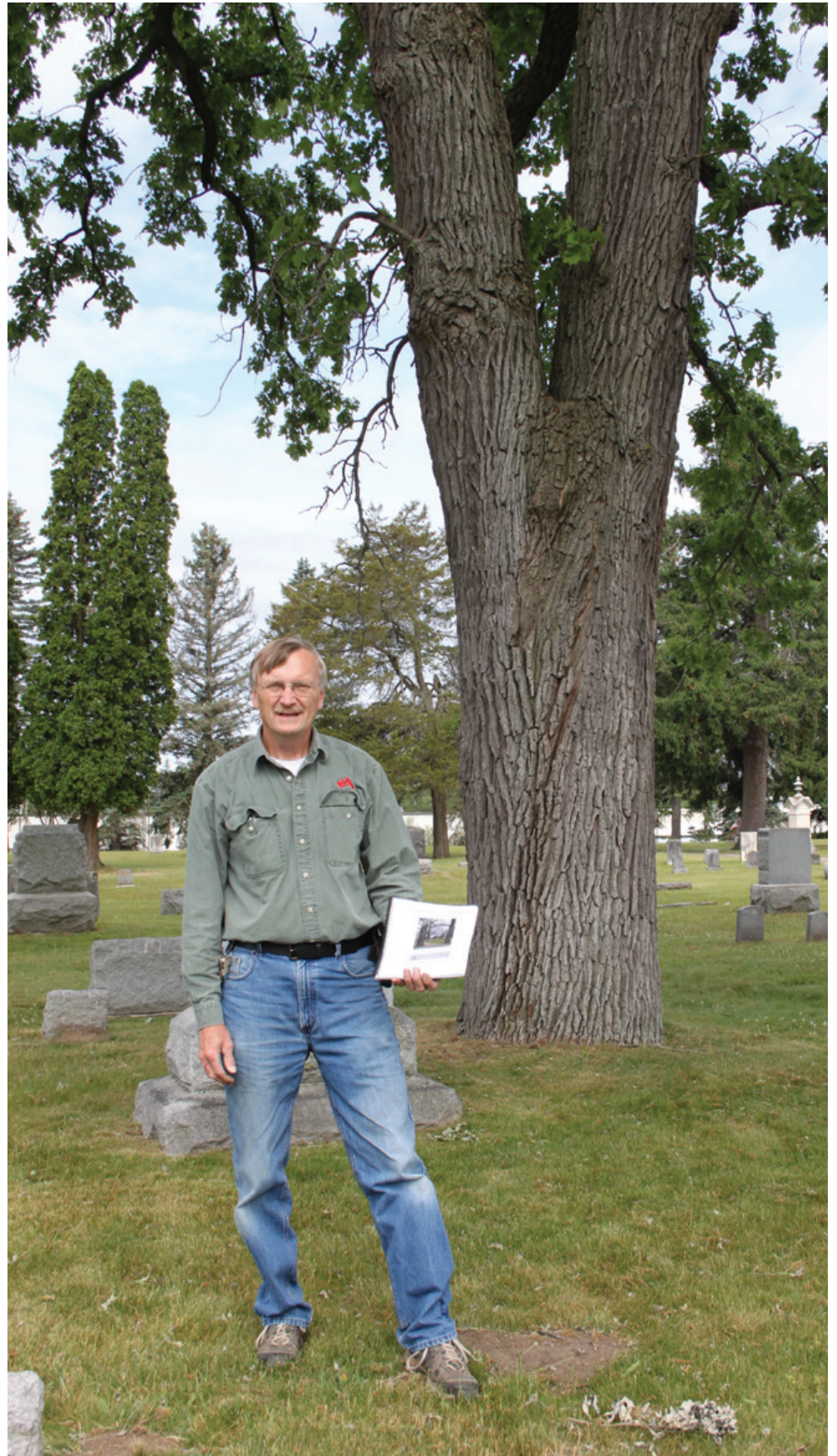
Then there were the "extraordinary," like the Peckhams and the Averys, known for their creative work and their vast involvement in the community.

"I was inspired by them," DeJong said. "My hope is that the years lived within my dash will be well spent."

DeJong recommended the following stories about author Howard Peckham, page 35 and Keith Avery, page 101.

Peckham was the author of books, "Captured by Indians" and "The War for Independence," as well as author of children's books. He was the director of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan.

