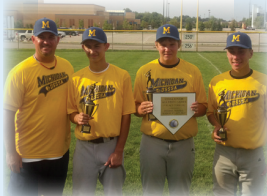


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Lowell Showboat celebrates 80 years

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Showboat, a historic landmark, celebrated its 80th birthday last week to the sounds of Alive & Well during the Sizzlin' Summer concert.

Hundreds of people attended, danced, sang along and enjoyed the event.

"It was a way to relive the youth and history of Lowell," said Roger MacNaughton of Alive & Well. "It was a great night."

"The party definitely lived up to the hype," he said. "We had a big responsive crowd,

lots of smiles and good vibes."

The party went well into the night and the crowd

didn't want it to end, according to MacNaughton.

"Alive & Well was particularly gratified," he said.

"Nice tribute to the founders of the Showboat. My favorite part was singing along

to the old Showboat songs with the crowd, as the lights on the birthday cake were lit."

The Showboat is an emblem on the Lowell landscape that serves as a rental venue for social events and a restaurant during the Sizzlin' Summer series.

It has a rich and colorful history from its origins in 1932, but it hasn't always had smooth sailing.

"The Lowell Showboat was the outgrowth of the Great Depression in 1932," said Forrest Buck, Showboat historian, endmen and interlocutor from 1961 to 1965.

It was the hope that the boat would



Hundreds of people enjoyed the Showboat's 80th birthday party last week.

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Lemonade stand raises money for Cystic Fibrosis



From left to right: Grace Barber, Elyse Veldman, Olivia Barber, Emma Bruwer, and Gavin Barber.

Elementary students, Grace, Olivia and Gavin Barber, asked their mom, Heidi Barber, if they could open a lemonade stand during a garage sale their grandmother, Kathy Noskey, held last Thursday and Friday.

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Planning commission approves Ottawa Street site plan to facilitate expansion of light assembly

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Planning Commission has approved the site plan for the proposed expansion of an existing facility located at 721 Ottawa Street, adjacent to the railroad.

The property is zoned industrial and the two existing buildings on the site are being used for light metal assembly.

The applicant, Dan Hula of Hula Engineering LLC, is seeking to construct an addition that would connect the two buildings.

In August, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved several variances in connection with the proposed development.

Rear setbacks in the industrial district must be 25 feet away from zoned residential properties.

The land behind the

subject parcel is railroad right-of-way and falls within the industrial district.

The existing building on the west side of the property is nonconforming in terms of rear setback; a 25-foot setback is required.

The proposed construction would not encroach further into the setback or increase the degree of nonconformity, but it would continue the encroachment of the current building.

In addition, the applicant has sought approval to reduce the required street side yard of a corner lot from 50 feet to 36.9 feet.

The site plan review included a condition which speaks to building height and new landscaping, other than the existing natural

wooded area along the Cherry Creek.

The ordinance requires one parking space per 2,000 square feet of floor area or a minimum of five spaces. The applicant didn't propose signage.

The applicant proposed existing light fixture mounted to the side of the building to illuminate the site without any changes.

Lighting must be downward facing and fully cut off. If the existing lighting is non-conforming it can be updated to meet the ordinance provisions.

The planning commission used standards, such as that the proposed uses will not adversely affect surrounding neighbors.

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New MSU study seeks grassland cooperators

Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Entomology scientists Rufus Isaacs and Doug Landis have received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to investigate the effects of grassland harvest on pollinator populations and are looking to team up with grassland owners/managers to assist with their efforts.

“Bioenergy crops have the potential to change the landscape in the Midwest and, subsequently, the habitat of the wildlife that depends on it,” Isaacs said. “This grant will provide us with the opportunity to investigate ways that biofuel crops – in this case, perennial grasses -- can best be managed to minimize adverse effects on insect pollinators.”

The study will compare pollinator communities in warm-season grasslands

(primarily switchgrass or mixed prairie plantings containing Indiangrass, big bluestem and/or switchgrass) that are either unharvested, partially harvested (leaving a 10 percent refuge strip on one side) or completely harvested.

The research team is looking for sites in Michigan with three grassland fields about 2 to 4 miles apart where land owners/managers would allow partial to full cutting and hay removal in the fall of 2012 and 2013. Sampling in all sites would involve three visits (July, August and September of 2013 and 2014) to assess bee species and population levels. The team would like to work with local cooperators who would harvest the sites in return for the harvested forage.

“It will take a

collaborative effort to be successful in this endeavor,” Landis said. “We can’t do this work without landowners who are willing to provide access to their fields so that we can do the pollinator sampling required to inform future policies and management practices. This project is part of our overall goal to use Michigan native plants to produce win-win situations for agriculture, communities and the environment.”

Study results will be used as the basis for harvesting guidelines on providing sustainable sources of biomass for bioenergy production while maintaining critical resources for pollinators in agricultural landscapes.

For more information, please contact Julia Perrone at 517-432-5282 or perrone5@msu.edu.



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History Mystery

Periodically, the Ledger with the help of Lowell Area Historical Museum, publishes a picture of something in the museum's collection. Then the following week the museum will supply a brief explanation and history of the artifact. Feel free to email the Ledger at ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com with your thoughts on that week's picture, then read the Ledger to see if you were right.



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In this case, the use as a light metal assembly facility is permitted and already exists on the property and the applicant has received all the variances to be in compliance with dimensions and setbacks.

A sidewalk segment exists on the site, but connections to other sidewalks and crosswalks or other pedestrian features are not proposed across the wide driveways into the site.

However, aerial photography of the area,

available on the Internet, reveals that neighborhood sidewalks are sporadic and unconnected and as such, requiring the applicant to install such features may not have a meaningful impact.

The wooded area adjacent to Cherry Creek would remain untouched under this site plan. The proposed building expansion appears to be situated on an area currently used for parking and outdoor storage and would not impact any natural features.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

FREE COMMODITIES

Free commodities food order for low income families on Thurs., Sept. 6, 9 am - 4 pm has been moved to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), 11535 E. Fulton. Bring proof of income and Social Security numbers for each member of household. Please bring bags. Call Virginia, 897-8754, with questions.

LIVE, LOVE, LIVESTOCK CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili cook-off and silent auction Sept. 22, starting at 5:30 pm at Reath Barn, Kent County fairgrounds. Chili cook-off starts at 5:30 pm. “Kris Hitchcock and Small Town Son” beer tent and silent auction. Proceeds to benefit Heifer International. For more information contact Dannielle Vieren, 616-218-1162.

