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LLP manger Greg Pierce explains opposition to renewable energy ballot proposal. Police chief Barry Getzen and DPW director Dan DesJarden listen.

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Lowell Light & Power board take into consideration residents' concerns

public was a first for the to having the public present. The Lowell Light & Power board listened while last 50 weeks, since Greg Canfield became a member general manager Greg Pierce their of the board. In fact, the could barely be heard and concerns about recent events

The board members and

small board room above the even the taping of the meeting

The appearance of the generators was not conducive by WLHS was difficult to discern.

> Residents, Peggy Covert and Barb Barber, addressed the board in regards to the employee and union issues that have been at the forefront since spring of this year.

Covert questioned why the board is lumping new and union employees together.

"My main concern is if the existing employees in the union will be able to maintain the same benefits and pay as the other employees not in the union," she said.

Covert questioned general manager Greg Pierce's compensation and his recent increase of salary by \$10,000.

"If we're that broke, how can we afford that?" she asked. "I am begging you to properly compensate the workers. We need quality workers."

Barber raised questions the prolonged about negotiations of a contract LL&P, continued, page 3



Peggy Resident Covert reads her concerns.

City approves easement for King Milling to facilitate expansion, stalls to oppose renewable energy ballot proposal

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council approved an easement indemnification use and with agreement King Milling Company Monday night to facilitate an ongoing expansion.

King Milling has proposed to expand, in its second phase, its facilities into a utility easement held by the city of Lowell on a vacated

being able to operate a business," said Howe.

Typically, the agreements are not assignable if the ownership changes.

On a different note, the council struggled with a resolution opposing a renewable energy ballot proposal in spite of having a municipally owned utility in town.

"To have it mandated does not make sense," said Lowell Light & Power general manager Greg Pierce. "It

nuclear as renewable energy. It's shortsighted." According to Pierce, the

doesn't allow hydro and 25 percent energy ballot requirement would override City meeting, continued, page 2

Great American music celebrated at Bluegrass Festival

The annual FallFest Bluegrass music festival attracted hundreds to the Kent County

fall festival



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portion of Water Street.

Since the proposed building will occupy the Street. vacated Water lines will be re-routed and upgraded from 15-inch lines to 18 inches. The city will maintain the line.

"This puts us in great shape for future expansion," said city manager Mark Howe.

The second phase of construction is slated to start next week. The total project cost is \$11 million.

In related business:

The city council approved a 10-year lease agreement with Flat River Grill for the use of the outside patio area adjacent to the Bergin Building.

"The patio is key to them

"This ballot proposal [is] to burn a renewable energy requirement into the constitution," said Howe. According to Howe. there is already a legislation mandating a 10 percent renewable energy requirement by 2015.

If the ballot proposal of having 25 percent renewable energy by 2025 passes, then there would be no chance to evaluate the 10 percent requirement, according to Howe.

Councilmember Andrew Schrauben said he doesn't understand why the city is taking a stance on the proposal. He questioned the role of the city council in the ballot issue in comparison to other ballot issues.

Youth Fairgrounds last weekend.

A complete line-up of bluegrass bands included Schlitz Creek from the mountains

of Kalamazoo. The band played bluegrass with "some bite." For the second year in a row, the festival was held inside the large exhibition building on the fairgrounds. "This has worked out well for us," said West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association president Dave Simmonds.

Many campers enjoyed jammin' on the site way into the evening hours.





City manager Mark Howe with Tamela Spicer of Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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the 10 percent one in place currently.

42 other municipal utilities have joined to oppose the ballot.

Renewable energy, according to Pierce, is

much more costly. It is approximately 30 percent Ellison said she doesn't see more than regular energy.

"It would mean a significant increase on rates," said Pierce.

Mayor pro tem Sharon anything wrong with the 25 percent renewable energy requirement, but needs more information.

The motion to oppose the requirement by Jim Hall died for lack of support.



FLU SHOT REMINDER

No cost/low cost flu shots for Kent County residents age 60 to 64 at Lowell Senior Neighbors, Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. Thurs., Sept. 27, 10 am - noon. Sponsored by Kent County Senior Millage.

FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

The Lowell Area Fire Department will host a fire safety open house on Wed., Oct. 10 from 6-9 pm at the Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 S. Hudson.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

Community responds to "Simply Give" double match

Since 2008, the Meijer "Simply Give" program has donated over \$3 million to food pantries in communities throughout the Midwest, with over \$24,000 coming to the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) Food Pantry. During the first week of September, the Meijer family provided a double match for the "Simply Give" program, raising \$11,820 for the FROM pantry.

The "Simply Give" program runs in quarterly cycles throughout the year with Meijer pledging \$1 million annually to food pantries across the Midwest.

"Last year we received just over \$11,000 for the entire year of the 'Simply Give' program," said FROM's executive director, Tamela Spicer. "To raise that much in just one week is amazing. The continued support of this community is overwhelming."

Several groups contributed to the "Simply Give" double up program. The Ada Farmers' Market contributed from funds collected throughout the summer and several churches purchased "Simply Give" cards in bulk. Lowell Hall employees City purchased \$170 worth of cards from their Friday Jean Day program, where employees can wear jeans to work on Friday for a small contribution. These small contributions of \$1 and \$2 made a significant gift of \$510 with the Meijer family match.

"Our city hall employees were eager to raise money in this way for a good cause," said city manager Mark Howe. "I'm proud of the employees who provide public services every day, but there are those extra special people who go beyond their jobs to help make this a great community."

While the double up match program is complete, "Simply Give" cards are available at the Lowell Meijer through Oct. 6. A \$10 purchase will be matched, in part, by the Meijer Corporation.