Among his books are several Revolutionary War histories, accounts of Indian activities and colonial nar-



Don DeJong is the author of four historical walks through the Oakwood Cemetery. His most recent book is "If These Oaks Could Only Talk."



ratives. He served as editor of periodicals, such as Indiana Historical Bulletins and American Heritage.

Peckham died in 1995 and he is buried in the first addition with his wife Dorothy Koth.

The lives of three generations of Averys have been well documented from their settling near Lowell in 1807, page 56.

In the "Trails of a Wanderer: The Keith Avery Story," 1995, Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns writes about the Avery family and the factors that have contributed to the evolution of the prominent photographers Norton and son Keith.

According to a Lowell Ledger article published in July of 1931, Helen Avery was probably Lowell's old-

est resident, who remembered the first train of the Grand Trunk Line coming to Lowell.

Norton was instrumental in the early development of color photography. He is most known for his photo of a wrinkled old transient in the Lansing area.

Keith became a western artist, who continued the family photographic business, Avery Color Studios.

"I am very excited to be able to re-introduce people to these stories," DeJong said. "There are so many rich stories about significant and ordinary people. It is a mixture of everything."

DeJong said the entire community has been impacted by the accomplish-

ments and the fullness of life of the Averys and other characters highlighted in the book.

The first volume of "If These Oaks Could Only Speak" is available at the museum and at the cemetery.

DeJong is also the author of the first three historical walks through the Oakwood Cemetery: Civil War Veterans, The Early Settlers and The Early Businessmen and Civic Leaders.

The first three historical walks have produced over \$1,400 to benefit the museum and to offset the printing costs. More than 380 books have been sold to date.

"It's been fun and honorable," he said.

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A Community Fighting Cancer

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The following is the second in a series of stories that The Lowell Ledger, Buyers Guide and Pink Arrow Pride will highlight by area cancer survivors. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their personal journey as they walk through the many phases of this disease toward health.

Photos by Modern Photographics

Vance M. Dimmick

I have renal cell carcinoma. I've had my right kidney removed and chest opened to take it out of the inferior vena cava and right atrium. Later the cancer progressed to the right femur/hip. So, this meant radiation and hip replacement.

That's the nasty thing about renal cell, it can pop up anywhere. But I don't give in to believing cancer has me. Notice we say 'I have.' I believe that speaks to an inner fighting spirit patients and care givers have within.

One of my favorite caps has on the label, 'one size fits all.' However, with any diagnosis of cancer and its treatment, there is no 'one size fits all.'

And yet... I can only speak from my experience, I know that in conversation with others fighting the battle, there are some common experiences.

Upon hearing the diagnosis, my words were something like, "I figured you were going to say that, now what do we do about it?" I suspect many will have the same reaction,

“ But I don't give in to believing cancer has me. ”

perhaps accompanied with a few choice words not printable here. That is part of the fighting, damn the torpedoes, spirit which is critical to fighting the battle.

For many, me included, a faith that says, "No matter what, God is with us," is the source of power to enable us to fight, to endure the treatments, surgeries, medications, doctors' visits, rehab, and whatever else comes our way.

Family is critical. Spouse, children, grandchildren and the family of a faith community are sources of strength, aid, comfort, and laughter.

I have been especially blessed by my wife Ann who has never left my side and has advocated for me, and our children: Tim, Betsy, Jennifer and Christy and their spouses and our grandchildren. How blessed I am.

Laughter - wow. Where would I/we be without the ability to laugh, to see the humor in the daily flubs of life. To relish the jokes, the stories, the comics, the comedies which keep us laughing and smiling. My

anticancer med makes me cough when I laugh, but I still watch the comedies and listen to the jokes.

And why sit around? Sure, sometimes the treatments/surgeries may

sideline us for a time, but we can still be productive and add to the life of family and community.

An ad says, "A body at rest tends to stay at rest." Well, a body at rest is

slower to heal and leads to a lethargy not only of body, but also of mind and spirit. Yes, the time may come when this disease will take over, but that fighting spirit is a testimony to self and an inspiration to others.

We can't forget Pink Arrow. We who have this disease have been blessed by this marvelous effort and we are grateful. But, wow, what it has done and is doing in this community! Thanks be to God for blessing us with this effort and for the people who are tireless in making it happen.

Finally, as a doctor asked once, "What reason do you have for living?" That's a question for us all and especially for those of us who fight the disease. How we answer that question says volumes about us as individuals and how we wage the battle.