ATHLETIC OFFICE NEW LOCATION

The athletic office is now located in the Freshman Center and will share space with the freshman office. However, tickets for home varsity football games will be sold in the main office. Senior gold cards will also be distributed in the main office.

SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Free smoking cessation classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 12. The class meets for six weeks from 6-8 pm at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 East Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. Call 616-446-7058 or email your contact information to jvokes_healthandsafety@msn.com

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Lowell Arts to establish endowment fund after \$22,000 donation

by Emma Palova

Chris and Jill VanAntwerp, founding members of the Lowell Arts Council, donated \$22,510 to Lowell Arts at the recent Lowell Arts' annual Art Attack fundraiser held earlier this month.

The monies will be used to establish an endowment fund for special projects, according to director Lorain Smalligan.

"An endowment committee will look at special projects, like artist residencies or school projects," she said.

The money will be first kept in a CD so it grows to a certain point and can be placed in the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. And only the interest will be used.

"It's very exciting to support special projects," Smalligan said.

The fund began when Chris and Jill asked their friends and relatives to make a donation to the arts council in lieu of gifts for their 40th anniversary.

Chris and Jill, along with son Jay, added to the fund that rose to \$5,000. Smalligan said they had no expectation it would grow beyond that.

Jay continued to make contributions with matching money from Progressive Insurance, so the fund now stands at \$22,510.

It is their hope the fund will grow through community contributions and memorial gifts to Lowell Arts.

A 50/50 raffle was held at Art Attack which raised \$850 to be added to the fund.

"This legacy will allow continued contributions to

the fund to live on in perpetuity to support Lowell Arts," said Smalligan.

The VanAntwerps served as president and they worked on various committees and projects throughout the years they lived in Lowell. Even after they moved out of Lowell, the arts community stayed close to their hearts.

"Lowell Arts remains an important part of their memories," said Smalligan. "They are grateful to all the people who have been and continue to be responsible for a viable (for the growth and vitality of this important community) organization."

Lowell Arts does receive memorial gifts that support various projects.

"It's very exciting to support special projects," said Smalligan. "I appreciate it."

For more information go to www.lowellartsmi.org



Chris and Jill VanAntwerp donated money to the arts endowment fund.

Lemonade stand, continued

Barber said that they sure could and the kids got started right away on getting things ready for the sale. When Barber asked her kids what they were going to do with the money, they immediately replied that they were going to donate it to help Elyse.

Elyse Veldman is a four-year-old family friend who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. The Barber kids have helped out in the past at a benefit golf outing that Elyse's aunt and uncle, Josh and Kristen Bruwer (owners of Arrow Head) help sponsor.

"I honestly thought they would mention some toys they would like to buy when I asked them about the money. It was all their idea. It is really neat when your own kids want to give

back. They put a lot of work into getting things ready for their sale. There was a little arguing about who would collect and count the money, but for the most part they did really well," stated Barber.

The Barber kids raised over \$50 that they will donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The Veldman family thought the gesture was very nice. Elyse even stopped by and helped at the lemonade stand for awhile.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of August 20, 2012, the Lowell Charter Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned 26.65 acres of property located at 5701 Bancroft Ave SE, Alto, MI, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-33-326-005, from a split zoning of AG-1 Prime Agriculture and AG-2 Rural Agriculture to all AG-2 Rural Agriculture. This rezoning will take effect September 5, 2012.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Dalziel Properties, LLC have made application for a variance from the Bulk Table of Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for a 35 foot rear setback where 50 feet is required, and a 17 foot front setback where 75 feet is required, for a new structure on commercial property located at 11827 Fulton Street, Lowell, MI, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-426-003.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Linda S. Regan,
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Although we don't consider ourselves salmon fishermen, Gwen and I always make a pilgrimage to one of the Lake Michigan ports which attract spawning fish in late summer. During August and September, cool near shore water draws king and coho salmon to the pier heads and drowned river mouths at Manistee, Ludington, Frankfort and other ports with rivers.

This is expected to be an exceptional year for both the number and size of migrating salmon. By checking fishing reports and monitoring the weather, it is possible to time a trip to intercept the fish at the peak of the run.

During the summer, when cold water is found in deeper areas of the lake it is necessary to travel off-shore to find schools of fish. Large-

er boats are required to safely operate farther from port and get down to the fish. As salmon stage for the spawning run, good fishing can be experienced by pier fishermen and small boat anglers close to shore as well as in connected inland waters.

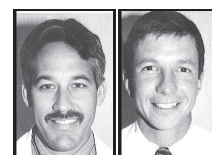
There is a good possibility that some of the returning salmon could weigh in at twenty pounds or more. Battling these monsters from a break-wall or small boat can be very challenging and exciting. When engaging in activities in or around the big lakes, common sense, following standard rules of boating, and using extreme caution around piers and break-walls are important to stay safe. Weather conditions are a significant factor affecting angler safety, so constant monitoring is required.

Almost every year a new lure or tackle setup is introduced. New methods are usually effective, but we find that if the fish are there, tried and true techniques still work fine, so we dust off the old tackle and head north.

Great Lakes ports are popular places in the summer and are prepared to accommodate the needs of visitors year around. When not on the water, other recreational activities like walking and hiking can be enjoyed during the mild fall-like weather.

If you don't normally fish for salmon, this might be the time to learn how to gear up and get into the game because this year looks to be a great fishing season. It is not necessary to travel to Alaska or the west coast to experience world class salmon fishing — we have it all right at home.

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Treating menopausal symptoms

Menopause is when a woman's ovaries make less estrogen and other hormones. It is a normal part of aging. This usually starts around age 50, but can also happen earlier or later. It

may take several years for menopause to occur because the ovaries may slowly make less hormones.

Menopause may be occurring when a woman has hot flashes and her periods stop or become irregular. Your doctor can confirm for you that you are menopausal.

Hormone therapy works best for hot flashes. Many women can use hormones safely, but they may have

side effects (like a higher risk of breast cancer and heart disease), especially if you use them for more than five years. Some women, including those with breast cancer, blood clots or heart disease, should try nonhormone treatment first.

Prescription estrogens are available in many forms: pills, creams patches, sprays or vaginal inserts. Your doctor will work with you to determine the best choice for you.

Nonhormone treatments for treating menopausal symptoms include dong quai, Chinese herbal formulations, evening primrose oil, ginseng, red clover, kava, soy, and black cohosh. Compound hormones and bio-identical hormones are controversial and have not been studied well.



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financial focus



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Keep income producers working hard - even when rates are low

Next week, we observe Labor Day, which honors all the hard-working men and women in the United States. As an investor, you'd like to think that all your investments are working hard, too — including the ones that are producing income. But can your income-oriented investments be productive when short-term interest rates are at historic lows? Or can you find other

investment possibilities that could potentially boost your cash flow?