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International with the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). The negotiations have been going on since January of this year, with no end in sight. The city is using a state appointed mediator, while the union is not allowed to arbitrate, unlike the police unions.

"If you stall this long enough, will the employees have to sign a contract they don't want?" she questioned. "They will not be allowed to arbitrate or to strike."

Covert and Barber, both, raised concerns in regards to the secretive sale of Lowell Cable TV five years ago.

"It was a city owned utility," said Barber. "It was

sold without the vote of position in the company," he citizens. Who knows about the outcome of this fiasco with secret negotiations. You job was not preserved after can't rely on words of the moving 100 miles west here. government."

However, Canfield said the until I was released." sale of cable TV was already a done deal based on the lack of upgrades to the system.

"It was run to the ground," he said.

Former cable TV worker Larry Dyer said he lost his job with the sale, in spite of the assurances that everyone would be transferred to Lowell Light & Power (LLP).

"I enjoyed Lowell for many years, but I was not moved to LLP to preserve my policies, not for the city.

said. "I was terminated when the company was sold. My I considered this my home

Maryalene LaPonsie said the board has the city residents' best interest at heart.

Benefits have been among some of the employee issues recently discussed. Pierce proposed a reduction of benefits from a 90/10 plan to 80/20 for new hires only.

Board member Perry Beachum said he is only responsible for Lowell Light Power decisions and &

required. Tues., Oct. 9, 10 am.

"We're nowhere near discussion of cutting of pay," he said. "Not once did we decline a raise. We've approved merit raises."

As to the sale of cable TV, Beachum said he was on board at the time. However, all the actions were already in place and rolling.

"They were not keeping up with the upgrades," he said.

He passed around a letter of recommendations pertaining to two employees. The board set a special meeting for Sept. 18 at 6 pm to resolve the issue either in closed or open session based on the request of the employees.

Canfield concluded that although the situation with

the union is unfortunate, the city will get through it.

"We have a rough bump to get through," he said.

In the future, the LLP meetings may be held at the city hall for sound and space reasons.



Perry Beachum explains there was nothing to be done about the sale of cable TV.



Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Lego Family Block Party –

The library is the place for Lego fun! Drop in and make your own special Lego or Duplo creations. All materials are provided by the library, so come design and create! For families. Thurs., Sept. 27, 10:30 am.



MON: Pancakes served w/ yogurt cup for dipping, warm cinnamon apples, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit cocktail, green grapes, milk.

TUES: BBQ pork ribbie on WG bun, seasoned green beans, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, chick pea salad, peaches, cantaloupe, milk.

What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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KDL Kids Club -It's a special time for fun, interactive programs just for school kids! Join our KDL Kids Club programs for crafts, storytimes, games and other activities. For grades K-5. Tues., Sept. 25, 4 pm.

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion – Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. For adults, no registration



BIGGEST TREE CONTEST In the city of Lowell is on for 2012. The contest is being sponsored by the Lowell Arbor Board. This is the fourth annual Big Tree Contest.

To be eligible the tree must be in the Lowell city limits and the deadline is Oct. 13, 2012. The top three entries receive plaques that can be placed on or adjacent to the tree. The 2009 winner is an oak tree at Schneider Manor on Bowes Rd. The 2010 winner is an elm tree adjacent to Duke



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FRI: Tony's pepperoni pizza on whole wheat, seasoned corn, fruit & veggie bar: red pepper celery strips, sticks, mandarin oranges, pears, milk.

Thomet's residence, 412 N. Division. The 2011 winner is a maple tree located at 701 Amity.

CONTEST DETAILS

• Tree size will be confirmed by an arborist & a professional landscaper.

Entry form available at City Hall or City of Lowell website: www.ci.lowell.mi.us

ENTRY FORM

Name Phone_

Address

Location of tree within the city limits (nearest cross streets):

Species of tree (if known):

Girth of tree in inches (as measured 4.5 feet above the ground): Landowner of property where tree is located:

Landowner phone(s):_

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\$450,000 East Riverbank project on its way

by Emma Palova

The long awaited \$450,000 East Riverbank project that will extend the Riverwalk to the amphitheatre area and the Lafayette Street

neighborhood is now in its design stages. The city

received has а \$300,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The grant amount will be matched by cash flow of \$50,000 from the Lowell Downtown Development Authority (DDA), \$50,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund and \$50,000 from the Lowell

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So, the city will spend the money upfront and submit bills to MDNR to get reimbursed, according to

also works for the Lowell Area Schools in grounds and maintenance.

Howe expects the project



Matt Burton expects more use out of the improved amphitheatre area.

> city manager Mark Howe. The project will extend the

Riverwalk along Flat River past the amphitheatre and eventually will connect into the city sidewalk system. It entails the removal of the stage and seating area of the amphitheatre, improvement of the riverbank, installation of a boat dock and kayak/ canoe launch, connection Lafayette with Street sidewalk, landscaping and other natural features.

An open park area will be maintained in the center, based on input from the design charettes held last year.

City resident Matt Burton, scouting the amphitheatre area and the kayak launch last week, was excited to hear about the improvements.

"The city will get more use out of it," he said.

Burton, who likes to fish in the area, said the city residents will definitely use it more if it's improved and all the concrete out. Burton

The world is a tragedy to those who feel, but a comedy to those who think.

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to be completed in the spring of 2013 in time for the Riverwalk festival held in mid July.

"It's an aggressive schedule but we're going to work hard to get it done," he said.

Williams & Works has been contracted to perform initial work in obtaining a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit and design of the project.

"It enhances natural features and it will be a great asset for downtown," said Howe.

Currently, a design committee consisting of representatives from the city council, the DDA, the chamber of commerce and city staff are meeting with Williams & Works to further define the project.