So, fight on - with purpose, with faith, with others, with laughter, and thanks for all who fight with us.



Jennifer Somers

In May of 2011 I had the pleasure of moving to the Lowell community. My two children and I hadn't owned our own home for

seven years, so it was very exciting to have a place to call home and it didn't take long before we realized we couldn't have asked for a

better community to live in.

In August of 2011, just after we were getting things settled, I was diagnosed with Stage two

breast cancer. My two children were about to begin attending brand new schools and going through the process of making new friends. This made me feel very apprehensive about how all of these obstacles were going to be overcome by myself and my kids.

Instead of being reactive, I was as proactive as I could be. I put a call into Cherry Creek Elementary principal Shelli Otten to let her know of the challenges we were facing. I didn't want my son to struggle at his new school while dealing with my health situation. Shelli was wonderful! She was truly concerned and asked me if I was familiar with the Pink Arrow Pride. I wasn't familiar with the program so she told me a little about it; a few days later I received the registration paperwork in the mail from her.

I couldn't believe that a community could be so supportive of its residents who have the unfortunate experience of battling cancer. It was unlike anything I had ever heard of. The support of Meijer gift cards helped to offset my loss of income while I was on disability and recovering from my initial surgery.

Fortunately, I was able to go back to work after my surgery. I work

in sales so my paycheck depends significantly upon my success with selling. Since I had a day of chemo each week, I lost a day of sales time each week. I also had multiple side effects from the chemo drugs that made it difficult to maintain my normal level of productivity. Once again, at the turn of the new year, I was gifted

could be handed to you in the future.

I owe the community of Lowell more than I can ever repay, my neighbors shoveling my driveway, dropping off cookies, an anonymous gift of money and a lovely card at Christmas time, and just showing their genuine concern for me and my children. I am truly blessed

“ I couldn't believe that a community could be so supportive of its residents who have the unfortunate experience of battling cancer. ”

by the Pink Arrow Fund with Meijer gift cards that helped to keep food on the table during this struggle.

I am happy to report that I completed my last chemo treatment on March 22 and just had my final reconstructive surgery in May. My prognosis is very positive and I have learned so much about life having gone through all of this. I tell all of those around me that each day is a gift. Smile, laugh, LIVE and love. You never know what

to have ended up in this wonderful community.

Please make an effort to support this organization; they had such a positive impact on my life when so much of it was a struggle. Thank you Lowell for being there for my family!



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A Community Fighting Cancer

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Claire Block

Claire's battle with neuroblastoma cancer followed and continue to take place today. These included five initial rounds of chemotherapy, two major surgeries to remove the tumor, multiple bone marrow biopsies, a bone marrow transplant, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, and many visits to the out-patient clinic. All of these procedures have taken place at Helen Devos Children's Hospital right here in Grand Rapids. Many of the treatments were hard on Claire and her body, resulting in an increase of infection.

Claire was diagnosed on December 4th, 2010. She was a normal toddler for the most part with the exception of a few symptoms that her family found a bit concerning. Those symptoms included redness in her arms and legs, very little weight gain and constant sweating even when the surrounding temperature was very comfortable. She was initially admitted to the hospital for high blood pressure, but upon further testing, a softball size tumor was located in her midsection. When not fighting her cancer, Claire would also have to deal with multiple ear infections and pneumonia. But even with all the trials that Claire has had to endure, there were times when she would feel better and return to her normal cheerful self even if that time was short-lived due to her continuing treatment.



Claire continues to fight her battle today and other than a minor setback in December of 2011 when she had a dime-sized portion of tumor removed, she has been living a normal healthy life. The tumor that was removed in December showed evidence that the doctors are in control of the disease and her body is also working to eliminate it naturally which is exactly what her family has hoped for. Her health has been so

good that she was able to take a trip to Disney World as part of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Claire is now one of a few patients in Michigan that is undergoing a trial medication that has shown promising results for other patients around the US. With this new medication Claire has been able to return to an almost completely normal life. She feels great and just by looking at her, it would be

difficult to recognize her as a cancer patient. Her hair has grown back and she runs and plays just as any child would. She will start preschool this fall in Lowell!

