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Community Cafes invite the public to brainstorm on ideas to improve community



The first Community Vision Café was held last Wednesday. Community members chose tables, each labeled to focus the direction of conversation. The groups came up with their ideal scenarios for Lowell's continuing progress and then discussed how to go about making their ideas a reality. The next two Cafes will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Thursday, Oct. 25 in the Lowell High School freshman cafeteria.

There will be a free light dinner at 6 pm and the meeting will immediately follow at 6:30. Children can come along, childcare is provided also at no charge. The Lowell Community Fund is sponsoring the event.

It is hoped more people from the community will come and explore and discuss ways to improve their community and just have fun. For more information call the Lowell Chamber office at 897-9161.

Confirmed cases of meningitis number 25

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is coordinating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration on a multi-state investigation of cases of fungal meningitis among patients who received steroid injections. Michigan currently has 25 confirmed meningitis cases associated with this outbreak, including three deaths. The locations of residence for the three deaths are as follows:

- Genesee County – 56-year-old woman
- Livingston County – 67-year-old woman
- Washtenaw County – 78-year-old woman

Aside from age, gender, and location of residence, the Michigan Department of Community Health cannot release any additional information regarding the three deaths in Michigan because of Health Information Protection laws.

As of Oct. 9, 119 cases and 11 deaths have been reported from 10 states.

As this is a developing investigation, the number of cases is expected to increase. The age range of current identified cases is 46-89 years old. Of the three deaths, all were females ages 56, 67, and 78. An individual with a joint infection was incorrectly reported yesterday and is no longer counted as a case. All cases are linked to the four facilities in Michigan that received a potentially contaminated product, suspected to be the cause of the outbreak.

Interim data show that infected patients received an injection with one of three lots of preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate prepared by the New England Compounding Center (NECC), located in Framingham, Mass. The four Michigan facilities that received shipments of these recalled lots are working

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Lowell's equestrian team participates in state finals



The Lowell Equestrian placed ninth in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association state finals held last weekend at the Midland County Fairgrounds. "The girls all had a wonderful time, they all worked really hard to get there and it was a huge accomplishment. They were among the best of the best!" said Jessica Bouman. Pictured are team members, left to right: Henneh McMillian, Rachel Phelps, Jessica Graves, Hannah Draigh, Lauren Baker, Makenzie Frederickson, Erin Wade, Sara Kloosterman, Jaycee Culros and Katie Canfield.

Social Security announces 1.7 percent benefit increase for 2013

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 56 million Social Security beneficiaries

receive in January 2013. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2012.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable

maximum) will increase to \$113,700 from \$110,100. Of the estimated 163 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2013, nearly 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2013, when announced, will be

available at www.Medicare.gov. For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially

or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security

Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola

MDCH, continued

with MDCH to notify patients who may have received this product between May and October and may be at risk for developing illness. The facilities are:

- Michigan Neurosurgical Institutes in Grand Blanc
- Michigan Pain Specialists in Brighton
- Neuromuscular and Rehabilitation in Traverse City

• Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital in Warren

These fungal infections are not transmitted person-to-person. Infected patients have become ill approximately one to four weeks following their injection with a variety of symptoms. Patients who received epidural injections have presented with symptoms including fever, new or worsening headache, neck stiffness, sensitivity to light, and/or a new neurological deficit such as weakness or numbness, consistent with deep brain stroke. Those receiving joint injections may present with

increasing pain, redness or swelling at injection site. Some patients' symptoms were very mild in nature.

Any individual who received a steroid injection at one of the four Michigan facilities and is experiencing the symptoms described above should immediately contact their physician or seek medical attention. Additional information about the Michigan investigation can be found at www.michigan.gov/mdch. For more information about the CDC investigation, visit www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/meningitis.html.

"He that can't endure the bad, will not live to see the good"

~ Jewish Proverb



along main street

COAT DRIVE FOR THE VETS

Curtis Cleaners and the VFW are collecting new and used coats for both men and women living at the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. The coat drive will run through Nov. 31. There are about 60 women living at the Veterans Home. Curtis Cleaners and Laundry at 1410 W. Main in Lowell has graciously offered to be a drop-off point for coat donations.

COMMUNITY VISION CAFÉ

A Community Vision Café will be held Oct. 23 and 25 at the Lowell High School freshman cafeteria. Light dinner at 6 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Free dinner and childcare provided. For more information call the Lowell Chamber office at 897-9161.

CALL FOR ACTORS

The Thebes Players and LowellArts! announce a call for actors for Joseph Robinette's dramatization of *Charlotte's Web*, based on the beloved children's book written by E.B. White. Auditions will be held at Engelhardt Library, 200 N. Monroe on Thurs., Nov. 8 and Tues., Nov. 13, beginning at 6:30 pm. Casting will include a dozen youth and adult actors, ages 10 and older plus several extras. The play will be presented on stage at several Lowell area elementary schools in early February 2013. For a sample script, stop by LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson, during regular business hours, Tues. through Fri., 10 am – 6 pm. For more information, visit www.lowellartsmi.org, call 897-8545 or e-mail info@lowellartsmi.org

FERAL CAT EDUCATION

On Sat., Nov. 3 from 10 am to 12 pm, come learn about community cats and how to control feline overpopulation, at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience & Environmental Education Center, 11715 Vergennes. The purpose of this event is to inform and educate caring individuals about feral and stray cats and how to help and manage them in communities. For additional information e-mail: feralcateducation@gmail.com

MUSEUM VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The next volunteer training at the Lowell Area Historical Museum will be Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 pm. The museum is always looking for helping hands.

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.