To facilitate the project a sliver of property by the amphitheatre has been purchased from Lowell Area Schools for \$25,000 with DDA funds.

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Consumer Bureau is off to strong start



Sen. Carl Levin

When Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act to reform Wall Street in the aftermath of the financial crisis, one of our most important steps was an attempt to help level the playing field for consumers in the complicated markets for mortgages, credit cards, consumer loans and other financial products by establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Just as federal agencies protect consumers from harmful food products or pharmaceuticals, the CFBP is designed to help protect

abuses consumers from in financial markets. The agency is required twice a year to report to Congress on its activities, and in early September, CFPB Director Rob Cordray gave us a promising report card.

As my Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has shown, shoddy mortgage lending practices were one of the major causes of the financial crisis. Too often, lenders sought short-term profits by giving loans to consumers who couldn't pay, or

deceiving borrowers about the cost of loans, leading to the housing collapse that hurt nearly every American family. Director Cordray explained how CFPB has begun writing rules that will simplify mortgage disclosure forms, so that consumers can clearly understand the terms and costs of a loan.

Our subcommittee has also documented abusive practices by credit card companies, such as unfair practices billing and unjustified interest rate hikes. One of consumers' best weapons against those abuses is information, and to help, the CFBP has established a database of consumer credit card complaints at

consumerfinance.gov/ complaintdatabase.

The CFPB isn't just gathering data; it's taking action. In addition to credit card complaints, the bureau investigates complaints about mortgages, payday loans, bank accounts, and other financial products. It works with consumers and financial companies to try to resolve those complaints. Since December of last year, nearly 5,000 consumers have received monetary relief from financial companies thanks to the CFPB complaint process.

Another important area of CFBP activity is its

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at frequent intervals loud cheers and applause as he proceeded to show them "how to look on this picture, then on that." The records of the Republican and Democrat parties were reviewed and compared, the various "wings" of the Democratic party discussed and the nervous and feeble flopping of the Liberal wing was amusingly and most aptly illustrated.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 19, 1912

At the regular meeting of the Village Council Monday evening, a petition was presented asking for the construction of cement gutters on Monroe street near Bridge street and that the weigh scales in the same locality be removed. The place is used for hitching purposes and in muddy weather passers by are in danger of being spattered by the stamping of horses feet. The matter was laid on the table for further consideration.

Headline: Guest Found Dead - Heart Failure Causes Sudden Death of Chas. Gray. Charles Gray, aged seventy-three, was found Sunday night about 8:30, dead in his bed at the home of Frank Sargeant, near the Grand Truck depot, Lowell, where he had been spending a week, death having resulted from heart trouble. Deceased was a resident of Jamestown, Allegan County, and had been visiting at the home of Frank Sargeant, the two men being old friends. He retired Sunday night at about eight o'clock and about twenty minutes later was found lying upon his back, dead, looking as though asleep. Justice Andrews was called as coroner and pronounced heart trouble the cause and no inquest was considered necessary. Interment was made yesterday in Oakwood cemetery.



To protect lives through community-based fire safety education, the Lowell Area Fire Department invites its neighbors to join in support of Sparky's Wish ListTM. Sparky's Wish List: Partnering for Fire-Safe Communities, a project of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), brings Lowell businesses and the community together with local fire departments to fund life-saving fire safety educational materials.

"Every year, we see fire-related injuries and deaths that might have been prevented with fire safety education, functioning smoke alarms or practiced [an] escape plan," said Captain Roger Reed. "Our first line of protection is educating the community. Sparky's Wish List will allow us to work with the Lowell Area Schools and community organizations to provide these critical educational resources."

The wish list website allows fire departments to create a tailored profile page, identifying the specific materials needed for local fire education programs. Residents, businesses and others can then find the pages by searching sparkyswishlist. org/Give by city and/or state to choose items to purchase from the list. Materials will

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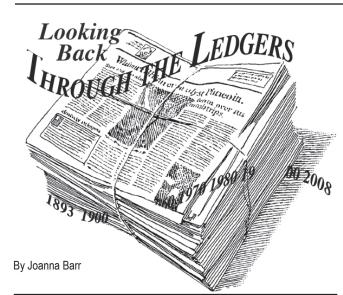
by Captain Roger Reed

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saves lives, but with current budget pressures, it's hard many departments for to pay for a range of educational materials," said Jim Shannon, president of NFPA, the coordinator of the program. "Sparky's Wish List: Partnering for Fire-Safe Communities is designed to help close the gap between what fire departments can afford and what they need to educate on fire safety."

Every year, fire departments in the United States respond to more than 350,000 home fires resulting in at least 2,500 deaths and more than 12,000 injuries. To date, the Lowell Area Fire Department responded to over 600 fires or EMS emergencies.

Sparky the Fire Dog was created for the National Fire Protection Association in 1951 and has been the organization's official mascot and spokesdog ever since. He is a widely recognized fire safety icon that is beloved by children and adults alike. In addition to connecting with the public through public service announcements and his featured role in Fire Prevention Week campaigns each October, he has a very active website, www.sparky. org and a Facebook page that was launched in 2011 as part of his 60th anniversary celebration. Sparky the