The Pink Arrow Pride has been able to help Claire's family in a variety of ways. The support from the community has been a blessing. By offsetting some of the expenses that come with taking care of a cancer patient, Claire's family has been able to focus on her care. Claire and her family were also featured on multiple advertisement boards leading up to last year's Pink Arrow Game, with one of those signs still hanging on the concession stand at the football field. Claire and her family would like to thank the community of Lowell and the Pink Arrow Pride for all of the support that they have shown over the course of her treatment.

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Pink Arrow Pride would like to extend an invite for families, businesses and organizations to participate by purchasing a banner for \$199. You may submit your own text and photo, graphic or logo, or choose from our library of Pink Arrow Pride photos. 126 banners will hang from the 63 light posts starting August 1 through the September 7 game day. When the banners come down, they are yours to keep as a souvenir of your contribution to Pink Arrow Pride.

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Red Arrow youth gymnasts go to nationals

by Karen Jack

The Wisconsin Dells were alive with youth gymnasts from around the country last weekend, five of which were from Lowell. Meghan Plutschow, Lauren DeHaan, Paige DeHaan,

Biemers; while her sister, Paige, competed in honor of another family friend, Alvin Kershner. Brown competed for her grandfather and Battle competed for her Aunt Cheryl. Krajewski would have competed in honor of

The girls competed against gymnasts from all over the country, including California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

“These are the girls we need to watch in the very



Amber Brown, and Joslynn Battle all attended the AAU age group nationals representing the Arrows. Danielle Krajewski was supposed to attend, but suffered an injury rendering her unable to compete.

The girls decided to represent Lowell in Pink Arrow fashion, wearing pink leotards with names of people they wanted to remember or represent. Plutschow competed in honor of her friend Anna Organek. Lauren DeHaan competed in honor of a family friend, Doug

her grandparents.

Plutschow and Lauren DeHaan both earned five medals, winning first and second in all-around in their respective age groups. All-around means they competed in all four events, placing higher than their colleagues. Paige DeHaan earned four medals, placing fourth all-around in her age group. Brown earned two medals, placing highest as eighth on the bars in her age group and Battle earned five medals, placing highest as third on the vault.

near future. Plutschow, L. DeHaan and Krajewski are varsity level gymnasts and P. DeHaan, Brown and Battle are middle school gymnasts working hard to prepare for the high school team. I can't wait for the next few high school seasons to see how they compete with their opponents. They have been working hard and I think their hard work will show in the varsity results,” said Michele DeHaan, director and head coach of the Red Arrow Youth Gymnastics program.

college news

Aubrey Dee of Alto was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed spring 2012 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Courtney Schmidt, sophomore, from Lowell High School, has been named to the 2011/2012 academic honor roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) from Hope College for soccer.

Ryan Durkee of Lowell has been named a recipient of a faculty scholarship to

Grand Valley State University. Durkee, a recent graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Daniel and Janice Durkee.

To be considered for a faculty scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.6 high school grade point average (GPA), a minimum ACT score of 29 and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

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Looking back, continued

The balloon ascension and parachute drop, scheduled for last Saturday evening, was somewhat of a fizzle as such, but probably made up in amusement all that it lacked in spectacular thrills. The balloon had barely succeeded in rising above the tree tops which line the river in Recreation Park, when it began to descend and the parachute jumper leaped from his trapeze landing on a limb of a nearby tree. Relieved of its weight, the balloon ascended for a short distance and then fell to the earth near the old Cutter factory.

C. H. Runciman, Showboat interlocutor, invites contributions of good short jokes for use of the endmen. Jokes must be in dialogue form – anecdotes or stories cannot be used. Free reserved seat ticket if your joke is accepted. Send by mail to C. H. Runciman, Showboat Interlocutor, Lowell, Michigan. Jokes must be mailed just as soon as possible.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 12, 1962

Saturday, July 14, has been set as the date of the annual Lowell Showboat Talent Night this year. Dr. H. R. Mueller, chairman of the event, announced this week.

