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Harvest Celebration returns with promises of fun autumn day activities

by Emma Palova

Come next Saturday and spend a fun autumn day in Lowell, taste some chili, build a scarecrow or buy an early Christmas present.

The annual Harvest Celebration will start off with the Harvest Hustle 5K Family Fun, Run/Walk with registration at 8 am at Cherry Creek Elementary.

One of the most popular activities, the Scarecrow Hoedown, will take place at the fairgrounds from 10 am until supplies run out.

This year, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) has taken over the fun event. Straw, cloth and sticks will be provided for \$5.

“Just bring your own creative hands,” said chamber director Liz Baker.

The Farmers’ Market area is expanding with a flea market, garage sale, antiques

and collectibles. Antiques used to be a part of the Arts & Crafts show, but since it never got many vendors, the chamber decided to host it in the open air together with the market.

“It makes it more festive being with the Farmers’ Market, entertainment and food vendors,” said Baker.

The Arts & Crafts show features more than 50 artists in the Foreman Building at the fairgrounds.

“It’s a great show,” said Baker, “Something for everyone there.”

The YMCA Veggie Van will also be on location at the grounds. They will accept food stamps/Snap Bridge Cards on purchases of healthy foods.

Lowell YMCA (the Y) has joined the Harvest

Celebration with their own October celebration for the family. The Y will have a dunk tank, bounce house, games, races, snacks and pumpkin decorating.

A free Zumba class is featured at 11:15 am, followed by a Tae Kwon Do demonstration at 12:15 pm and Tae Kwon Do belt testing at 1 pm.

Lowell Light & Power will offer free hot dogs, chips and beverages, pumpkin painting and bucket rides from 11 am to 2 pm.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will showcase their special exhibit “Real to Reel,” the History of the Strand Theater, from 1 pm to 4 pm. The vintage movie theater will be showing the “Wizard of Oz” while guests munch on free popcorn.

The Lowell Dog Park will have their Pet Expo at the dairy barn with pet vendors and pet adoption information from 9 am to 3 pm.

And once again, music will be back at the fairgrounds with bands like the Wengers, Easy Idle and Bruce Mathews.

But the star attraction of the harvest festival is definitely the Chili Cook-Off organized by Larkin’s from 11 am until 5 pm.

Nothing tastes better than a cup of chili, on a crispy October afternoon, made from scratch by local cooking teams.

Unlike other chamber

events, the Harvest Celebration is different in that everyone is responsible for their own area. The chamber assists with organizing the schedule and with marketing.

“We pray for sunshine with a touch of chill in the air,” said Baker.

The organizing team continuously works to bring more things to do all over the town and more options to choose from.

“It’s a great way to see and experience Lowell in the autumn air,” said Baker. “Whatever you decide to do, it will be a fun day in Lowell.”

Bowes Road construction set for November completion

by Emma Palova

The \$420,000 Bowes Road reconstruction is scheduled for completion by Nov. 2.

The project includes total reconstruction of the 900-foot area west of Valley Vista and pavement overlay from West Avenue to Hudson Street.

80 percent of the project is funded by a grant from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the city’s match is \$83,500. The contractors are C&L Trucking from Ionia.

The bid came 14 percent under budget, according to city manager Mark Howe.

They are the same contractors who did the reconstruction of Sibley and Center streets last year, according to project engineer Dave Austin of Williams & Works.

“This is the last portion of Bowes Road that hasn’t been reconstructed,” he said.



Bowes Road under construction.

The road, which is also an alternative truck route to busy M21, has been under construction off and on for the last 15 years. It also has undergone extreme tree cutting.

The reconstruction will extend the life of pavement for the next 10 to 20 years. As a major road, it qualifies for MDOT funding, according to Austin.

“The city has regularly applied for funding,” he said. “It has been broken into several projects.”

The total reconstruction means ripping out the pavement, putting in a storm sewer and installing new storm pipe.

“When it’s done there will be no parking on Bowes Road,” said Austin. “It’s an MDOT requirement.”

The road will be posted as “No Parking.” During the fair, visitors park on the road, which will not be allowed after the construction is completed.

City council approves resolution opposing renewable energy, favors buying time for disposal of lime

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday night approved the resolution opposing the 2025 Renewable Energy Initiative ballot proposal on a two to one vote. Opposing was mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison and councilmembers, Jim Valentine and Andrew Schrauben, were absent. Mayor Jim Hodges and councilmember Jim Hall voted for the resolution.

“This is coming from the two leaders in the city,” said Hall, referring to the resolution. “It shows leadership.”

However, Ellison opposed the resolution all along stating that it should be up to the voters to decide.

“I am still uncomfortable with this,” Ellison said.

Hodges said the city has yet to get to the 2015 renewable energy requirement and then step it up.

“It would be a mistake to have it in the constitution,” he said.

Michigan voters will be asked to approve a

requirement for electrical companies, like Lowell Light & Power, to generate or purchase 25 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2025 by a constitutional amendment.

There is already a legislative requirement to generate 10 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2015.

This requirement, according to Howe, was the motivation for the bi-digester.

According to Howe, the requirement would burn into Michigan Constitution public policy that should be up for discussion and debate at the legislative level.

It also ignores the current standard and does not give opportunity to evaluate the 10 percent standard, while balancing the cost to the consumer.

In other business, Howe reported that the city continues to look at options for disposing of lime at the Water Treatment Plant.

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Voter registration deadline nears for November general election

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents they have until Tuesday, Oct. 9 to register to vote in the Nov. 6 general election.

“If you would like to vote in the upcoming presidential election, you only have a few more days to register,” said Johnson, Michigan’s chief election officer. “Once you have registered, you have the means to express your voice through one of our greatest

Constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms – the right to vote.”