The answer to both these questions is "yes" — but you may have to take a closer look at where you stand on the risk-reward spectrum.

For example, you might need to consider longer-term income producers, which typically pay higher

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to the editor

asking for transparency, collaboration

Dear Editor,

Again the city council meeting was packed with standing room only. Citizens and customers of Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) were asking only for fair practices and even just common sense instead of no answers, spin and misinformation. Is this "Lowell, the Next Place to Be"? A number of citizens made statements about information that has been researched and sought out - such as the \$10,000 raise and three percent base pay increase just approved in July for the LL&P general manager. This at the very time that, for economic reasons, threats are being made to the jobs and benefits of our few full time employees who actually keep our power on!

Then a representative

from LL&P stood up and read his statement. He read this as though it was the wonderful contract the employees are dissatisfied with and refusing to sign. As I listened, I realized that in reality this is the policy they've previously worked with but now are trying to negotiate the employees out of. I don't know full details - no one is talking - but I understand that management had refused to entertain previous grievances from employees. It seems this is what led the employees to resort to the union in the first place. Many of us do not agree with unions, but they do have a place.

As I understand it, the employees are being asked to sign a contract that, among other things, says they can be let go for no

cause and with no recourse and that part-time employees can be brought in at anytime to replace them. It was even put to the council, "Would you sign such a contract?" Of course, no one would. So why would we ask our LL&P and city employees to sign such a document?

Personally, I want my electric service in the hands of people who live here locally and are happy and secure employees; employees who are willing under any circumstances to get the power back on as quickly as possible when it goes out, as they have always done in the past. That's where I would rather see the funds go. Perhaps the LL&P general manager should have

refused a raise until the economy improves or better yet, the board should not have offered it until this contract with the employees was settled.

Isn't it time for us to take our Lowell community back and say we are not going to give up any more of what makes Lowell great? If we lose our good employees, do we think we'll continue to have the kind of service and company we've always had?

Let's be the example in Lowell of transparency, collaboration and fair play that we all want more of in this country. Come on Lowell, we're better than this.

With hopes for the future,
Peggy Covert

as of this writing, they were not yet there.

At the August 20 meeting, Lowell resident Ken Akers asked the council why taxpayers were now being charged an "Administration Fee" to pay their taxes. As he stated, an administration fee would be a set amount, like ten dollars. But the new fee that is being charged is one percent of our taxes. That is a tax. We have to pay a tax to pay our taxes? Do you remember learning about "taxation without representation?" We didn't vote on this tax. And why should we have to pay a fee to administer our taxes? Aren't these people already being paid to do their job? This is simply a hidden tax to raise more revenue when all of us are already struggling to pay some of the highest taxes in the state. If the average "administration fee" that we all paid this summer is about fifteen dollars, then the city coffers are richer by almost sixty thousand dollars.

Are you mad yet? Well that's not all that went on at the August 6 and 20 council meetings. Are you aware that last year city workers, concerned about their job security, joined a union? Why, in a small community of less than four thousand residents, do our friends and neighbors, who happen to work for the city, have to join a union? Let's see... what has changed in the last few years that might cause that? Could it be that we have a new city manager, Mark Howe and a new Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) general manager, Greg Pierce?

I've tried to talk to city councilmembers about what is happening in our

community but simply get a "no comment, we are in negotiations" from them. The workers aren't talking because they fear for their jobs. So the only information we have is, on the city's side, the official announcement they put in the newspaper and then some residents have spoken on behalf of the workers at the above mentioned council meetings. Given what I've heard, the workers have some valid grievances.

When management starts treating their employees like they are dispensable, morale goes down as does job performance. Workers give as good as they get. When you have a supervisor who compliments his employees about the great job they did, the employees will always strive to continue that winning performance. When there is dissention among the employment ranks, you can be very sure that the problem lies with the boss. A good boss knows how to motivate his workers. Then when unhappy employees learn that that same boss received a ten thousand-dollar bonus last year and a ten thousand-dollar salary increase this year, they begin to wonder what comes next. Who did the performance review on the LL&P general manager?

If you don't pay attention to what your government is doing, you don't have a right to complain when they don't perform to your satisfaction. That's why I try to attend as many council meetings as I can. Most of the time only two

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attend city meetings

To the Editor,

Lowell city residents who did not attend the last two city council meetings should tune into WLHS Channel 25, Lowell Public

Access Channel and watch the broadcast. Or ask at Lowell City Hall for a copy on disk. The disks eventually make their way to the Englehardt Branch Library, but

M. M. Perry Esq. is building an addition to his residence on Hudson street occupied by Mr. Henry Clark and family. Other material improvements will be made.

The "local" of an Ionia paper intimates that he procured fourteen different varieties of colic at one fruit stand in that town. All such chaps are cordially welcomed at the drug stores.

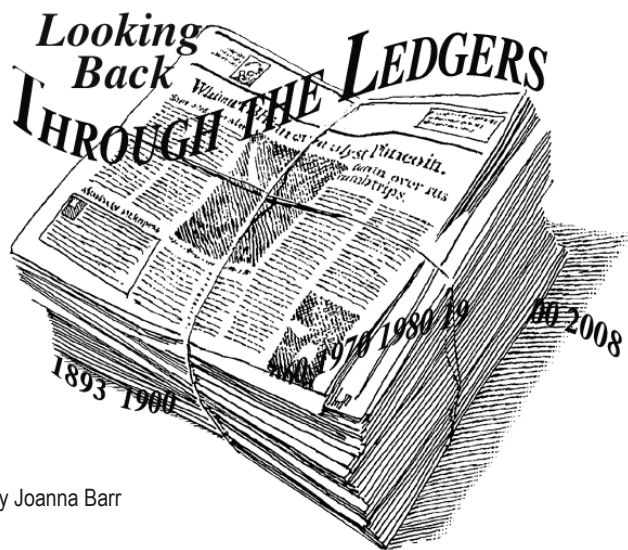
100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 29, 1912

Chinese Ball Team - To Play Lowell Here Wednesday, September 4. The Chinese Base Ball club of the University of Hawaii is scheduled to play here next Wednesday. They arrived at San Francisco March 28 with sixteen men and have worked their way east, defeating the university teams of Chicago, Cincinnati, Wisconsin and Georgetown. In this vicinity within the last two weeks, the Chinks have defeated Portland, Hastings and Ionia and held Grand Rapids Central league to a 3 to 2 score. The Lowell team will be strengthened by Burdick, who recently came here to live and possibly Melvin Lake, who has been playing in the Western league and is returning to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lake, here. Admission 15c and 25c.