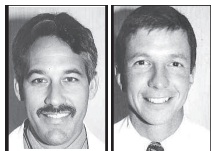
Provision is being made to seat 6,000 spectators at the contest, which will begin promptly at 7 p.m. at the Showboat dock. Amateur entertainers from throughout the state come to Lowell to compete in the event for one of six amateur spots on the Lowell Showboat, scheduled to stream down the river this year from July 23 through July 28. Preliminary auditions for the amateur contest will be held in the afternoon of July 14 at the Runciman Elementary School. Of the total number of acts auditioning, approximately 35 will be selected by the amateur night committee to appear in the evening contest, during which judges from entertainment media will name the winning acts. Each winner is then slated to appear with the professional entertainers before Showboat audiences during one of the six big nights of the world-famed minstrel show. Admission to the amateur contest has been set at 60¢ a person, with all children under 12 admitted free if accompanied by their parents.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger July 15, 1987

Headline: Historic St. Mary's Church is demolished

- the former St. Mary's Church building, located at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Chatham Streets, is just a fond memory now as it was torn down last Wednesday to make way for new plans of the present landowners, Phillip D. Johnson and Lyle Johnson. Some of the lighting fixtures, flooring and windows were preserved and sold to antique dealers. The landmark structure was used for worship until April of 1980 when the people of St. Mary's Church dedicated their new building to the Blessed Virgin. Many precious memories were held of the sanctuary where parishioners had worshipped since 1879, in the recently demolished structure. In June 1879, the date inscribed on the cornerstone which "numbered about 200" was happy to see a fine church building dedicated. The building cost \$3,300.00. Before 1927, St. Mary's was a mission church when Reverend Father Robert Bogg was made pastor at Lowell and that same year the former John Arehart residence was purchased for a rectory. Parishioners and community residents will miss the old structure, but it has been empty for seven years without any concrete plans to repair or use it as it was, so the plan to tear it down before it became an eyesore to make way for progress was probably the best decision.

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If you notice you have a tick attached/bite, promptly remove the tick by using tweezers to grasp the tick near its head and gently pull to remove the entire tick. If possible, place the tick in a container and place it in the freezer. If you become ill the doctor may want to see the tick. Use antibacterial soap and wash thoroughly around the bite area.

You need to see a doctor if you develop a rash, fever, muscle or joint pain, swollen lymph nodes, or flu-like symptoms. The rash appears days to a month

prior to the onset of most of the other symptoms.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It takes approximately 48 hours of a tick feeding to transmit this bacteria. It is easily treated by antibiotics in its early stages.

Off The Cuff, continued

It seems obvious but, don't offer a service that you are incapable of doing and expect to get paid for it.

Seems basic enough. But for whatever reason, quite possibly the fear of not getting or keeping a job or worried that they'll look "stupid," people will agree to do all sorts of things and then not keep their word. This behavior usually results in losing said job or the person continually looking stupid. These types rarely make the connection.

Now I look at the time when the term 'work ethic' was first used and wonder if this gives a clue as to why it came about. 1951.

These were post WWII era folks. There were opportunities for work and if you did well, there were opportunities for advancement. No starting at the top and assuming you were owed a living. I remember my parents, for instance, helping people out on the job and at home... just because. There were no ulterior motives. Of course that kind of be-

havior did pay off in that they were desirable neighbors, friends and employees. But that was not the impetus for these actions. It seems that all too often people get the job and that's where it ends, nothing else required on their part.

Now without question, this issue is twofold. When there is no opportunity for advancement or good work goes unappreciated it can become increasingly difficult to keep banging your head against a wall. But that doesn't address the fact that work ethic by definition is for your own sake, your own "moral good." The other issues, rewards, promotions, more opportunities for work, can all be addressed in a separate forum.

The fact is, at the end of the day, if you put your all into whatever you are trying to accomplish and are earnest in your efforts, a job well done is your reward. And that, is the currency you bring to the bargaining table.

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obituaries

KAUFMAN

Eric Alan Kaufman, age 51 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, July 2, 2012. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Kaufman. He is survived by his mother, Patricia Kaufman; sister, Gretchen (Ed) Kuklo; niece, Courtney (Jason) Green; nephews, Dustin (Vicki) Anderson, Skyler (Abbie) Kuklo; grand nephews, Logan and Duncan Anderson; uncles, Wayne Kaufman, Wallace (Phyllis) Kaufman; aunt, Beverly (Donal) Davis; and faithful Airedale dog, Fred. Eric was born in Sandusky, Ohio, graduated from Lowell High School, worked for Douma Art Supplies then Ralph Kaufman Artists for many years until he took over the business when his father passed away. A memorial service was held Sunday, July 8 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Pastor David Sims of CrossPoint Church officiating. Those who wish to make a memorial contribution, please consider The Democratic Party, 2922 Fuller Ave. NE, #B207, Grand Rapids, MI 49505



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On July 18, 2012, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 1:00 pm in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.