To register to vote, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail, at their county, city or township clerk’s office, or by visiting any Secretary

of State office. The mail-in form is available at www.Michigan.gov/elections. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

To check their

registration status, residents may visit www.Michigan.gov/vote. On the website, residents can view a sample ballot, find their polling location, learn about absentee voting, get information on Michigan’s voter ID laws and view contact information for their local clerk.

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters who qualify may

choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older.
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
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- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial.
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons.
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Nov. 5 must fill out the ballot in the clerk’s office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide identification when at the polls on Election Day. They will be asked to present

valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver’s license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them to the polls can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they’re not in possession of photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don’t have a Michigan driver’s license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID, as long as they are current:

- Driver’s license or personal identification card issued by another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
- U.S. passport.
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Additional election information can be found at www.Michigan.gov/elections.



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Cancer - New Member Meeting, Tues., Oct. 9 and 23, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:15-8 pm; **Look Good, Feel Better**, Tues., Oct. 9, 1-3 pm, this program, presented by Amercian Cancer Society, will help women in treatment for cancer with appearance-related side-effects. Please sign up as class size is limited; **Zumba**, Tues., Oct. 9, 4-5 pm, join Nikki Snyder, Zumba instructor, at the Lowell Clubhouse for a beginner’s Zumba class; **Book Club**, Tues., Oct. 16, 4:30-5:30 pm, join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club, pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk; **Laughter Circle**, Tues.,

Oct. 23, 4-5 pm, certified laughter leader, Lindsay Jousma LMSW, will walk you through stress relieving techniques and fun activities to help promote overall emotional health. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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.

BOOK BINDING CLASS AT LOWELLARTS!

Artist Whitney Korstange will teach “Traditional Japanese Book Binding” at LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson, Thursday, October 11, from 6–8 pm. For more information, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum would like to borrow movie memorabilia for their 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 Hollywood stars, like W. C. Fields, John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Clint Eastwood, Mae West, or even more recent Hollywood stars. Call the museum for more information at 897-7688.

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There was a controversy as to the methodology to emptying the lime ponds proposed by Al Mathews of Tip Top gravel.

Lime that is used to soften the water is put into drying beds behind the water department. The city will reach capacity with its two ponds in the spring.

“Ultimately we are responsible wherever we put it,” said Howe.

The city is still considering using the most common option of land application to the farmland.

“We don’t want to tackle it every 15 years, but on a regular basis make something negative into positive,” Howe said.

Even disposal of lime into a landfill carries a certain amount of liability for the city.

Howe also spoke about land reclamation using the lime, an idea that has been done, according to Howe.

“The idea came from one of our local folks, from Al Mathews,” Howe said. “He started investigating that. We sat down and discussed it and put the thing behind us. We need to look at what options are available.”

If the city puts a berm in, it will have three drying beds that can be cleaned up every five years.

“We’ll buy ourselves some time and look at options that are available to us,” said Howe. “How can we turn this into a benefit to the community? The time frame we’re operating under is by spring.”

And clay is not an easy material to work with, when wet it gets slippery.

“I like the berm idea,” said mayor pro tem Ellison.

In a later telephone conversation, with Al Mathews, Mathews stated that he and Howe had bounced the berm idea around.

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Annual Chili Cook-Off set for Harvest Celebration

by Emma Palova

The 11th annual Chili Cook-Off will take place during the Harvest Celebration next Saturday.

Sponsored by Larkin's, it will be held on Broadway Street between the post office and the restaurant.

Teams of chefs, local and from West Michigan, will compete for the best red or white chili and for popular vote.

The cooking will start at 11 am.

Judging and tasting starts at 3 pm. The judges are picked locally and some are past winners. Cooks must prepare three to four gallons of chili, with no marinated or pre-cut meat allowed. They need to create that amount of chili because some teams ran out and had nothing left for the People's Choice awards.

Wristbands for tasting the chilies are \$6 each. The proceeds from the cook-off go to different, lesser known charities each year.

This year, owner Mike Larkin picked Alpha

Women's Club. The event raises an average of \$2,200 to \$2,500.

"It's a fun way to raise money for charities that do not receive very much money," said Larkin.

Over the years, the event has been growing steadily from the first cook-off on the patio to a popular street event.

"One of our customers came up with the idea," said Larkin, "so we did it on the patio."

Since then, the event has expanded to 28 teams representing local organizations and businesses.

There have been some fancy chilies cooked up by some very creative teams. These included chili with morels and round steak chili.

But, the classic red chili with hot and mild peppers, onion and condiments has always prevailed, according to judges' taste buds.

In recent years, chefs have gotten innovative using seasonal décor in their



Broadway was filled with chili tasters at last year's Chili Cook-Off

booths and sporting Mexican sombreros.

And there will be music by the Homebrewed band to warm things up.

"I want to see people come and we'll raise money for Alpha Women's Club and have fun," Larkin said.

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Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

Where do we want to go? What will it be like when we arrive? How do we get there? These and other questions will open the door to creating a vision for the greater Lowell community. You will have an opportunity to bring your ideas to a series of Community Cafés taking place at Lowell High School in October.

The greater Lowell community has proven to be an attractive place for people to live, work and play. We have an exceptional educational system, strong organizations that support our sense of community, unique natural features and agricultural areas, and a genuine pride that comes with living in Lowell.

The question is where do we go from here? In order to best answer that question, we

are looking to the residents, businesses, employees and students living or working in the greater Lowell area to help us in creating this vision.