140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal September 18, 1872

The first frame house that was erected in Lowell was placed on rollers last Saturday to be removed to a more retired recluse to spend the remainder of its days, leaving its old site of twenty-six years, that a larger and more comely structure may be erected to answer the demands of the present. On the 118th day of December 1846, Mr. C. Hooker of this village commenced the building of this house and on the following Christmas moved into it with his family. For nearly 26 years it has stood in its original place, while to the right of it, to the left of it and on all sides of it, have grown up other buildings, until to-day it surrenders its own situation and moves out as has its honored builder and former occupant, to rest in seclusion until its mission is ended. Gen. Cutcheon in Lowell - Michigan can boast of but few clearer headed men and abler speakers than the Cutcheon brothers. Four years ago our citizens were favored with a powerful campaign speech which they have not yet forgotten, by Hon. S. M. Cutcheon of Ypsilanti and on Thursday evening last, Gen. Cutcheon of Manistee delivered a speech at Music Hall which will also undoubtedly be remembered as one of the ablest speeches delivered in Lowell during the campaign of 1872, previous to the re-election of General Grant. The inclemency of the weather on Thursday evening prevented many from attending the meeting and the audience was composed principally of the citizens of Lowell, although a few of the courageous from adjoining towns ventured out through the dark and rain to hear the General speak. For nearly two hours the speaker held the closest attention of his audience, receiving

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1937

Headline: 24 Duck Eggs Five Years Ago, 1,000 Ducks Now - Sanctuary Here Given Approval. No one suspected that with the placing of six ducks and three drakes in the spillway below the King feed mill outlet in 1932, a flock of ducks numbering nearly a thousand, would be swimming around below five years later. The late Frank T. King secured a couple of dozen wild mallard eggs at Grand Rapids in the spring of 1932 and had them hatched at the Foreman Hatchery. They were then placed in the care of a

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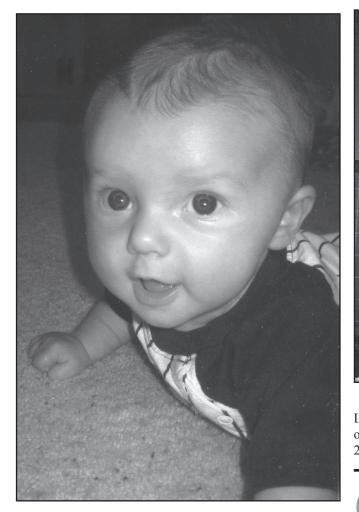
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area births

Golczynski



Michael Elliot

Big brother Adam is proud to announce the birth of his brother, Michael Elliot. He was born May 21, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches.

Also welcoming him home are parents, Mike and Ryan Golczynski of

Lowell; grandparents, Mike and Dianne Golczynski of Grand Rapids, Nancy Roth of Lowell, and the late Rick Roth; great-grandparents, Rosemary Kamyczek of Grand Rapids and Bob and Eileen Brimmer of Sparta.



Whitlatch



Lewis Frank and Betty Louise celebrated 60 years of marriage on September 22, 2012. They both served

in the U.S. Navy where they met in 1952 at Great Lakes Naval Base. Betty was the world's greatest stay



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at home mom to their five children. Lewis retired from Henry Fox Sales Company in 2001 after 40 years as warehouse manager. They currently live in Lowell where they are enjoying retirement together and are known at their favorite hangout, Keiser's Kitchen,

as "Grandma and Grandpa." Their anniversary will be celebrated at a gathering of family and friends hosted by their children, Valerie, Lewis (Tammy), Matt (Dawn), Darlene and Andrette. They have been blessed with 11 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

SEPTEMBER 21 SEPTEMBER 24 Deanna Anchors, Renee

Kenneth Gregersen II, Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph David Powell, Clara King, Scott, Megan Racine, Stephanie Vickers, Jake Ethan VanDerWarf. Baker, Samantha Clouser.

SEPTEMBER 22 Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda Barnes, Grandma Modlin.

SEPTEMBER 23 Steve VanLaan, Mike Racine.







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Levin, continued

its assistance to military families. These families are especially vulnerable to financial fraud and abuse: they are often young, making major financial commitments like a mortgage or car loan for the first time; they face the strain and separation of overseas deployments that can last a year or more; and they must regularly move from one base to another as they are transferred to a new unit.

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs is headed up by Holly Petraeus, the wife of Gen. David Petraeus, our former top commander in Iraq and Afghanistan now serving as CIA director. Holly Petraeus has crossed the country visiting military installations to help educate military families on financial issues, and to inform them about CFBP's available services.

The bureau is testing a "Military Benefits Calculator" that estimates education benefits for

veterans and their families. It is also assisting the Department of Defense in improving educational materials provided to military members as they transition from life in uniform to the civilian world. Another issue it is tackling is abusive payday loans, which sometimes target families on military bases. And it is working with the Treasury Department to help military families obtain mortgage modifications that can help them avoid foreclosure. The bureau is also working with banking regulators to help protect military families from abusive mortgage practices.

Student loans are another area of major concern for American families; as college costs have grown, so has the debt that students and families take on to pay for education. The CFBP is testing an online tool to help families compare the cost of various financial aid options. And it is working with the Department of Education to finalize requirements for a consumer "shopping sheet" that lenders will provide to every borrower, clearly outlining the terms of a loan.

CFPB is also putting some teeth into consumer protection rules by putting a priority on enforcement. For example, in July, the bureau ordered credit card company Capital One to refund nearly \$140 million to consumers after engaging in hard-sell tactics and then refusing to cancel add-on products such as credit monitoring services. This action sent a strong signal to financial companies that they must obey the law or face the consequences.

The message for consumers is that they have a powerful agency on their side in the financial world. I hope you'll visit the consumer bureau's website at consumerfinance.gov and take full advantage of the tools it offers to protect you and your family from unfair financial practices.



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

ulcers

Peptic ulcers are due to a breakdown of the protective lining of the stomach or duodenum resulting in ulcerations. Over 15 million people in the United States suffer with ulcers.

Risk factors for peptic ulcer disease include smoking, use of NSAID medications (Ibuprofen, naproxyn, among others), aspirin and alcohol intake. Infection or colonization of the stomach by a bacteria called helicobacter pylori (H.pylori) also seems to



be associated with ulcer formation.