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Baseball (and Social Security) numbers tell stories

Just as Social Security is an American cornerstone, baseball is America's pastime.

Baseball is an annual rite of summer and a game that is known for its numbers. Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Cal Ripken's record 2,632 consecutive games played, and Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs all tell stories greater than the numbers themselves. Mention any one of these numbers to a baseball fan and you're sure to call to mind memories and stories.

Social Security's numbers tell stories too. The first lump sum Social Security payment of 17 cents was made to Ernest Ackerman in 1937. The first monthly Social Security check of \$22.54 went to Ida May Fuller in January of 1940. This year, about 55 million Americans will receive \$760 billion in Social Security benefits. The average monthly benefit for a retired worker in 2012 is \$1,229.

An estimated 159 million workers are covered under Social Security —

that's 94 percent of the workforce. Fifty percent of workers have no private pension coverage and 31 percent have no savings set aside specifically for retirement. These and other numbers make it easy to appreciate the value of Social Security.

Ninety percent of Americans age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits. Among the unmarried, 41 percent rely on Social Security benefits for 90 percent of their income.

Baseball and Social Security: America's pas-

time and America's retirement program. Both have long and storied histories and associations with statistics.

Learn more about Social Security by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov.

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

Mini-grants available for dental health programs

Delta Dental Foundation is currently seeking applications from community-based oral health programs and organizations in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana for its annual community mini-grant program.

The program looks to award up to \$100,000 in grants annually to organizations that address oral health needs in the three states. Though special consideration is given to applicants whose programs focus on improving dental health of underserved children, all grant submissions will be considered.

"This is our sixth year offering our community mini-grant program and we have found it to be an excellent way for the foundation to help support local organizations that truly want to make a difference in the oral health of their communities," said Teri Battaglieri, director of the Delta Dental Foundation in a press release issued June 28. "Programs such as this help us carry out our mission of providing dental care to the underserved and increasing oral health awareness. We look forward to receiving this year's applications."

Individual requests are limited to a maximum of \$5,000.

Grants must be dedicated to local, not-for-profit programs designed to improve dental health of communities in Michigan, Ohio or Indiana only.

Programs of particular interest are those designed to improve the oral health of low-income children.

Only one proposal per organization per year will be considered.

Delta Dental will eval-

uate each application based on factors such as the program's focus on children, potential value to the community, measurable results and the level of local community support it attracts.

The submission deadline is Sept. Winners will be notified later this fall.

For a grant application, additional guidelines and eligibility requirements, visit www.deltadentalmi.com/About/Giving-Back/Delta-Dental-Foundation.

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Youth track participate in Hershey state track meet

by Karen Jack

Many Lowell track youth participated in the Hershey state track meet in late June in Holt and performed quite well. In order for them to participate, they had to win their event in Lowell's local Hershey meet in mid-June. The event was created by Hershey Company to get kids on the right track, teach lifelong lessons and have fun with every step, leap, jump and throw along the way.

With over 37 local communities participating, there was some tough competition for the Lowell youth, but several managed to place in their events. The meet is set up so each youth is competing against other youths their own age.

Dawson Chapman took first in the 11-12 age group softball throw (162'2"), third in the 100m dash and fourth in the 200m dash. His first place finish should

qualify him for the national event, in which all expenses are paid for by Hershey.

Cody McGee, took fourth in the 100m run, sixth in the 200m run and seventh in the softball throw. Aubry Doucette placed sixth in the 200m run and seventh in the standing long jump.

Other placers included Kyla Dixon who took sixth in the 800m run, Parker Grant who placed sixth in the standing long jump,

Callie Ford-Weber who placed third in the 100m run and Kylee Krogman who took sixth in the 1600m run.

Lowell relay teams also did well, with the boys' age 9-10 taking fourth, girls' 11-12 age group placing fifth and girls' age 13-14 came in sixth.

The national meet takes place in August in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



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So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

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We'd like to thank Jan at the high school for researching a lost iPod and finding its home. We appreciate your time, energy and honesty.

-The Wade Family

Before you plunk a yellow sign in your yard, get both sides of the story.

-Greg Canfield

Congratulations to our local papers for such well-deserved awards. Well done! Keep up the great work. Another wonderful benefit of living in Lowell.