Leaders from Lowell and Vergennes townships, the city of Lowell, Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce came together several months ago to develop a process to get your input on the future of the community. We defined the greater Lowell community as everyone living within the Lowell school district, which encompasses the city at the core of several surrounding townships.

There have been very positive discussions during the initial stages of the project with community leaders reviewing lessons learned from the past and

developing an open dialog with hope for the future.

But that future is up to you and there are opportunities coming up that will give you a chance to provide input and ideas to shape that future.

There is currently an online survey that you can take to begin to provide your input. It can be found at www.greaterlowellvision.org/survey. It should only take five to ten minutes to complete. Hard copies are also available at Lowell City Hall and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. They can be dropped off at either location or put in the mail.

You can also bring your ideas to the Greater Lowell Community Café. Sessions will be held on October 10, October 23 and October 25 at the Lowell High School Freshman cafeteria, 11700 Vergennes Road. Each evening will begin with a free light dinner at 6 pm. An interactive workshop will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm sharp.

Please participate in this important visioning process.

ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Today's discussion is a good education." Most importantly, you are vitally important to your child's future. Because you are

the parent, you are the best advocate for your child. With a diagnosis of ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder), your child has the right to a free and appropriate education under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which is a federal act that requires each state to provide special education rights and prohibits them from taking rights away. Secondly, it is important that you have a thorough understanding of how your child learns, so remember that because you have taken the time to understand your child, you are the "expert" on your child.

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survey seeks community input

To the Editor:

As the elected leaders of the local governments and schools that represent the greater Lowell community and business leaders, we are urging all area residents to help in creating a vision for the future.

Some have asked why we need to have a vision if we like things like they are today. In other words, couldn't our vision be "just keep things the same?" We

might wish for that, but the fact is that change happens all the time and the greater Lowell community will see shifting economic, market and population forces that could impact many of the things we love about our area – some for the better and some maybe not. But we can have some say in all this if we are all working toward the same end. And that's why we need to create a vision of what we would

like the greater Lowell community to be. Then we will be able to craft intelligent strategies to move toward that vision.

With the support of the Lowell Area Community Fund, Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township, the City of Lowell, the Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, we are seeking the broadest possible public input in this effort. To make this easy and fun, we hope everyone will join us at one (or more) of the Community Café events

in the next few weeks. These will include a light meal and an opportunity for everyone to join in the conversation in a fun and informal process. The Community Café events will be hosted by Lowell High School, starting at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 10; Tuesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 25.

In addition, we hope that residents will take a few minutes to visit the project website at www.greaterlowellvision.org and take the on-line community opinion survey. Just click

on the "take our survey" link. If you don't have internet access, drop by city hall, either township office, the chamber office or the library and pick up a paper copy of the survey. It's quick and easy.

The greater Lowell area is a wonderful place to live, work, play, run a business and raise a family. We hope everyone will help us craft a community vision that builds on the best and better positions the community to meet the challenges of the future.

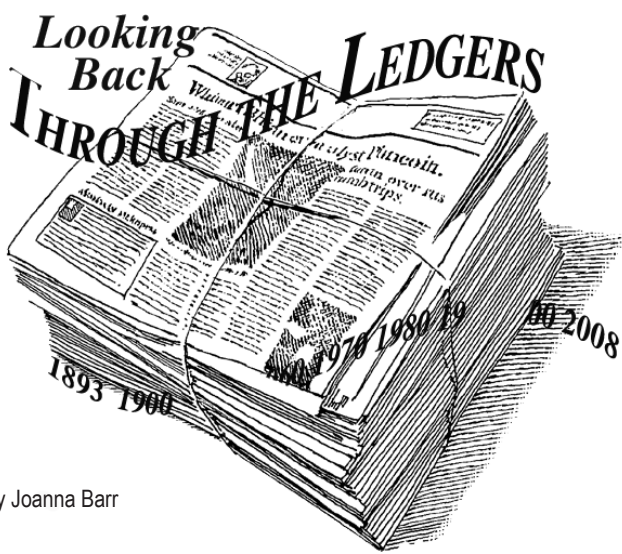
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By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal October 9, 1872

TO THE READERS OF THE JOURNAL – The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has established his headquarters for the sale of the Florence Sewing Machine at the millinery store of Mrs. A. T. Mears, west side of Flat River. In connection with the Florence Machine he will also keep for sale the celebrated Crane Knitting Machine, an article no housekeeper can afford to be without. Organs and Melodeons, a complete variety of sheet music and musical merchandise will also be found at the headquarters of the subscriber. Good bargains will be offered. Respectfully Yours, G. W. Krum.

We take the following items from a correspondence in the Ionia Sentinel. A young man named John House was drowned while running logs in Flat River at this place. His body was recovered three hours after and he was taken to the hotel and well cared for until his friends came and took it away for burial. House was a young man of good habits and respected by all. His folks live near Langston and he has one sister living at Lowell who was duly notified of his sudden death.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Oct. 3, 1912

Headline: A Home Candidate – Melville B. McPherson Candidate for Legislature. From the Section district, Kent county, was born in Vergennes in 1876, educated in district school and Grand Rapids Business college. He taught school two years and holds a first grade certificate. Mr. McPherson is a farmer and has spent his entire life in his hometown. He served as assistant to Commissioner of Schools

Chapel, Zimmer and Freeland and three years as treasurer of Vergennes. He was a delegate to the Republican state convention at Bay City and went as alternate from the Fifth district to Chicago. [He] was urged to become a candidate for representative on the Republican ticket but feeling that the common people stood no chance for their rights in that direction cast his lot with the Progressive party, by which, without his consent, he was nominated. If elected, he pledges himself to do his very best to represent his district; and among his life long friends, neighbors and townsmen nothing more is needed.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1937

Farm Robbed of \$40 – Alec Onan, 71, well known farmer residing near Fallasburg, was frisked of his pocketbook and contents of about \$40 this (Thursday) morning by a man and woman who had stopped him beside the road as he was taking his team to the field. Mr. Onan discovered his loss soon after the pair had departed and summoned Deputy A. H. Stormzand, who traced the car north but lost the trail near the Greenville road. Mr. Onan could only describe the car as black and that there were four children in the back seat.