Symptoms of an ulcer include upper abdominal pain that may be relieved with a meal and worse at night. Vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds is a sign that active bleeding may be occurring within the GI tract and should be treated as an emergency.

Peptic ulcers are diagnosed by a gastroenterologist when a scope is passed in to the esophagus, stomach and the duodenum to directly visualize the stomach lining. Biopsies of ulcers are usually taken to rule out a malignant cause. Bacterial cultures are also obtained at that time.

Once a diagnosis of peptic ulcer has been made, your doctor will usually prescribe a proton pump inhibitor medication that will decrease the acidity within the stomach, allowing the ulcer to heal. Antibiotics may be prescribed to treat H.pylori infections. If you have been diagnosed with an ulcer, you should avoid the use of NSAIDs and discuss with our doctor the risks of taking blood thinners. Most ulcers can be treated with medication or with a procedure through the endoscope. Surgery is needed in rare cases where there is a perforation or severe bleeding.

I don't know if God exists, but it would be better for His reputation if He didn't.

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~ Jules Renard (1864 - 1910)

Looking Back, continued

workman at the mill and were large enough by fall to permit their being placed in the spillway below the feed mill. The ducks were kept there for five years. From the tiny flock, the ducks increased to about five or six hundred, which were loosed this spring, being allowed to swim up and down Flat River but being fed regularly to attract them back to the mill. Early spring floods washed out the first nests but this did not discourage the ducks; they went ahead and raised flock after flock of ducklings that attracted the visitors and townspeople throughout the summer. Little trouble has occurred during the summer to protect the ducks, nearly everyone respecting a worthy project and giving every assistance. Application went into the Department of Conservation this spring for the posting of the land along the river between the mill and Grand river as a wild life sanctuary, but was not acted upon favorably until this last week when the Conservation Commission approved the request. William C. Doyle and Charles Doyle have been active in creating this sanctuary and the cooperation of the Village of Lowell, Earl Thomas and Will Devering in giving over their lands along the river has made this possible.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 20, 1962

Headline: Lowell Men Assist At Cave-In Deaths – Lowell men were among the first on the scene in the death of two young boys on Murray Lake Island Sunday afternoon. One of the men on the scene was Robert Kropf, who was the first to reach one of the youngsters. Crushed below three feet of heavy clay that dropped several feet were Charles Phillips, 10; and David Day, 12; both of Grand Rapids. It was nearly a half-hour before the boys were uncovered, but local men who helped dig them out felt that they were crushed by the huge lumps of heavy wet clay.

Bruce Weeks was badly bruised last Friday morning when he struck a deer on Vergennes Road with his

pick-up truck, enroute to work. The impact with the doe sent the pick-up truck into an embankment and Weeks escaped from the vehicle through a window. He was taken to Butterworth Hospital where he was treated and released.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 23, 1987

Headline: Get ready for Homecoming this week – Red and white are the colors! Homecoming is the name of the game! The celebration has begun! Students have scheduled "different" clothing to be worn each day and started on Monday with generic day in black and white. Tuesday was teacher/principal look-alike day with imitations of staff members of choice, Wednesday is Farmers' day, friends' Twin Day on Thursday and Friday will be the traditional Lowell school colors, red and white day, to demonstrate spirit and support for their alma mater.



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To the many Volunteers,

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THANK YOU

Artisans, Demonstrators, Musicians, Food Booth Groups, for their tireless commitment to making this year's LowellArts! event memorable.

AND FINALLY

Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners, and Grand Prize winner Sue Konyndyk, winner of Dawn Ysseldyke's beautiful quilt, "Amazon Star".

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Fallasburg Fall Festival, a premier arts festival

by Emma Palova

For two-year-old Mackenzie Lucas of Ada, the Fallasburg Fall Festival was all about painting pumpkins. But for her mom Lyndsay Lucas, it was like a homecoming after many years of taking a break waiting for the kids to grow up to enjoy it.

"I had to wait a few years to come back," she said.

Brothers Karwowski of Belmont were no strangers to the festival either. They too liked the pumpkin painting area the most, along with the natural beauty of the park. The park meanders with trails, shaded by beautiful oak trees calling to be explored.

For both young and old, the festival is definitely an artist's haven.

And it's laid back. Just Grand ask Valley State University (GVSU) biologist turned scrimshaw artist Mark Thogerson.

During summertime, Thogerson makes a living selling his art statewide at festivals from Marquette to Michigan City for up to 15 shows.

"This is a fun show to Thogerson worked do," he said. "It's laid back. not high pressure. You run into people who you know from other festivals."

More over, according to Thogerson, the Fallasburg festival is affordable. He expects to pay 10 to 15 percent of what he's going to make for the booth.

The artist, challenged by his mother, learned the whaler's craft on his own by watching others in Boston and San Francisco. He's been practicing the art since he was 13 years old. "My mother issued the

challenge," he said, "and I knew I could do it."

Sitting in his booth,

on etching into ivory. He uses fossil walrus or mammoth ivory from Siberia. It can get expensive with larger items, like the antler cribbage boards with eagle in stoop for \$225 or fossil ivory pendants with a moon face for \$125.

But, the items are definitely unique in design, material and shape.

Thogerson also loved the safety of the two-day festival. He slept in his camper and could see his booth from the window. And, the festival has security. The participating artists do not have to take down their booths at the end of a long



Lyndsay and Mackenzie Lucas with Gavin and Brady Karwowski painting pumpkins.

day, only to start setting up early in the morning again.

Most high pressure festivals require taking down the booth for the night, according to Thogerson.

Uniqueness is the staple of 44th vear.