Wm. Boonstra narrowly escaped serious injury when his horses ran away, throwing him out near the back and then running into a telephone post, at McMurray's hardware, throwing the four year old son to the pavement. Fortunately both were but slightly hurt and little, if any, damage done to team and wagon.

While in the city on business recently, the horse driven by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fase, became frightened, resulting in a runaway damaging the buggy but fortunately no one was hurt.

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By Joanna Barr

135 years ago Lowell Journal Aug. 29, 1877

For the M.E. Church of this village, tally one. It has a bell - a very sweet toned bell. It was put into position last Friday. Weight not quite 900 pounds. The young ladies of the M. E. Church will be pleased to see you all at their festival this (Wednesday) afternoon and evening, in the vacant building opposite Pullen's block. Proceeds to be put into the bell fund.

The telegraph companies have embraced and up will go the rates. Charge this fraud and the crime of the first sin together- to the Republican Party.

To hear at morning, noon and night, the ringing of bells, screaming of whistles and tooting of horns, one would think this is a factory town. And it is to a certain extent, but there is room for more whistles and bells, here.

Montgomery Queen's great show will exhibit in Lowell on Friday, this week. There are no side-shows or lemonade-candy-peanut nuisances connected with it and it is worth 50 cents to know that fact, to say nothing about the merits of the show itself, which are many.

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Nathan Zeeuw and Kimberley Neeley

Kimberley Neeley will become the bride of Nathan Zeeuw on September 22, 2012. The Saranac couple are the children of Danny and Janie Wade of Clanton, Alabama; and Bradley Zeeuw of Alto and Pamela Sprague of Standish. The bride-to-be is studying medical assisting at Davenport University. The future groom is employed at CJ Drilling.

What parents need to know about changes in the classroom

As technology evolves, so do the ways children learn in and out of the classroom. With constantly changing tools and trends, teachers can do more to stay up-to-date to help children thrive. It is important that parents understand what these changes mean so their children can maintain a competitive edge.

Here are some new trends in education that every parent should know about:

- **More collaboration:** If you think Facebook is all gossip and games, think again. Many teachers are drawing upon social media's natural collaborative element and ability to connect the classroom and home. In fact, some innovative teachers are using sites like Pinterest, Skype, Facebook and Twitter in a controlled, supervised way to make classroom materials more accessible and encourage conversation.
- **Learning from each other:** Since technology can change so rapidly, it's important that teachers share best practices by word of mouth. The newest social platform, Edmodo, built the first whole network of K-12 users and connects teachers with other teachers as well as parents, students and third-parties. Edmodo members can swap ideas, share lesson plans and manage grades in a secure network

accessible from school computers. With more than eight million users across 60,000 different schools, the possibilities are endless.

- **New tools:** New technologies, such as tablets and e-readers, are helping students learn. These smaller devices offer students advantages over traditional computers, through interactive capabilities that bring lessons to life and enhanced images, video and audio. Tablets also have practical advantages such as "instant on," all-day battery life, no cords and are often more cost-effective than ordering new text books each year.
- **Adding more fun:** According to Open College, teachers who integrated digital games into lessons saw an increase in average test scores when compared to traditional, non-digital games. By making learning fun, you can get kids excited to learn just about anything and get some laughs along the way.
- **Turn it off:** In this digital era, it is also important to make sure students have the time to unplug. Not only does time outside offer children opportunities to get necessary exercise, but a 2009 Yeshiva University study found that children who have more recess time behave better in the classroom and are likelier to learn more.

So how can parents

make sure schools have plans to fund programming that supports these new trends? Be proactive! For example, you can help now by nominating a new or existing K-12 program at your school to win a grant of up

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Education is evolving all the time. Be sure to stay on top of changes so your children get a leg up on learning.



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August 18, 2012

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: TO THE decedent, Velta Vaseris died 07/02/2012.

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Financial Focus, to the editor, continued

yields than shorter-term equivalents. Longer-term fixed-rate securities, such as bonds, must pay these higher rates to reward investors, who face both interest-rate risk — the possibility that interest rates will rise, causing the value of existing bonds to fall — and inflation risk, the threat of losing purchasing power by the time long-term bonds have matured. Still, you may be willing to accept these risks in exchange for the higher yields.

However, you may be looking for income producers that can work hard for you without having to hold them for a long period to maturity. This is because the “yield curve” — the line that plots the relationship between yield and maturity — is fairly steep right now, which, in English, means you can gain noticeably higher yields just by modestly increasing the maturity of your investments. Your financial advisor can suggest some short-term and intermediate-term vehicles that may be appropriate for your needs. And while these rates will still not be as high as those offered by longer-term vehicles, they do offer flexibility — along with less interest-rate risk and inflation risk.

You can also help protect yourself from these risks by building a “ladder” consisting of short-, intermediate- and longer-term bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs). Once you’ve built your ladder, it can help you weather changing interest-rate environments. When market rates are low, you’ll still have your longer-term bonds and CDs earning higher interest rates. And when market rates rise, you’ll be able to reinvest your maturing short-term investments at the higher levels. If you need the cash, you can liquidate the maturing bonds and CDs.

Thus far, we’ve only looked at fixed-rate investments — but you may also be able to boost your income by owning dividend-paying stocks. Some companies have paid — and even increased — their stock dividends for many years in a row. If you’re not in need of the cash, you can reinvest the dividends and boost your ownership stake, which is a key to increasing your wealth. But if you do need the money, you can take the dividends as cash. Keep in mind that income producers are not a “sure

thing” because companies can decide to reduce, or even discontinue, their dividends at any time. In addition, history tells us that you may experience more price volatility from stocks, and they can be worth more or less than the original investment when sold.

As you can see, you can find ways to keep income-producing investments working hard for you, despite the prevailing low interest rates. So consider your options, weigh the risks — and then work with your financial advisor to make those choices that are right for you.

You must evaluate whether a bond or CD ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

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or three residents are present at the meetings, so it was encouraging to note the big turnout recently. But it isn’t enough. Yes, you voted the councilmembers in to represent you, but when things happen that you don’t agree with, you need to say so.

Wake up Lowell residents. Do you really want your government hiring special attorneys to fight their employees? Is that what you want your tax dollars spent on? Why didn’t they sit down and talk to the employees before it went this far? Why isn’t the city council saying, ‘enough’?