Richard Watters of Lowell and Harley Saddler of Grand Rapids had a narrow escape Sunday when the gas line broke in the airplane which they were flying at an altitude of about 2000 feet over Lowell. They had to make a forced landing in a field west of town, near the Foreman Hatchery. The plane belongs to Guy Slocum, local aerial enthusiast.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 4, 1962

TB X-Ray Unit at Ada Wednesday, October 16 – The Kent County Tuberculosis Society announces the location of the Christmas Seal Mobile x-ray unit on Wednesday, October 10 at Ada Hardware, Ada, Michigan from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. The public is invited to take advantage of this location and have a free chest x-ray, but must first register with the nurse.

Safest cars on the highway may well be those with gaudy paint jobs such as yellow and blue, according to the American Medical Association (AMA). A car decorated in this fashion makes it easier for other motorists to judge how far away it is, says the AMA.

Martini connoisseurs who demand their cocktails super dry will welcome a newly introduced product. It's vermouth "mist" in an aerosol bottle.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 7, 1987

Headline: Drug bust nets six – The Lowell Police Department, working in conjunction with the Kent County Sheriff's Department, arrested five Lowell area men and an Alto man last Tuesday on various drug related charges. The arrests stemmed from an undercover operation spanning the past nine months. Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons is particularly pleased with the arrests for two reasons. "We believe we've taken some of the major drug traffickers in the area out of circulation for awhile. Also, it is very difficult to develop an undercover drug buying operation in a small, tight-knit community like Lowell, so we're especially pleased this was so successful. In all, there were 17 counts of cocaine offenses and two for marijuana. Two vehicles were seized and a garbage bag of homegrown marijuana was taken as evidence in the arrests. The undercover operation came about following a routine traffic stop in which the offender was found to be in possession of illegal substances. A Lowell police office[r] developed the offender into an undercover agent and the case evolved from there.

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area births

Foster



Nolan Alan Foster

A beautiful baby boy, Nolan Alan Foster, was born on August 16, 2012, to Brady and Becky Foster of Alto. He was born at Grand Rapids Spectrum Hospital at 5:52 am, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Also welcoming him

home was big sister, Olivia; and grandparents, Kim and Cheryl Foster of Lowell and Gary and Gale Bloemers of Alto; great-grandparents, Dolly Bailey of Ionia, Ruth Bloemers of Holland and the late Alma Foster of Greenville.

In The Service

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Eric J. Friske graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Friske is the son of Marla Friske of Ada.

He is a 1999 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School, Grand Rapids.



Seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow.

~ Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

Ask Kathryn, continued

yourself with your school district - identify the special education director and teachers. Get to know them. Many of the special education teachers are excellent educators! 3.) Find out if there are educational consultants in your area that are knowledgeable of children with autism. 4.) Become aware of the educational options in your area. 5.) Learn about

IDEA and identify what the parent's educational responsibilities are. 6.) Develop and maintain good relationships with school staff. When parents become unreasonably demanding and abrasive, the child loses out because the teachers and staff can become demoralized. 7.) Keep good records of the meetings with school personnel and

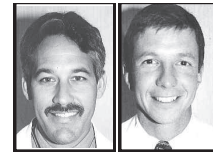
securely save the child's assessments and bring them to meetings when necessary. 8.) Ask questions politely to clear up any confusion. 9.) Monitor your child's progress in the educational system.

In summary, the parent of a child with autism is a critical part the child's success. The parent is the best advocate for the child!

Remember, be respectful and appreciative of what the school staff is doing that is positive for your child.

The next article will be on "If I am a neighbor or someone in the community -how should I respond to someone with autism?" If you have any questions about these articles, please email me at kathryndenhouer@gmail.com

health



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

Exercise induced bronchospasm

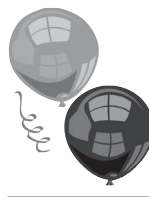
Exercise induced bronchospasm (EIB) occurs during or after exercise when the bronchial tubes constrict leading to shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing. Many patients with asthma will have EIB, but EIB also occurs in individuals that have not been diagnosed with asthma.

During exercise, we generally breathe faster causing the airways to become dry and irritated, making it more difficult to breathe. Resting will generally resolve the symptoms.

EIB is diagnosed by reviewing the history of symptoms during and after exercise. Your doctor may perform a breathing test or get a chest x-ray to rule out

other causes of wheezing. You should see your doctor during exercise or exposure to cold if you experience these symptoms: wheezing, excessive shortness of breath, cough, decreased exercise endurance or chest tightness.

EIB is treated by taking a short acting bronchodilator medicine 15 minutes prior to exercise. This is also used to help confirm the diagnosis. People with EIB will notice a significant improvement in symptoms during exercise after use of an inhaler. Occasionally your doctor may prescribe a longer acting medication to help prevent symptoms. Treated properly, individuals with EIB can exercise without restrictions.