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volunteering opportunities

Riverwalk Festival is this coming weekend, July 12-14 and there is a real need of individuals to assist with duck ticket sales, numbering ducks and Bingo helpers. The blocks of time are short, leaving plenty of time to have fun at the festival.

Duck numbering: Thursday, 7-9, two volunteers; Friday, 6-9, two volunteers; Saturday, 1-3, two volunteers and 3-5, three volunteers.

Information booth and tickets sales/Riverwalk: Thursday, 7-9, two volunteers; Friday, 6-7:30, two volunteers and 7:30-9, three volunteers; Saturday, 12-2, four volunteers.

Bingo: Thursday, 5-7, one volunteer; Friday, 5-7, two volunteers and 7-9, one volunteer; Saturday, 11-1, six volunteers and 1-4, five volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, call the Lowell Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 or e-mail info@lowellchamber.org

ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouster Ph.D.

This article on autism, also known as ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), will focus on defining what it is. Because every child that has been given the diagnosis of autism is so different, it is considered a spectrum disorder. A spectrum disorder has a range of linked conditions which constitutes a syndrome composed of many subgroups. The range of abilities can be extreme. Autism is diagnosed in children that are essentially nonverbal to children that are very verbal and gifted. These high functioning, gifted children usually

are diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome.

According to Chantal Sicile-Kira in her book titled, "What is Autism?", she states that when an individual is diagnosed with ASD, they are challenged in three areas: 1.) communication, 2.) social relationships and 3.) imaginative play. When an individual is challenged by "imaginative play," they often replace this with "tunnel focus" on a particular topic. I had one client that knew everything about the Titanic down to the smallest detail. This was his/her form of play. Communica-

tion is another challenge. The use of language by an individual with autism might be stilted and/or they talk excessively and repetitively about favorite topics. The normal give and take interchange between individuals is often missing. Many times they will ask questions that are out of the context of the conversation and they will struggle to understand subtle jokes/humor. Social relationships will present challenges to those having ASD. Often they will avoid eye contact or have limited eye contact and use few facial expressions. The other social challenges are:, they prefer to be in the company of adults more than peers, they struggle with keeping friends and they often have difficulty understanding social cues.

In summary, it is important to remember that there are huge differences in abili-

ty levels for those diagnosed with autism. They may have a common diagnostic label because of their difficulties with 1.) communication, 2.) social relationships, and 3.) imaginative play, but they are different as night and day. Some autistic children are calm, some are hyperactive, some tend to be "runners" and some like tight spaces. As Chantal Sicile-Kira stated, "If you have met a person with autism, you have met only one person with autism." The huge ability differences create a wide range on the spectrum.

Next month, we will discuss the patterns of symptoms for those individuals that have been diagnosed with autism. If you have any questions or comments about this article, please send me an e-mail at kathryndenhouster@gmail.com

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- 6. King or queen ____
- 9. Drink too much
- 13. *Poker stakes
- 14. Romanian monetary unit
- 15. Sweet tooth addiction
- 16. Novelist Anne and footballer Jerry
- 17. Landers or Coulter, e.g.
- 18. Members of the media
- 19. Beat hard
- 21. *Type of checkers
- 23. To ____ a dog on someone
- 24. Brian Urlacher, e.g.
- 25. Beauty treatment site
- 28. Tibetan priest
- 30. Covered with hairs
- 35. *Journey from college to retirement
- 37. Master of his castle
- 39. Body center
- 40. Desktop picture
- 41. ____ attack
- 43. Drunken reaction
- 44. Welsh dog breed, pl.
- 46. Very bright star
- 47. Fly like eagle
- 48. Eternal, in the olden days
- 50. Time distortion
- 52. A layer in plywood
- 53. U-____
- 55. Faux ____
- 57. *Opposite of chutes
- 61. Like the Witch of the West
- 64. Theater guide
- 65. *Highest or lowest card

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JULY 4 - JULY 10

- New York retiree expects to hit three million miles in his '66 Volvo and he has held a solid lock on the Guinness World Records since 2002.
- Detroit Tigers' star Prince Fielder wins Baseball's Home Run Derby.
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- 69. Found on a map
- 70. 4 qts.
- 71. Ship away from harbor
- 72. Ants' structure
- 73. Finish line