Whatever your opinion is on the things that are happening in our city, you need to go to the meetings or at least write to your councilmembers and let them

know what their constituents want. Monthly council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays at 7 pm. If you can’t attend, contact any or all of the councilmembers by writing to them at city hall or by sending an e-mail to Betty Morlock. Her e-mail address is bmorlock@CI.Lowell.MI.US. If you aren’t sure who your councilmembers are, you can go to <http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us/Government/CityCouncil.aspx> for an introduction.

Perry Beachum, a Lowell Light and Power board member, also spoke at the August 20 meeting. He invited customers to come to their board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. I hope many res-

idents will start to attend these meetings as well, because there are no doubt two sides to the story and we

won’t know what the truth is unless we pay attention.

Barb Barber
Lowell

showboat celebration omissions

Dear Editor,

My husband and I went to the Lowell Showboat Birthday Celebration, but we and a lot of people were surprised more songs were not sung. And what really was a surprise, was why wasn’t Mr. C.H. Runciman’s name mentioned? As everyone knows, if it hadn’t been for him there would not have been a Showboat. Also, Norm Borgerson helped Mr. Runciman.

My dear mother, Mrs. Clarence (Edith) Speaker, was one in the chorus there, who made their own dresses

(satin top and fish net skirt). They did not have chairs, so the chorus had to sit on rough boxes that caskets came in. My brother Arthur, in later years, would turn the paddle wheel and I also sang in the chorus after graduating from school. What a wonderful time that was back then.

Again, why not give credit where credit is due for Mr. Runciman and Norm Borgerson for doing this.

Mrs. John
(Lucille Speaker) Erickson
Lowell

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Here’s to a lucky 2013. If you’re planning to retire

and begin receiving Social Security benefits in January, start the year off right by applying online now for Social Security benefits.

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 vondavantil@ssa.gov

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SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY



SEPTEMBER 7

* Approximate times

- 2:30 p.m. GATES OPEN
- 3:00 p.m. Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open *Pink Ticket System*
- 3:20 p.m. Soccer introductions
- 3:30 p.m. VARSITY SOCCER GAME - Lowell vs. Northpoint Christian
- 4:20 p.m. Volleyball introduction and match - Lowell vs. Union
- 6:00 p.m. Survivor and Honor Walk
- 6:20 p.m. Football Player and Honoree introduction
- 6:55 p.m. National Anthem presented Brennan Prill
- Coin Toss - featuring Danielle Knight Mike Curtis Agency, Farm Bureau
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell boys' tennis gets off to a strong start

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrows boys' tennis team won their first tournament at Portland last week. Going head-to-head against Portland, Ludington and Parma Western, Lowell showed they are contenders. Final scores were Lowell 20, Portland 14, Ludington 11 and Parma Western 3.

Sweeping the doubles, number one doubles team

of Tony Hanson and Parker Groom defeated the Portland number one team with a score of 6-1, 7-5. Number two doubles team of Paul Heemstra and Zach Fotis beat their opponents 6-4, 6-4. Number three doubles of Quinn Summerfield and Keaton Pomper defeated Portland's number three team 6-2, 6-1; and number

four doubles team, Christian Huisman and Derek Bitterman, defeated the Portland doubles number four team 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-3.

The winners for singles

included singles number three player, Dan Cowden, beating his Portland counterpart 6-4, 6-4; and Kilian Kohl (number four singles)

beating his Portland counterpart 6-3, 6-2.

Second singles Austin Rix took second in the tournament.

The tennis team's next meet is on September 8 at Forest Hills Eastern.



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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: How energy efficient (and comfortable) is underfloor heating, sometimes known as radiant heating? - Marcy Dell, Boston, MA

Underfloor radiant heating involves under laying the floor with a hot element or tubing that transfers heat into the room via infrared radiation and convection, obviating the need for forced or blowing air.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Savers website, radiant heating has a number of advantages over other forms of heat distribution: "It is more efficient than baseboard heating and usually more efficient than forced-air heating because no energy is lost through

drafts." It is also flexible as it can run off of a variety of energy sources: Gas, oil, wood, solar and other sources or combinations thereof can feed radiant systems. And radiant heating is a good choice for those with severe allergies as no potentially irritating particles get blown around the room.

Several aspects of ra-

diant heating make it more energy efficient. For starters, the uniform heat distribution over the entire surface of a floor heats the lower half of the room, enveloping inhabitants in warmth at a lower overall temperature — in some cases up to five degrees Fahrenheit cooler — than a conventional heating system. "Radiators and other forms of 'point' heating circulate heat inefficiently and hence need to run for longer periods to obtain comfort levels," reports the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNet). "They draw cold air across the floor and send warm air up to the ceiling, where it then falls, heating the room from the top down, creating drafts and circulating dust and allergens." RESNet adds that radiant systems transmit heat on average some 15 percent more efficiently than conventional radiators.

The efficiency gains can be magnified significantly with good insulation and a well-designed system. While tearing out old heating systems and/or replacing decent existing flooring might be overkill for the sake of moving to radiant heat, those embarking on new building projects or contemplating major renovations should certainly consider it. According to TLC Network's Green Living Guide, there are two main types of radiant heating, electric and hydronic. In the former, heated wires installed in the floor radiate heat upward.

This type of radiant heat is most commonly used to retrofit a single room — especially a bathroom or kitchen — in an older house or building. Meanwhile, hydronic radiant heating, whereby heated water is forced through tubes under the floor, is more often designed into a new structure from the get-go, and is more energy efficient overall.

TLC points out that while radiant heat is definitely more efficient in smaller, snug homes with lower roofs, it might not always be the greenest solution in homes with bigger rooms: "In some scenarios it can be less energy efficient than forced-air heating." TLC recommends consulting with a reputable heating contractor to see if radiant heating is a sensible way to go.

Of course, pairing a radiant heating system with an energy efficient EnergySTAR-approved programmable thermostat can indeed save households hundreds of dollars a year on home heating bills while keeping inhabitants warmer all year long. Many states offer financial incentives to upgrade home and commercial heating systems in ways that boost energy efficiency. Check out the free Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy (DSIRE) to find out what kinds of tax rebates or other incentives might be available in your neck of the woods.

CONTACTS: Energy Savers, www.energysavers.gov; RESNet, www.resnet.us; TLC Network Green Guide, http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/home/green-living.htm; DSIRE Database, www.dsireusa.org.

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What's Your Sport?

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows' defense comes out blazing in season opener at Rockford

by Karen Jack

"The real story of the game was our defense," said head coach Noel Dean. And he couldn't have been more right.

The defense had five sacks and even a safety in their season-opening game against Rockford, beating the Rams 16-6.