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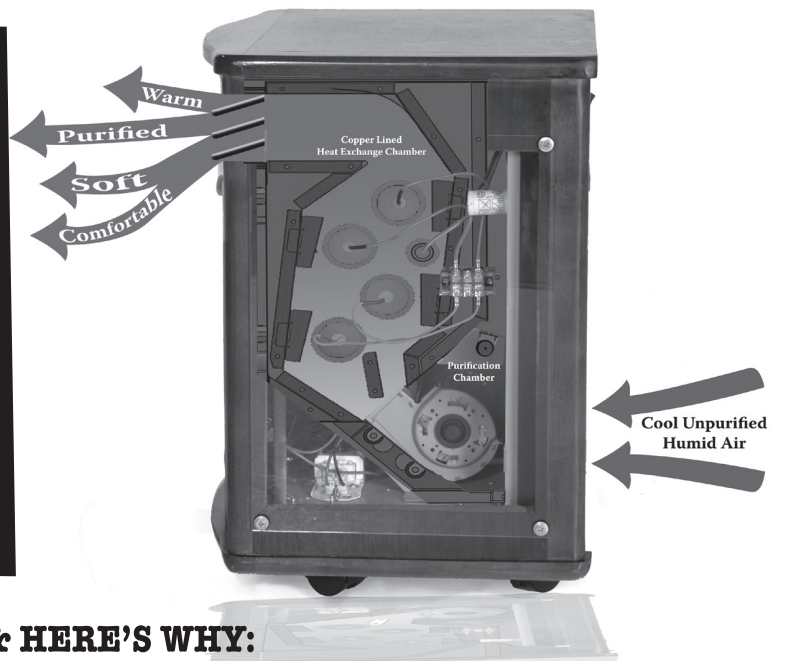
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Homecoming week in Lowell

by Karen Jack

Lowell High School's Homecoming week was filled with festivities.

It began at the high school with spirits days, aimed at highlighting a different issue each day. Monday was "green day," followed by "aspire to be day," "healthy living day," "sport your sport day" and "spirit day," Tuesday through Friday.

Spirit day on Friday included the annual parade down Main Street, filled with youth football players and various sports teams in

the school district, as well as the homecoming court, the robotics team and the Lowell Police and Fire department vehicles.

During the break, between the first and second quarters of the homecoming game, a \$10,000 check was presented to Lowell Area Schools by the Monsanto Fund from America's Farmers Grow Rural Education. This fund is designed to give farmers the chance to strengthen their own communities through education.

Lowell will implement a new greenhouse that will serve as a living laboratory where interdisciplinary lessons are drawn from real-life experiences, encouraging students to become active participants in the learning process. Lowell was nominated by the farming families of Blough, Kaeb, Nugent, Rasch, and Zook.

The student body chose Jessica Montgomery and Brice Hrusovsky as their homecoming queen and

king. The homecoming court members were freshmen: Zeth Dean and Addison Grohman; sophomores: Victoria Russell and John Bigham, and juniors: Shelby Antel and Quinn Summerfield. The seniors on the court included Kenzie Barnes, Delaney McCarrey, Abby Rogalke, Jessica Montgomery, and Ashley White. The king's court included Brice Hrusovsky, Gabe Gorman, Pierce

Watson, Alex McIntire, and Ethan Sutton.

The students in the student section were all dressed in red and were relentless in cheering for their team. They got the rest of the crowd

involved in showing the school spirit. The ubiquitous six, shirtless guys with their bodies painted to spell out ARROWS, led the cheers for the home team all during the game.



The student section cheers on their Arrows at the football game.



Crowned as homecoming king and queen, Brice Hrusovsky and Jessica Montgomery.



The Lowell Fiddle club plays for the parade goers.



Monsanto presents a check to Lowell Area Schools.



Youth football players waving to the crowd.

Area teens participate in weekend youth hunt



Amber Cook, 15, shot a seven-point buck in Ionia County the first day of the youth hunt. She was hunting with her dad, George Cook.



Renee Boersma, 11, shot her first five-point buck from 75 yards Saturday evening in White Cloud. She was hunting with her grandpa Boersma.



Isaac Henderson, 15, shot this eight-point buck while hunting with his dad during the youth hunt, Saturday, just North of Lowell.



Madeleine Haines, 13, shot a six-point buck on Saturday, Sept. 22 using a 243 rifle with a 70-yard shot. She was hunting with her dad, Wayne Haines, on her great-grandpa's property in Sand Lake.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Defense key in win against Forest Hills Central

by Karen Jack

In their 42-24 win against Forest Hills Central, the Arrow defense took over in the fourth quarter with four interceptions, resulting in 21 more points for Lowell.

In their first possession of the game, the Rangers scored seven points. Lowell

answered back with their own touchdown, as a result of three passes to Jeff Houston, a pass to both Zach Huver and Shannon Massey and rushes by Titan Anderson and Kanon Dean. Forest Hills scored again on their next possession, making the score 14-7. Lowell, once

pass to Kyler Shurlow. The Rangers couldn't respond on their next possession, thanks to an interception by Houston which resulted in a touchdown by Anderson, allowing the Arrows to take the lead 21-14.

In the second quarter, both teams went scoreless



Jake Mitchell (#1) and Zach Dawson (#31) take on the Rangers.



Kyler Shurlow runs back one of his two interceptions.

again, responded with a rush from Dean across the goal line after an 83-yard

on their first possessions of the quarter. Then the Rangers tied up the score

with another touchdown and they went into the locker room at halftime tied.

In the third quarter, the only score was a field goal by Forest Hills, to move them ahead 24-21.