And participating artists and crafters have a tendency to get hooked on the festival for years.

Paul Geer of Frozen Creek Florals has been coming to the festival for the last 26

of Desert Storm, but his partner Ruth Smiley was there that year. He took over the dried floral craft from the Spencers, who told Geer to grow plenty of Sweet Annie.

"I found out you can the entire festival, now in its never have enough of Sweet Annie," he said.

> Truly, a line formed waiting for Geer to make the fragrant yellowish green bouquets.

"This is a working booth," he said.

Frozen Creek grows years, with the exception 96 percent of flowers and

herbs, used in handmade wreaths and other floral decorations, on their farm in Belmont. This includes hops, hydrangeas and herbs.

They quite often run out of products the first day of the festival and have to hustle to make more over night. A recent edition to successful hot sellers has been preservation of wedding bouquets placed in wall mountings.

"This is a premier arts' festival," said Geer.

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Mark Thogerson works on his scrimshaw art.



Dan Mayhew makes rustic furniture.



Paul Geer makes fragrant Sweet Annie decorations.

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Annual tea party still a good time



Submitted by Dot Lacic

The 14th annual tea party at Dot Lacic's home in Lowell was held August 30. It was another fun time for all the girls. The ladies attended from a wide area, wearing Victorian dresses and wonderfully, fun hats.

In attendance were Niva, the welcoming mannequin; Adeline Brower, of Pentwater; Mary Dillree, of Stanwood; Mary Irwin, of Wyoming; Shirley Hanes, of Sand Lake; Linda Brock, of Bailey; Vicky Brown, of Cedar Springs; Edith Kloe, of Grand Rapids; Joyce Bland, of Sparta; Kat Alexander, of Clarksville; Sandi Veenkamp, of Cascade; Marie Graham, of Kentwood; Mary Snyder, of Caledonia; Lu Barnes, of Kentwood; Barb Keefer, of Kentwood; Karen Stephens, of Lowell; and Jeanette Vanderhegg, of Sand Lake.



Dot Lacic with Niva the mannequin.

Festival, continued



The Fallasburg Fall Festival of the Arts' quilt, "Amazon Star," was won by Rockford resident Sue Konyndyk. Konyndyk, left, is pictured with the creator of the quilt, Dawn Ysseldyke. Ysseldyke has been making the quilts for the LowellArts! event for many years. The much anticipated raffle featured over 100 donated items from this year's artisans as well as the colorful quilt.



Metal art tree.





Thomas Legault finishes a painting.



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First row, left to right: Emma McLane, Bethany Kaczanowski, Leah Schlosser, Delainey Ferguson, Kortney Beachler, Grace Quiggle, and Kolby Kloosterman; second row, left to right: Katelyn Kaczanowski, Tess Richardson, Katie Bush, Aubreigh Steed, Abby Petroelje, and Paige Wilson.

Editor's note: The wrong team picture was inadvertently placed in last week's Ledger sports preview. Please accept my apologies.



Tough week for tennis

by Karen Jack

The boys' tennis team had a tough week, losing their conference opener against Jenison and then placing third in the Holland Invitational.

In the Jenison meet, they lost 5-3, had excellent performances by three of the four doubles teams, but and Luke Kloosterman couldn't quite pull out any representing the fourth flight. wins in the singles format. The doubles winners were Tony Hanson and Micah Babcock for the first flight, Keaton Pomper and Quinn Summerfield for the third flight and Derke Bitterman

Flight two of the singles found Dan Cowden going three sets, but he couldn't quite pull it off.

The team traveled to Holland on Saturday to participate in the Holland

Invitational against Holland, Zeeland East and Spring Lake. Five of the eight flights took second place. Singles players taking second included Cowden and Fotis. The doubles teams that took second

include the teams of Hanson and Babcock, Pomper and Summerfield and Bitterman and Kloosterman. The final scores for the invitational were Zeeland East, 18; Holland, 14; Lowell, 10; and Spring Lake, 6.

The team travels to South Christian on Saturday, Sept. 22, for an invitational tournament starting at 8:30 am.



Lowell High School Students of the Month

LHS Academic The Boosters, Lowell High School have announced that Licia Feuerstein, 12th grade;

and Emelie Rohden, 10th grade; are the Lowell High School September Students of the Month. In order to

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 12-192678-DE

Estate of ROBERT LOUIS STRIEBEL. Date of birth: 04/28/1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS:** The decedent. Robert Louis Striebel, died 11/29/2011.

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

presented to Robert Striebel, named L. 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.

September 10, 2012

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

Robert L. Striebel 3835 Llewellyn Ct. SW Wyoming, MI 49519 616-490-8796 be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department.

All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Feuerstein and Rohden. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Feuerstein was nominated by Mrs. Dent and she writes, "Licia worked very hard all summer long on her AP Spanish summer work. She is also a leader in my Spanish 4/AP Spanish combo class. She is very positive with her peers and works very hard on all assignments."

Mr. Bieneman nominated Rohden and he writes, "While Emelie has only been in my class for a couple of days, I have been really impressed with her willingness to participate in classroom discussions, as well as ask questions both in front of the class and

also during work time. As

an exchange student, she

has worked hard and asked

many questions to not only

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Historical Museum would

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learn the math concepts, but also the English language



Emelie Rohden

and vocabulary used in class. During a time of the year when most students from



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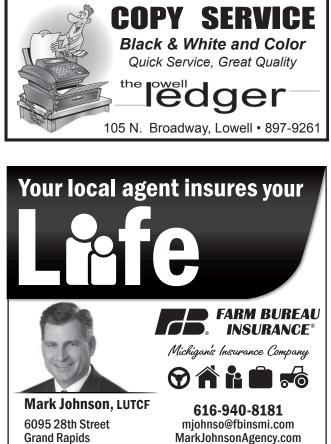
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memorabilia the for upcoming exhibit "Real to Reel" the history of the Strand Theater. They are looking for things like Shirley Temple dolls, plates, cups, statues, lunch boxes, etc. of famous Lowell are not willing to go out of their comfort zone, I am amazed that a teenager from another country is willing to do what Emelie has done in class so far. I believe that through Emelie's behavior, she has become a role model and a leader in my class in only a short amount of time...That is something pretty impressive to me!"