Both teams started slow. Lowell started with the ball being kicked to Pierce Watson, who took it up to the 30-yard-line. With first-and-ten, quarterback Titan Anderson kept the ball for three yards. Kanon Dean ran for two more yards and, then Anderson fired a bullet to Kyler Shurlow for a first down. They went two more downs for a gain of one yard, and then fumbled on the third down. Zach Huver recovered the fumble, forcing the Arrows to punt. Rockford couldn't capitalize on their possession. Lowell was able to get a first down on their next possession, but ended up having to punt again. Rockford had a break-through run for a touchdown with 2:02 left in the first quarter. Rockford missed the extra point, making the score 6-0.

On the very next possession, Jeff Houston took the kick-off to the 20-yard-line. Dean took it two yards on the first down, then an incomplete pass to Pierce Watson made it third-and-eight. Anderson looked to pass, then ran it to the 32-yard-line for a first down. Dean took it on the second down and ran it for three yards and fumbled. Fortunately for Lowell, the fumble was recovered by Houston, making it third-and-seven, which ended the first quarter.

Coming out blazing in the second quarter, Anderson passed to Houston and



Titan Anderson looks for a receiver.

Rockford was called for unsportsmanlike conduct, placing the ball on Rockford's 24-yard-line. Anderson kept the ball on the first down, for a loss of one, but Shurlow ran it to Rockford's nine-yard-line for another first down. Anderson kept it on the next down for a gain of three and Dean took it in for a touchdown. Austin Bieri kicked the extra point, making the score 7-6.

On the first possession for each team in the third quarter, neither team capitalized. On Rockford's next

possession, the defense pushed them all the way back to their own four-yard-line, thanks to the punt by Huver landing on the six-yard-line. With third-and-twelve, Watson sacked the quarterback for a safety, making the score 9-6.

The only other score in the game was in the fourth quarter when Anderson threw to Huver for a touchdown with 5:52 left in the fourth quarter.

Anderson rushed for 131 yards and threw for 89 yards. Dean also rushed for

53. The leading receivers in the game were Houston (43), Sherlow (29) and Huver (17). On defense, the Arrows sacked the Ram quarterback five times, including two sacks from Houston, one each from Huver, Jake Stephens and Josh Colegrove.

"This was a good start," said Noel Dean, who also got injured in the game. Having a previous inju-

ry that requires surgery on his arm, he took an errant football to the very spot on his arm that is to have surgery. It didn't stop him from coaching, though. "It's kind of a funny story, but a long story, so I was waiting to have surgery until after this game."

"Our kids played well; I was proud of them," Dean added. "The beauty is there's

a lot to improve on and to be able to come into this place with such a great atmosphere and a great crowd and beat a program of this stature, with the group of coaches that they have, I'm really hopeful for the future."

The Red Arrows play Lansing Eastern at home on Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 pm.



Kanon Dean dives for yards.

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obituaries

HEINEY

Janice Mae (Exoo) Averill, Burnette, Heiney, age 87 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, August 23, 2012. She was preceded in death by her father, John Exoo; mother, Adrianna (Helmink) Exoo; sister, Marie Exoo; husbands, Frank Averill Jr., Bill Burnette, James Heiney; and son, Leslie Averill. She is survived by her children, Susan Brown (Robert Barnes) of Lowell, Bud (Cindy) Averill of Traverse City, Sandra (Barry) Papple of Prescott; brother, Ralph (Jean) Exoo of Olmstead Falls, OH; grandchildren, Christopher (Cindy) Wissman, Scott Averill, Shannon Averill, Patrick Drake, Jeremy Drake, Dustin Averill, Debbie Stinson, nine great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and very special friends Charles and Charlotte Drake. Jan was the owner of Jan's Beauty Shop in Ada until the mid 1980's when she retired to Mesa, AZ with her husband Bill. She will be missed by her family and friends. Thank you to Laurels of Kent for your loving care for our mother, grandmother, and dear friend. Funeral service was held Saturday August 25. Officiated by Rev. Dan Averill of Beverly Reformed Church. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 or Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada, MI 49301.



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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on August 20, 2012, Ordinance No. 02-2012 – Signs, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted, a summary of which follows:

This ordinance is an amendment to Section 18.05 which is amended as follows
To add the following language:
Sec 18.05(h) Any sign permitted by this Chapter 18 may contain a non-commercial message

And an amendment to delete the standards for granting variances for signs:
Section 18.11(g)

This ordinance shall become effective September 5, 2012. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours or viewed on our website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

FILE NO: 12-192585-DE

Estate of EVELYN C. HACKER

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Including the missing and unknown heirs of Evelyn C. Hacker and Evelyn C. Egolf, Margaret Monroe, Eleanor Defoe, William E. Patterson, and Ethel Patterson.

1. On 08/20/2012 I was appointed personal representative as requested in the application or petition for probate of this estate. I am serving without bond. The papers related to the estate are on file with the Kent County Probate Court located at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. This is not a supervised administration.

2. The will of the decedent was admitted to probate and under which I will administer, manage, and distribute the estate.

3. The court does not supervise the personal representative in the administration of an estate except in limited circumstances.

4. If I was appointed informally, you or another interested person may petition the court objecting to my appointment and/or demanding that I post a bond or an additional bond. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee. Unless the court grants the petition, I will continue to serve as appointed.

5. You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the estate, including for distribution of assets and allowance of expenses of administration. The

petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.

6. If you continue to be an interested person (such as an heir of an intestate estate or devisee or beneficiary under the will of the decedent), I will provide you with: 1) a copy of the inventory within 91 days of my appointment; 2) unless waived by you, a copy of an account including fiduciary fees and attorney fees charged to the estate, within 1 year of my appointment; and 3) a copy of the enclosing statement or settlement petition when the estate is ready for closing.

7. To avoid penalties, I must have paid any federal estate and Michigan estate taxes within 9 months after the date of the decedent's death or another time period specified by law.

8. The estate may not be closed earlier than 5 months after the date of my appointment except in limited circumstances. If the estate is not settled within 1 year after my appointment, within 28 days after the anniversary of the appointment, I must file with the court and send to each interested person a notice that the estate remains under administration and the reason for the continuation of the estate. If you do not receive such a notice, you may petition the court for a hearing on the necessity for continued administration or for closure of the estate.

Notice is further given that the result of the administration may be to bar or affect your interest in the estate.

August 21, 2012

John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632

Julie Budden-Bronsink
PO Box 208
Macatawa, MI 49434
616-554-9594

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-192585-DE

Estate of EVELYN C. HACKER. Date of birth: 10/26/1910.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Evelyn C. Hacker died 06/25/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented

to Julie Budden-Bronsink, 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.