The Arrows' defense took the game over in the fourth quarter, though. In every single Ranger possession of the quarter, the defense intercepted the Ranger quarterback. In their first possession, Huver

intercepted and ran 42 yards to the Forest Hills' 23-yard line, Anderson passed to Reed Stormzand for 20 yards and Dean ran it in for the touchdown. In the Forest Hills' second possession, Shurlow intercepted and ran for 24 yards and then Dean and Anderson scored with rushing a total of 31 yards between the two of them. Shurlow intercepted again on the Rangers' next possession, running it back

another 35 yards, but the Arrows were unable to take advantage of the possession and were forced to punt. Stormzand intercepted and returned the ball 49 yards on the Rangers' next possession for a touchdown, making the final score 42-24.

Leading the defense were Huver with 10 tackles, followed by Shurlow and Stormzand, each with seven. Houston and Watson, each had six tackles. The Arrows held Forest Hills to only 47 yards on the ground. On the offensive side of the ball, Dean led the rushing effort with 36 yards and Shurlow led the receiving efforts with 101 yards, followed by Huston with 60 yards.

"Forest Hills was tough with their passing game against us, but our boys started anticipating better in the second half, which was obvious with four interceptions in the fourth quarter," said Noel Dean, head coach. "I've always said this defense was what was going to win games for us and they proved that tonight."

The Arrows play on Friday night at home, facing their archrival, East Grand Rapids. The game begins at 7:00 pm.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

The voice of Red Arrow football

by Karen Jack

For 23 years, Lowell fans have felt they had the best stadium announcer in the state on their side. That familiar voice comes from a man with a giant heart, Tony Stencel.

"I don't believe in being a cheerleader as the announcer. I'll leave that to the fans and the girls on the field. I think these kids deserve impartiality when I'm announcing," Stencel said.

He found the impartiality a little tricky when he was announcing for his kids, however. He said he would announce the play, wait until he turned off the microphone and then go nuts. "It was a little difficult to keep my composure a couple of times."

Stencel got his start



Tony Stencel up in the press box calling the game.

announcing for the 78ers back in the 1990s. He then took over the Friday night games when Lowell

was still playing at Burch Field. Back then, he had to carry his own sound system, complete with bare

wires, to each game and hope it wouldn't rain, just waiting to be zapped. Then, when the Arrows moved

the games to Red Arrow Stadium, he went with them.

He doesn't just announce football. Stencel regularly announces for both the girls' and boys' basketball teams and has also announced for wrestling, softball and volleyball.

He's been asked to announce the high school all-star senior football game in the Big House at the University of Michigan. He said that was a real honor and it was amazing to stand on the field, after spending his youth watching U of M from the nosebleed seats.

For anybody that was paying attention at the Pink Arrow game this year, Stencel had a tough time getting through to the last player when announcing

the honorees. "After announcing the soccer players and volleyball players and then 70-plus football players, it just hit me how many people in our community have been affected by cancer," he said.

Stencel's own sister passed away from cancer about ten years ago and he has a sister who's a survivor, so the combination of it all just hit him.

Stencel says his favorite part of announcing is being part of the atmosphere of the games. He enjoys being there with the kids and students and feeling like he's part of something bigger. "I've got the best seat in the house. I'm so lucky to be able to do this. This is the best thing that's happened to me."

- TENNIS

Red Arrow netters enjoy an upswing

by Karen Jack

The tennis team had a better week this week, tying one match and placing fifth in another.

On Wednesday, last week, the boys' tennis team tied Caledonia with a score of 4-4. Winners in the singles matches were Dan Cowden, Kilian Kohl, and Zach Fotis. For doubles,

flight number one doubles team of Tony Hanson and Micah Babcock took the only doubles' point.

On Saturday, the team ended up playing the previously cancelled South Christian Invitational and placed fifth. The final scores for the invitational were Northview 69, Zeeland

East 53, Hudsonville 43, South Christian 41, Lowell 40, Byron Center 24, East Kentwood 23, and Coopersville 14.

Flight one doubles team of Hanson and Babcock beat Zeeland East, Northview and South Christian's flight one doubles players to take the championship. The flight four doubles team of Derek Bitterman and Luke Kloosterman placed second, beating Byron Center and South Christian, before being edged out by Northview, 3-6, 6-3, (10-5). In that match, they played a tiebreaker rather than a full third set.

Dan Cowden took third place in flight two singles and the flight three doubles team of Keaton Pomper and Quinn Summerfield were also third place finishers. Both won their first and last matches, but lost to Northview in the second round.

The team will be competing at conferences on Saturday, Oct. 5, held at Grand Rapids Christian.



Paul Heemstra hits a backhand.



Parker Groom and Paul Heemstra wait for the serve.



obituaries

HOOVER

Michael C. Hoover, 93, passed peacefully on September 27, 2012, in Jacksonville, FL. Mike was born January 26, 1919, at the family farm home in Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan. His parents were John Henry Hoover and Elizabeth Anna Feuerstein. The family consisted of ten boys and one girl. Jacob Vincent, the youngest, is the only surviving sibling. Mike was married to Pauline (Appleby) Hoover for 65 years. She passed away on April 1, 2010. Mike served in World



War II as a pilot of a B-24 heavy duty bomber aircraft. A B-24 crew consisted of ten personnel. The crew flew 32 combat missions over France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Mike acknowledged his bomber crew at the 8th Air Force Museum at Savannah, Georgia, by donating a plaque. For combat duty, Mike was awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the distinguished Flying Cross. Mike remained in the reserves where he retired as a major in the year 1964 after 23 years. Mike attended Michigan State College after serving in the military and graduated in June 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Mike worked for the Electric Sorting Machine Co., or their various divisions, for the next thirty years. From 1971-1979 he was the chief engineering manager of the Electric Sorting Machine Division. During his thirty years with the company, various patents were obtained under his name but all were assigned to the company. The patents included those for sorting lemons, rice, the "Hydrosort," which sorted tomatoes, slide sorting and other equipment. Mike retired in 1980. He remained a lifelong member of the 2nd Air Division. Mike had many hobbies too numerous to mention, but over the past several years enjoyed collecting and organizing genealogical information on the Hoover-Feuerstein family which he published. He paid homage to past generations by ensuring their graves were appropriately marked. Mike was a devoted member of San Juan del Rio Church and resided in Westminster Woods. Mike is

survived by one brother, Jacob; a sister-in-law, Peggy; many nieces, nephews and many devoted friends. His life was honored at the funeral service on Tuesday, October 2 in Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin. Interment Jacksonville Memory Gardens. Memorial service to take place in Lowell at a later date. Memorials preferred to Westminster Woods on Julington Creek.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, 11801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223, 904-288-0025, www.hgmandarin.com.