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters, you may contact the office at 987-2900.

Hollywood stars, like W. C. Fields, John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Clint Eastwood, Mae West, or even more recent Hollywood stars. These special artifacts will help tell the story of the movie industry. The museum will showcase all items in a cabinet so they will always be protected and untouched by visitors.





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Last concert closes season



by Emma Palova

The Riverwalk stage came alive last Thursday with blues played by the Steven Hilger Band in a make-up concert for the rained out event on July 19.

"Welcome to the chillin' winter series," said emcee Rick Seese, jokingly.

And it was cold on the banks of the Flat River as an evening chill crept in. With the sun setting much earlier now, the concert was dipped in dark.

But, still a few enthusiasts pulled out their lawn chairs, cuddled up under blankets and listened to good music.

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Arrows lose to Muskegon in no. 1 v. no. 2 showdown

by Karen Jack

Friday night pitted the number one-ranked Lowell Red Arrows against the number two-ranked Muskegon Big Reds, in which the Arrows couldn't quite pull off the win, with a final score of 36-21.

Both teams had the chain gang getting their exercise all night long. Playing in historic Hackley Stadium, the Arrows won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. Muskgon got the ball to start the game and scored on their first possession, making it 7-0. The Arrows had a slow start and couldn't convert on their first couple possessions; neither team scored again in the first quarter.

On Muskegon's third possession of the game, they were able to score again, upping the margin to 14-0. On their very next possession, Lowell was able

to score. The drive started on their own 40-yard line, with passes from Titan Anderson to Zach Huver and Cody Bieri and rushes from Kanon Dean and Anderson. The Arrows made it to Muskegon's 16yard line, with fourth and 14 to go. The Arrows went for it and Anderson threw a 16yard pass to Kyler Shurlow for the touchdown. Austin Bieri kicked the extra point, edging the Arrows closer to Muskegon, 14-7.

On Muskegon's next possession, they scored again, but missed the extra point, bringing the score to 20-7. Lowell scored on their next possession with three passes to Jeff Houston one for 13 yards, one for 12 yards and one for 17 yards. Anderson rushed it across the goal line for another six points. With a good kick from Austin Bieri, the score



Taylor Kornoely and Josh Colegrove stop the run.



Jake Mitchell gets the tackle.

changed to 20-14. Neither team was able to score again the second quarter.

The Arrows came out of the locker room on a mission and scored in the first :18 with a pass from Anderson to Cody Bieri for 73 yards - the only play of that series - putting the Arrows on top, 21-20. Both teams couldn't capitalize on their next two drives and then Muskegon had a break-away run for 88 yards to score again. Going for two points, they missed, but taking the lead again, 26-21. On the very next possession, Lowell wasn't able to get a first down so they punted to Muskegon,

but it was a bad snap, giving Muskegon the ball on Lowell's own three-yard line, of which they scored, adding another seven points to their lead, 33-21. Neither team scored again in the third quarter.

The Arrows were unable to capitalize on their possessions in the fourth quarter and Muskegon scored a field goal, making the final score 36-21.

Anderson threw for 192 yards and had 45 yards in rushing. On the defensive side of the ball, Huver and Shannon Massey each had one sack. Jake Mitchell

led the team with six tackles, followed by Reed Stormzand and Huver, each with five tackles. Shurlow and Pierce Watson each had four tackles.

"I'm proud of these boys," said Noel Dean, head coach. "They played hard and now we have to go back and work harder. We're going to get better."

The Arrows travel to Jenison on Friday, at 7:00 pm, for the OK White conference opener.







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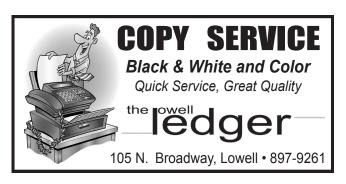
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CHERNOBY

Peter R. Chernoby, age 72 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, September 15, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Catherine Chernoby and 10 siblings. He is survived by his sister, Sophia (Raymond) McElheny; his brother, Andrew (Catherine) Chernoby; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Chernoby, Helen Chernoby, Esther Chernoby and also 31 nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Thursday 11:00 AM at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Msgr. Andrew Keith Lowe of St. John Chrysostom Russian Orthodox Church officiating. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Lowell. Military honors under the Auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation Wednesday 5:00-8:00 PM with a prayer service at 5:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Kent County, 3077 Wilson Dr. NW, Walker, MI 49534.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL **CHARTER** TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

- Expand and clarify the land uses permitted in the AG-2 and R-1 Zoning districts;
- Add new definitions for certain uses:
- Add requirements and definitions for bio fuel production facilities in the AG-1 and AG-2 zones;
- Add requirements to allow the use of farm buildings for the temporary storage of vehicles;
- Amend Section 4.02 being the Schedule of Bulk Regulations to add and delete certain uses and amend

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 12-192539-DE

Estate of JOAN MARIE LANE. Date of birth: 12/22/1922.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICETOCREDITORS: The decedent, Joan Marie Lane, who lived at 800 Hillside Court, Lowell, Michigan died 01/07/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Margaret Walsh, named personal representative or personal proposed representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NE, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/ proposed personal



For the months of October and November, yard waste will be picked up on a weekly basis. Yard waste pickup will be on Thursday, same day as your trash.