August 23, 2012

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for sale

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

1993 CHEVROLET S10 - w/cap pickup, 93K original miles, 4.6L V6 engine, excellent condition, \$2,500 OBO. Call after 6 p.m. 897-4349.

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

POODLE PUPPIES - 2 miniature black males, purebred, shots given, dewormed, tails & dewes done, 9-10 weeks. \$250 each. 616-527-0207.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

GET THE SMOKE, ASH & WOOD MESS OUTSIDE - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace with a 25 year warranty. Great summer sale. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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2003 CHEVY VENTURE - 166,000 miles. Brakes, serpentine belt, water pump replaced within 6 weeks. Newer tires. A/C works great. \$2,200 obo. Call 642-0253.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.^{TFN}

GMC SONOMA 2000 EXT CAB PICKUP - nice, \$6,000 OBO, V6, auto, A/C, 85,000 miles. Adult nonsmoker lady owner. Call 897-5743.

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sales

SECOND BEST SALE - Sat., Sept. 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr.

SALE - Aug. 30 & 31, 9-5 p.m. Trees & perennials. New items up to 90% off retail: stands, shelves, speaker brackets, shoes, upholstery fabric, gardening items, lights (vanity & chandelier), vases, books. Used: furniture, doors, electronics, movies, holiday, household items & more. 131 S. Center, Lowell.

help wanted

NEEDED A FEW DAYS A WEEK - from approx. 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to hang out with a cool middle school student. Must enjoy talking about boys, hanging out at Subway after school & having fun. Must have transportation. Best after school job ever! Call Mikie at 616-204-2500 or cmcvey@khps.org

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HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.^{TFN}

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found

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

FOUND - Brown glasses. Found in Lowell. Email: beth.praed@att.net

lost

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

REWARD - Lost cat. Richmond Road, Belding. Siamese markings, long hair. Please call 897-8532.

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.^{TFN}

misc.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY - on James called Mercy Triumph at Calvary CRC, Lowell. Starting Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. \$15 cost for studying materials. Call Jan, 897-7440 to sign up.

SUPPORT THE LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - Thursdays 12:30 - 6 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot. Call Dave & Betty Deans for more info, 897-9186.

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HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.^{TFN}

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Coming Events

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VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

OVEREATER ANONYMOUS - Thursdays, 9 a.m., 101 E. Main St. For information call 745-8520.

FREE COMMODITIES FOOD ORDER - Thurs., Sept 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., has been moved to FROM. Bring proof of income & social security numbers for ea. member of household. Please bring bags to FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries), 11535 E. Fulton St., Lowell.

CARVING CLUB - Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. New members

welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more info.

KSRP RIDE-A-THON HOE DOWN - Fri., Sept. 21, 7 p.m. Kent Special Riding Program will have a hoe down before their annual Ride-A-Thon on Sat., Sept. 22 at the Ionia State Recreation Area. Call 897-7358 with questions.

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TRUNK OR TREAT - Wed., Oct. 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children up to age 12. Hosted by Doric Chapter #75 Order of the Eastern Star, serving the Belding, Greenville, Ionia, Lowell, Lyons-Muir & Saranac areas at Belding-Ionia Masonic Lodge, 211 E. Main St., Belding.

TOTS PLAYGROUPS - Every Tues., Wed. & Thurs., 8:30-10 a.m. or 10-11:30 a.m., during

school year beginning Sept. 12 for ages birth to preschool in room 104 at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. For information call 987-2432.

TOTAL TO PLAYGROUP - Every Thurs., 10-11 a.m., during school year beginning Sept. 13 for ages birth to preschool in cafeteria at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto. For information call 987-2532.

TOTS FALL PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE - Sat., Oct. 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up now. Free to sell, registration required. Call 987-2532 to reserve your spot.

KNITTING 101 - Every Tues., 10 a.m. - noon, Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main St., Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

FIT CLUB - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

BOOKWORMS - Mon., Sept. 17, 6 p.m. Group meeting discussing "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

TOTS OPEN HOUSE & CLASS REGISTRATION - Tues., Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. - noon & 7-8:00 p.m. Sign up for classes for preschool age children, TOTS Fall Love and Logic classes & TOTS Fall Preschool Almost New Sale in room 116 at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. For information call 987-2532.

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Middle school players chosen for all-state team

by Karen Jack

Jack Malone, Jarrod Melle and Nate Stephens are three students at Lowell Middle School. They're also three fantastic baseball players, as evident in being chosen among twelve players statewide, to be part of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) 13U Michigan team. Because only twelve players were chosen statewide, that's quite an honor.

The Michigan team played in the junior all-state games held in Fishers, Indiana, in August. The tournament hosted teams from

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Texas. Team Michigan won all six games and competed in the championship game, winning 15-14 in eight innings, with a walk-off home run. A walk-off home run is a home run that ends the game in the bottom of the last inning.

Jack Malone was also chosen to be on the all-tournament team, which will compete internationally. As of this writing, it is unknown where they will compete, but some have speculated that they may be competing in Italy.



Assistant coach Tom Melle, Jack Malone, Jarrod Melle, and Nate Stephens show off their championship trophy.

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Looking Back, continued

75 years ago

The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo September 2, 1937

Lots of Activity At Pickle Factory - Cars, trucks and wagons in long lines may be seen daily in front of the local branch of the Heinz Pickle factory, bearing large loads of contract pickles to the market. Manager Rudy Larsen of Grant states that there are approximately 100 local farmers under contract to the factory, making a larger acreage than before. Mr. Larson also says that this is a successful season, with pickles of extra good quality appearing on the market. Because of the recent warm weather, there are more pickles than there were earlier in the season. Pickle prices are higher than usual this year. Improvements in the factory this year, include the new machine sorter, which eliminates hand sorting by the grower, making it much simpler for him; and the building of three new local tanks, making 22 in all. The local branch employs approximately twelve men. Mr. Larsen states that an extra large acreage is expected for next year.

The straw hat season for men, which opened so gloriously on Decoration Day by common consent and custom, comes to a close this week. With the advent of Labor Day next Monday, it will be considered bad form to appear in public wearing a straw hat.

We hear a lot these days about air conditioning and in this connection the local Rotary Club has worked out a system all its own in their dining room at Richmond's. A large cake of ice is placed upon a grill-work resting on top of an ordinary wash tub, back of which is placed an electric fan. Presto! And the temperature of the room is lowered by several degrees.