WERNET

Thomas Vincent Wernet, age 57 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, September 29, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Pat Wernet and mother-in-law, Colleen Swan. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Laurie; sons, MacArthur Wernet, Michael (Kelley) Wernet; grandchildren, Griffin and Paige; step-mother, Donna Jean Wernet; brothers, John, James



(Mary), Timothy (Sue), William (Lisa), Stephen (Jean); sisters, MaryJo (Sid) Hayward, Jeanne (Craig) Smith; father-in-law, Herbert Swan; sisters-in-law, Cathy Ormiston, Lynette (Jim) Salzwedel; many nieces and nephews, many great nieces and

nephews, also aunts and uncles. Tom was a loving husband, father and grandfather; his passion in life was his family. He was in the dairy business for forty years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 N. Amity, Lowell. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rosary to be recited at 5:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Project, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331



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If you want to get involved with Protect Your Identity Week, visit www.protectyouridnow.org.

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

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429 Turner, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 616-956-5008.

This summons expires: 12/5/12

Count clerk Mary Hollinrake

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),

SUMMONS NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:
 1. You are being sued.
 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS 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

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.
 Defendant(s) residence: Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan.
 Place where action arose or business conducted: Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan.

9/5/12 s/John R. Jackson

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE CASE NO. 12-05174-DO

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

Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s): Russel 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.

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

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wanted

WANTED - help finding a blue 2-gallon Campbell Hausfeld compressor. If you've been offered one cheap, please let me know. One is missing from 120 S. Division without my permission. Tony Myers, 897-6717 or 865-591-4187.

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sales

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ALTO LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

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.

KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tues., 6-7:15 p.m., for adults diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FREE SENIOR COFFEE - Every fourth Friday, 8-9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St.

FOOD PANTRY - First Friday of month at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. Registration 1 p.m., distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 868-6402.

MOMS IN TOUCH GROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impact-church.org or www.celebraterecovery.com

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st - 8th; GEMS for girls 3rd - 8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060, email: lowellcalvarycrc@yahoo.com

LOWELL - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings, etc., can be downloaded for viewing from the www.wlhistv.org website. Many athletic contests & concerts can also be heard 'live' from the www.wlhrsradio.org website.

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

FREE SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Every third Wed. from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St. RSVP 897-8473.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

TOTS ALTO PLAYGROUP is currently "under construction" and will temporarily not meet. Watch for information. Questions or concerns? 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.

TRICK OR TREAT - Wed., Oct. 31 during open hours at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main St., Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

WEE WEDNESDAYS - Every Wednesday, 11-11:20. Rhymes, stories, songs & fun for adult & baby. Babies birth to 17 mo. Alvah N. Belding, Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

KID CRAFT SATURDAY - Third Saturday of each month. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. - noon. Make a craft & take it home. All ages are welcome. Alvah N. Belding, Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

City staff researches options for lime ponds, takes contractor's methodology into bid process

by Emma Palova

The city staff is currently researching options to empty lime settling ponds behind the water department on Bowes Road, prior to putting the project out for bids.

The city has two ponds, one large and a smaller one, to collect lime from the treatment of water.

The ponds need to be

emptied approximately every 15 years, according to water superintendent Brian VanVeelen.

In the past, the city used to spread the lime into the woods on the property. However, in the meantime, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) changed its regulations and lime cannot be spread anymore on the ground because it is considered hazardous waste.

Now that the reserved small pond is close to being full, the city, in its quest for the best solution, approached contractor

Al Mathews of Tip Top Gravel,

"If it causes pollution, the city is liable," said city manager Mark Howe. "Lime is seen as a hazardous substance."

Prior to Mathews' suggestion of new methodology, the existing options were farmland application or hauling the lime to a landfill. A firm from Lansing submitted a proposal for \$120,000 to pick up the lime and haul it to agricultural fields.

But, the city was searching for an alternative, mainly to buy time, if the pond can be divided into two.

"We wanted to buy some time by dividing the pond with a berm into two," Howe said.

Mathews researched the problem and came up with an idea of land reclamation.

A layer of top clay has to be taken off to get to good clay, according to Mathews. So, he suggested mixing lime and clay 50:50, letting it sit and then using it to reclaim the grade.

"There are 7,000 yards of lime sitting in the pond," he said. "By mixing half and half, you end up with 14,000 yards."

That mixture sits for a year and then is used to bring the grade back up.

But, according to Mathews, even though the Department of Public Works was happy with the solution, Howe was going to take the idea of reclamation out to bids.

"I felt like that was a slap in the face," said Mathews. "I am very disappointed the way he handled it."

Two weeks ago, Mathews brought into the city council meeting his attorney Brent Boncher.

"Al submitted a different procedure to get it done," said Boncher. "This

methodology was put out to different parties. I think it's injustice."

Mathews' proposal was for \$60,000.