Please note if a holiday falls during the week, Thursday pickup will be delayed to Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8456).



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 12, 2012

Thomas E. Lane (P36477) 688 Cascade West Parkway, Suite 230 Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-285-6050

> Margaret Walsh 11508 74th Street SE Alto, MI 49302 616-648-4718

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT **17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE**

ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE CASE NO. 12-05174-DO

Court address: 180 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s): Michelle L. Peacock, 2447 Wyoming Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 V.

name(s), Defendant address(es), and telephone no(s): Russel J. Peacock, 10600 205th St., Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Plantiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.: John R. Jackson (P45183), 429 Turner, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 616-956-5008.

THE COURT FINDS: 1. Service of process upon the defendant, Russel J. Peacock, cannot reasonably be made as provided in and service of process may

be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and complaint for divorce and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s): by publication in The Lowell Ledger.

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

8/9/12

Kathleen A. Feeney, Judge



the minimum lot size and setbacks for certain uses.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012** TIME: 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

> Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

LOWELL **CHARTER** TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OF **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE** NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 6, 2012 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Decedent's Estate

Estate of QUEEN. Date of birth: months after the date 08/26/1916.

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Queen, who	lived at						
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MULTI-FAMILY SALE -Sat., Sept. 22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 340 River Place. Furniture, jet ski, teen clothes, & toys.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE -Sept. 20-22, Thurs. & Fri., 9-4 p.m. & Sat., 9-1 p.m. 10423 Bennett. Boys & girls clothing size infant - 5T, toys, queen size bed. household & misc.

card of thanks

WE WANT TO THANK the person who turned in our mom's wallet to Walgreens. A relief to us and a renewed belief in the goodness of people. Thank you!

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To the classmates who helped make our 50th class reunion fun, memorable and for the covered expenses by a friend. Your kindness will be with us always.

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HELP WITH HOUSE CLEANING - \$10 per hour, references required. Call 616-676-0760.

HELPWANTED-Customer service representative opportunity with Enwork. See advertisement on page 3.

misc. 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.

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide. com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

TOTS ALTO PLAYGROUP - is currently under construction and will temporarily not meet at Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto. For information call 987-2532.

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.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

AVERILL HISTORICAL MU-SEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1 -4p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday:1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER - 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nondenominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/infantitems. Lowell area. 897-9393.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanagable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

EVERY THURSDAY - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

NEW CLASSES FOR EV-**ERYONE** - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

An amendment to rezone the following described three parcels from R-5 Manufactured Housing Community District to R-3 Urban Residential District:

1) Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-400-029 Property Address: 6663 ALDEN NASH AVE SE

Tax Description:

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2) Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-300-009 Property Address: 11602 64TH ST SE

Tax Description:

NE 1/4 SW 1/4 EX W 240 FT OF E 690 FT OF N 545 FT * SEC 4 T5N R9W 37.00 A.

3) Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-425-002 Parcel Address: 11720 64TH ST SE

Tax Description:

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT **17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY PROBATE

> SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

CASE NO. 12-05174-DO

Court address: 180 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Plaintiff's name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s): Michelle L. Peacock, 2447 Wyoming Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 V. Defendant's name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s): Russell J. Peacock. 10600 205th St., Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.: John R. Jackson (P45183), 429 Turner, NW, Grand Rapids. MI 49504, 616-956-5008.

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan Place where action you are notified: 1. You are being sued. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS Kent County, Michigan. after receiving this summons to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy

on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state). (MCR2.111[C])

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Issued: 9/5/12 This summons expires: 12/5/12

> **Count clerk Mary** Hollinrake

COMPLAINT

Family Division Cases There is no other pending or resolved action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court involving the family or family members of the parties.

VENUE

Plaintiff(s) residence: Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan. THE Defendant(s) residence: Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan. arose or business conducted: Wyoming,

> 9/5/12 s/John R. Jackson



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The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012**

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

> Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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- one of their children
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- band
- 25. DNA transmitter
- 28. Alternative for Liz? 30. *Todd or Tina or
- Timmy
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- 37. Seed cover
- 39. Like yellow polka
- dot bikini
- 40. Musical finale
- 41. Linear particle accelerator, for short
- 43. Castle material
- 44. Wrong
- 46. *Heckle and Jeck-
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- 47. Test answer
- 48. *"Rugrats" character
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36. Homework to a student 38. Batman's cave, e.g. 42. Crocus, pl. 45. Downhill race 49. The day before 51. Jack is this and quick? 54. Test format 56. Pitch 57. Iranian money 58. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid 12. Smallest, as in lit-59. Cry plaintively 60. A dull person 61. See him run? 62. Skidded 63. Stare amorously 64. Not far 67. *"The Jetsons" were a Space counterpart to "The Flintstones"

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31. Catch one's breath

29. Stumble

32. Approaches

33. Boredom

34. *"Red



SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18

- The first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, has been buried at sea. NASA says the cremated remains were buried in the Atlantic Ocean during a ceremony aboard the USS Philippine Sea.
- The royals are in the news again when a French publication printed topless pictures of Kate on her honeymoon with Prince William. A French court ordered the magazine publisher to hand over all digital copies of the photos and blocked further publication of what it called a "brutal display" of their private moments.
- Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train, a leading American conservationist who helped craft some of the nation's enduring environmental laws, dies at age 92.
- Two Swedish women are carrying the wombs of their mothers after what doctors called the world's first mother-to-daughter uterus transplants.

SOLUTIONS FOR SEPT. 12 PUZZLES Answers to puzzles on this page will appear in the Sept. 26 issue



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