Lew Morse, who was stricken with an attack of appendicitis within a few hours after starting on a vacation trip ten days ago and who underwent an operation in a Hamilton, Ont. hospital, was able to return home yesterday.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 30, 1962

Highwaymen Vicitimize Lowell Man Sunday am - Boyd Arnett, 47, of Lowell, told Grand Rapids police Sunday, that two men forced him into his own car at 2:20 am outside a Grand Rapids bar, drove east to

M-21 and Carl Drive, where they told him to leave his wallet, containing \$40 or \$50, on the seat and then ordered him to get out, after which they drove off in his car. Arnett said that one of the men was waiting behind the seat of his car when he left the bar and the other held his hand under his coat, threateningly and ordered him to enter the car. After being released, Arnett called sheriff's deputies, who notified Grand Rapids police that the car had been stolen. The car was spotted by Grand Rapids patrolmen at 6 am. One of the two men in the vehicle attempted to flee when the officers approached, but his flight was halted when a shot was fired over his head. The suspects refused to discuss the matter with police, officers said. One of them had \$15 in bills concealed in his underclothing, but neither had a weapon. The men, who both reside in Grand Rapids, were being held Monday as the investigation of the kidnaping and armed robbery proceeded.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger September 2, 1987

Lowell officers arrested a 16-year-old juvenile, Monday, August 24, for runaway and also impounded the stolen car he was driving. Both the vehicle and juvenile were from Eaton County. A 13-year-old juvenile was apprehended shoplifting in the Cousins' Card Shop on W. Main, Thursday, August 27, by store employees. Lowell officers arrested three runaways from Muskegon on Sunday evening, August 30 and recovered the bus they had stolen from the Muskegon Area Transit System. The three were transported to Muskegon County Juvenile Detention by county deputies.

City Council Notes - City manager Dave Pasquale summed up his comments [at the September 21 city council meeting] with a humorous story about a pet peeve of his. He noticed that the city didn't have an east city limits sign when he first visited here while interviewing. When he finally got the job, one of the first orders of business was to request a new city limits sign from the county. The sign was promptly replaced, but county crews spotted the new sign about 100 feet from the west city limits sign. Pasquale said he finally got the problem resolved when city crews moved the errant sign to the east edge of town.

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74. _____ Park, CO

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1. Beginning of musical staff
2. Back seat

3. Against, prefix
4. Often found under a knight
5. Dirty or sleazy
6. Welcoming sign
7. *a.k.a. Ernesto Guevara
8. Metallic sounding, e.g.
9. Fibrous
10. On its own, prefix
11. Marley classic "_____ It Up"
12. Bird action
15. Given name sometimes shortened to Ro
20. Ancient Greeks' assembly spot
22. _____ out, as in a victory
24. Drop by drop
25. *She was a major attraction at Woodstock
26. Solitaire player, e.g.
27. *Newly independent West African republic
29. Eurozone money
31. Clobber
32. Like a neon sign at night
33. *Neil Armstrong's landing
34. *He famously said, "Turn on, tune in, drop out"
36. South African antelope
38. Infamous Roman tyrant
42. Medvedev's country house, e.g.
45. Hot red candy
49. Tote
51. Often done over price
54. Flower part
56. Paratroopers, for short
57. *German construction
58. "Si, mi chiamo Mimi" in La Boheme, e.g.
59. Golf pegs
60. Links to friends on Facebook, e.g.
61. Nell _____, mistress of King Charles II of England
62. Goes with rave
63. "Idea" to a Frenchman
64. Loch _____
67. Between NE and E



AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28

- Republicans will meet this week for their national convention in Tampa, Florida. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie will deliver the convention's keynote address.
- Tropical storm Isaac is now classified as a hurricane and is headed for the Gulf coast.
- Four Army soldiers based in southeast Georgia killed a former comrade and his girlfriend to protect an anarchist militia group they formed. The group stockpiled assault weapons and plotted a range of anti-government attacks and called itself F.E.A.R., short for Forever Enduring Always Ready.
- Two dozen topless women protested in New York City for "National Go-Topless Day" to draw attention to inequality in topless rights between men and women.
- Rick Scott, the Republican governor of Florida, tells voters that Florida has experienced a major economic turnaround saying that Florida's unemployment rate had the "fastest in the nation" decrease since early 2011. But Mitt Romney tells a different story. When the presumptive Republican nominee talks, he describes a Florida with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, creating a slight rift between the two.
- The world's oldest person, Besse Cooper, has turned 116, according to the Guinness World Records. She chose to use numbers instead of actual candles on her cake when she celebrated on Sunday. Guinness claims Cooper is one of only eight people who have reached 116.

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Showboat celebration, continued

host community events drawing people together and to attract statewide attention.

It did many times, as in the case of vice-president Gerald R. Ford visiting it and entertainer Dinah Shore.

The first boat was constructed on empty oil barrels; it had a pilot house along with two smoke stacks. The craft carried around 75 people.

The first performance was on Aug. 10, 1932 and

it was estimated that 7,000 people attended.

The second boat, the Robert E. Lee, was built in 1935 using the design of an original Mississippi steamboat. This boat had two decks and carried 150 passengers.

Showboat productions were cancelled during WWII, but resumed in 1946.

Many residents will never forget the early morning wind of Aug. 19, 1978, which the weather bureau refused to call a tornado. It

lifted the Showboat from the Flat River and smashed it upside down on its dock.

A "Refloat the Showboat" fundraising campaign was organized. Thousands of individuals helped. With Jim Hall acting as designer, Lowell contractor Ivan

Blough constructed a completely new Robert E. Lee, a beautiful new craft, glistening with fresh paint at her berth on the Flat River. It was a stern-wheeler with a raked superstructure, with white gingerbread trim and

an improved flotation system.

Hall said the boat was designed as a sternwheeler rather than sidewheeler to save money on decorating.

The new boat cost \$70,000 and funds were

raised through the community.

"I have always been proud of the Showboat," Hall said. "I wish we could have continued the shows."

Hall, a Kendall College graduate, designed the boat from five slides he had taken in Disneyland, CA, in the 60s.

It had its maiden voyage in July 1979, when thousands of people rode on it downstream, with scroll signatures of those riding.

Hall suggested, for anyone who is interested in the Showboat, to visit the Lowell Area Historical Museum that has a model of the boat built by Bill Barber, as well as Hall's original drawings.

The Showboat has not always had smooth sailing. Years of rained out shows and unexpected production costs had placed the Showboat in debt. Grants from the Lowell Area Community Fund have helped pay for some of it.

An organization, "Friends of the Lowell Showboat," is in the works that would take over the maintenance of the boat from the city.



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