"You have a very limited opportunity," Boncher said. "I implore you to use your hearts. At the end of the day, it is not about dollars and cents."

However, Howe later said, he was evaluating costs for each option, including the reclamation. Any job over \$5,000 has to be bid out.

"It was done before by the city of Ann Arbor," he said.

"We don't want to create future pollution."

Howe approached O. E. Bieri & Sons with the reclamation methodology to get the best price for the work, without stating the price of Mathews' proposal.

"We have an obligation to explore all of the options that are available to us," he said, "at the same time we have to be careful about what happens and where this is placed, so the city is not liable."

Howe also offered to pay

Mathews for his research time.

"He took it upon himself, but this has been done in other areas," he said. "We pay consultants all the time. We are exploring what other municipalities are doing."

As part of the bid process, the budget for the job has to be set up, as well as specifications.

"We will have bid documents and contracts set up that will assure we are following DEQ requirements," said Howe.



Al Mathews



fire safety 411

by Captain Roger Reed

National Fire Prevention Week

Did you know that in 2010, a home structure fire was reported every 85 seconds? Most fatal fires killed one or two people? Fire departments in the United States responded to 369,500 home structure fires? That these fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths and \$6.9 billion in damages?

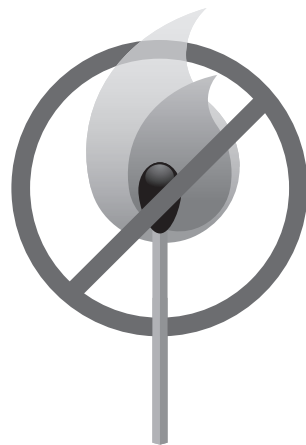
The harsh reality is, when fire strikes, your home can become engulfed in smoke and flames in as little as three minutes. So, what if your first escape route is blocked by smoke or flames? Do you know where

to go? It's because of this that it is so important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. And that having two ways out is such a key part of your escape plan. The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has declared this year's Fire Prevention Weeks' theme to be "Have 2 Ways Out!" and focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

Escape Planning: According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both

developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Almost three-quarters of Americans have an escape plan; however, less than half actually practiced it.

One-third of American households surveyed believed that they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. With modern furnishings and construction, you have very little time to get out before rooms become filled with smoke making it impossible to pass. In the same survey, only eight percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Smoke Alarms: Almost two-thirds (62 percent) of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 92 percent of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 77 percent of the time. So why was this? In most home structure fires where the smoke alarm did not alert the residents, it is because the battery was dead or had been removed.

We believe that the best way to survive a home fire is prevention. If the fire can be prevented, survivability has already been achieved. For all others, early warning by the means of a good working smoke alarm and "Having 2 Ways Out" are essential.

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28. "Twilight" novels, e.g.
30. Butcher's discards
35. Horsefly
37. HBO's Hannah, Marnie, Jessa or Shoshanna
39. Gin and _____
40. October stone
41. Popeye's sweetie
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SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2

- Peanut butter and other nut products are being recalled after salmonella illnesses were linked to Trader Joe's Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter. Some of the country's largest grocery stores are pulling store-brand products off their shelves.
- The first presidential debate with a focus on domestic policy is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3 between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.
- Thousands of conservative Christians gathered Saturday on Independence Mall in Philadelphia to pray for the future of the United States. Pat Robertson was one of the speakers at "The America for Jesus 2012" prayer rally.
- New Jersey governor Chris Christie predicting Romney will win the debate this week as he proclaimed, "Thursday morning we'll all be scratching our heads saying, it's a brand new race."

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8. Jeff Spicoli: "_____, Mr. Hand"
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12. Negative vote
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25. *Author of "The Star Spangled Banner"
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27. Brisk
29. Colorado River tributary
31. No-____ latte
32. Broadway's orphan
33. Same as "lint is"
34. *"The Great Gatsby" writer
36. Overeat
38. City in West Ukraine
42. Portray emotion
45. "____ Family"
49. Acorn tree
51. *He preceded Obama
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56. Gallows' rope
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58. Strong desire
59. The blind do this using Braille
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61. Rover launcher
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SOLUTIONS FOR SEPT. 26 PUZZLES

Answers to puzzles on this page will appear in the Oct. 10 issue

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Local Scout leader recognized for many years of service

Dirk Ritzema joined Boy Scouts of America in 1962, ultimately earning the Boy Scouts' highest honor - the Eagle Scout. Later in life, he continued working as



Loretta Riley speaks to the crowd with Dirk Ritzema.

a mentor and scoutmaster for Troop 102 and recently received special recognition for 50 years in scouting.

Ritzema was honored in a ceremony last Saturday evening. It was a surprise for the man who friends describe as having a rough and gruff exterior, but a heart for seeing young men achieve their very best.

A police escort and a march to the Lowell Showboat honored Ritzema. There he received many awards. Senator Debbie Stabenow sent a

congratulatory certificate, Justin Amash sent a flag that was flown over the nation's capital in honor of him and representative Lisa Posthumous-Lyons and senator Dave Hildenbrand drafted a Special Declaration of Tribute, signed by the governor and Lt. governor,

honoring Ritzema for his service.

Ritzema has overseen dozens of boys earn their Eagle badges throughout his time as scoutmaster and currently is the Five Rivers District advancement chair.

He has served the governor's Mackinaw Island Honor Guard for over 20 years.

It was a night of special tribute to a man who has worked so hard to see others succeed.



Pictured, from left to right: Bruce Starkweather, from left, former assistant scoutmaster, Ritzema and Jeff DeVito, current assistant scoutmaster.

At left, the procession marches toward the Showboat to honor a favorite Scout leader.



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