Down

- 1. Crew tool
- 2. Used for measuring
- 3. Allergy symptom
- 4. They go with cheers
- 5. Lash out
- 6. Dull or uninteresting
- 7. Poetic "even"
- 8. Knucklehead
- 9. Wrong ____
- 10. S-shaped molding
- 11. *Football play
- 12. Gaelic
- 15. State of one's emotions
- 20. Sell illegally
- 22. As opposed to mishap
- 24. Barn occupant?
- 25. Pizza serving
- 26. Edging of small loops, as on lace
- 27. In front of
- 29. Sound of disapproval
- 31. Right hand column, like in baseball
- 32. The lowest deck
- 33. "Round up the ____ suspects!"
- 34. *Game of apologies
- 36. Denotes engineer
- 38. Prima donna
- 42. Plural of "carpus"
- 45. Be inherent in something
- 49. A husk of corn
- 51. *Blinky, Pinky and Inky game
- 54. Habitual practice
- 56. *Hockey players do it
- 57. Boozer
- 58. Reproductive structures
- 59. Indian soup
- 60. *"The farmer in the ____"
- 61. Join by heating
- 62. More
- 63. Legal right to a property
- 66. *Kick it
- 68. "Never ____ never"

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Albert Ellis

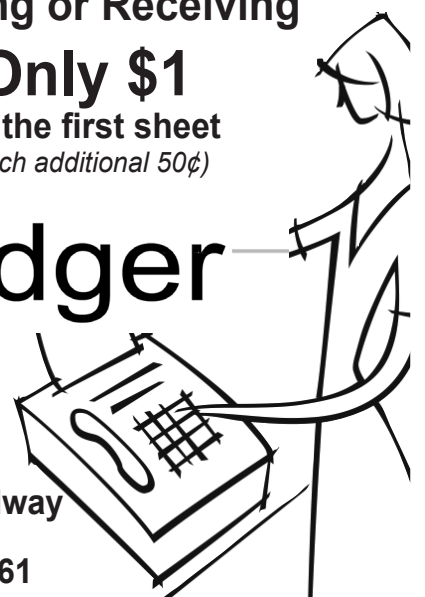
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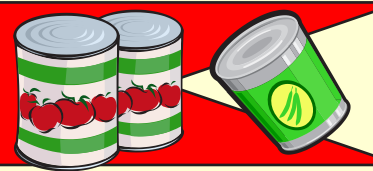
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HEIDI'S FARM STAND 11999 Cascade Rd. SE 897-6707
ICE CREAM CABOOSE 6300 Alden Nash, Alto 868-6602
LARKIN'S RESTAURANT 301 W. Main St. 897-5977
*LOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 897-9161
*LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM 897-7688
LOWELL BUYERS GUIDE/LEDGER 105 N. Broadway 897-9261
*LOWELL CITY HALL 301 E. Main St. 897-8457
LOWELL FLORAL 1004 W. Main St. 897-1300
LOWELL MOBIL 4475 Alden Nash SE 897-8019
*LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS 314 S. Hudson St. 897-5949
*LOWELL SHOWBOAT SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS

*LOWELL YMCA 1335 W. Main St. 897-8445
MAIN STREET INN 117 W. Main St. 897-1171
*MODERN PHOTOGRAPHICS 216 W. Main St. 897-5606
MYNT FUSION BISTRO 800 W. Main St. 987-9307
*PAULY'S 11250 E. Fulton St. 897-2669
QUALITY EXPRESS 11729 E. Fulton St. 897-2700
REDFROG TECHNOLOGIES 1400 W. Main St. 897-5814
*RITE AID 1401 W. Main St. 897-9221
ROOKIES SPORTSCARDS 106 W. Main St. 897-5650
SCHNEIDER MANOR 725 Bowes Rd. 897-8908
SMEELINK OPTICAL 505 W. Main St. 897-0330
SNEAKER'S BAR & GRILL 211 E. Main St. 897-6746
SNAP FITNESS 2173 W. Main St. 987-4000
SPRINT OF LOWELL 2050 W. Main St. 365-5760
SPRINGROVE VARIETY 123 W. Main St. 897-9918
SHOWBOAT AUTOMOTIVE 1450 W. Main St. 897-9231
THREE BROTHERS PIZZA 1004 W. Main St. 987-4430
TOTAL TEKNOLOGY 318 E. Main St. 622-4747
TWO SEASONS (M-21 next to McDonald's)
WALGREEN'S 11980 E. Fulton St. 897-3160
WITTENBACH GMC 749 W. Main St. 897-9227
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