CITY OF LOWELL

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 AND 10-4 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 10, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 12-04 amending Sections 10-1, 10-2, 10-3 and 10-4 of Article I of Chapter 10, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on October 15, 2012. Ordinance No. 12-04 replaces the National Fire Prevention Association ("NFPA") Fire Prevention Code, 2000 edition, with the NFPA Fire Code, 2012 edition, as the fire prevention code of the City.

Ordinance No. 12-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

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DeVries named Volunteer of the Month

Murray Lake Elementary School (MLE) has named Eileen DeVries their Volunteer of the Month for September. DeVries is an MLE parent who volunteers many hours to the school.

“Eileen is in our building on a daily basis volunteering. She recently helped plan many of the activities surrounding our



Eileen DeVries with her children Jacob and Hanna.

Mustangs on the Move fundraiser. Eileen put many hours of her own time into planning these events and we are truly grateful,” commented MLE principal Brent Noskey.

DeVries is married to husband Jeff and their two children, Hanna and Jacob, attend MLE. “I enjoy volunteering because it keeps

me connected with what my kids are doing at school. Murray Lake is a great place to volunteer because the staff and teachers are helpful and always make you feel appreciated,” said DeVries.

When she is not volunteering, DeVries enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, sewing, and reading.



At Your Local Library

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

KDL KIDS CLUB –

It’s a special time for fun, interactive programs just for school kids! Join our KDL Kids Club program for crafts, storytimes, games and other activities. For grades K-5. Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 4 pm.

Evening Storytime –

For families who can’t come to the library during the day. Evening Storytime offers an evening of stories and fun. Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional! For children ages 6 and younger with a caregiver. Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 pm.

Olivia the Pig Party -

Join us for crafts, games and stories about everyone’s favorite pig. Bring your loudest, most energetic self, ready to be accessorized and see how long you can last at our games and crafts before you wear yourself out! For children ages 6 and younger with a caregiver. Thursday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 am.

\$500 REWARD

Lowell Charter Township is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of person or persons that have vandalized the Lowell Township Park/Grand River Riverfront Park.

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FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

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

A Survey From Your Hometown Newspapers

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is currently gathering input from the community about the vision for the Lowell area using a survey and upcoming Community Cafes. Our survey does not replace the chamber’s survey, but we’d like to hear from our readers and get more information regarding the thoughts and feelings of the community.

Please take a few minutes to answer these questions, and drop off the survey at the Lowell Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger offices located next to the post office at 105 N. Broadway.

You may also e-mail your responses to displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com Please respond by October 31.

If you need more room, feel free to write more. The results will be published in the Lowell Ledger and shared with the chamber.

- 1 IF WE HAD UNLIMITED RESOURCES, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN WITHIN THE LOWELL COMMUNITY ?**
- 2 WHAT GROWTH, BUSINESS OR SERVICE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE GREATER LOWELL AREA ?**
- 3 WHAT SERVICES DO YOU GO OUT OF TOWN FOR THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HERE ?**
- 4 WHAT QUALITIES DOES LOWELL HAVE THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PROMOTED OR DEVELOPED FURTHER ?**

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Christopher C. Godbold

Explore new opportunities during open enrollment

If you work for a medium-size or large organization, you may well be entering that time of year known as Open Enrollment. While it may not be as dramatic as the “other” election that’s arriving in a few weeks, Open Enrollment will provide you with some choices that can have a big impact on your life.

Depending on how your organization administers its benefits program, you may be able to make changes to several important areas during open enrollment. Here are three of them:

- **Life insurance** — If your employer offers free or inexpensive life insurance, you should almost certainly accept it. But if your situation has changed since you first received life insurance as an employee benefit — that is, if you’ve gotten married or had children or bought a house — you may well need to supplement your employer’s policy with outside insurance. Also, make sure the beneficiary designations on your

employer’s policy are still correct.

- **Disability insurance** — Almost everyone recognizes the need for life insurance. But that’s not necessarily the case with disability insurance — which is unfortunate, because a worker’s chance of becoming disabled is 2 to 3.5 times greater than dying, according to A.M. Best, the credit-rating company. If your employer offers disability coverage, you should probably take it — but, as is the case with life insurance, you may need to supplement your employer-sponsored plan with a policy of your own. To determine how much protection you need, add up your monthly living expenses and then compare the total to your current disability insurance coverage. You may well discover a “gap” that should be filled.

- **401(k) plan** — If you can make changes to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan (such as a 403(b) plan for nonprofits or a

457(b) for state and local governments), you’ll want to consider two key areas: your contribution amount and your investment mix. As a general rule, it’s a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plan because your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if you can afford it, or if you’re anticipating a salary increase for next year, consider bumping up your retirement plan contribution.

As for your retirement plan’s investment portfolio, take a close look at it. Does it still reflect your risk tolerance and time horizon? These two factors will change over the years, so you’ll want to make sure your investment mix keeps pace. Also, is your account properly diversified, or have you tended to concentrate your dollars in just one or two types of investments? While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help you reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings.

You should have several weeks in which to study your benefit plan options, so take the time you need to make the right choices. You may also want to consult with a professional financial advisor — someone who can help you determine your life insurance and disability protection needs as well as review your retirement plan’s investment mix to ensure it’s still appropriate.

Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

~ Benjamin Franklin
 (1706 - 1790)

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viewpoint

to the editor

car seat safety

Dear Editor,

Is your child safe in their car seat?

Do you know how to safely install your child's car seat? It can be tricky! If you would be interested in learning more about how to install your child's car seat, we have a certified car seat technician available to help you at the Lowell Police Department. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Did you know that buying or selling a car seat at a

garage sale is not a good idea? If you do not know the history of the child seat you are buying, you may be placing your loved one in danger. Child safety seats are complex pieces of safety equipment and improper maintenance or previous damage may make them dangerous to use. Also, when you need to dispose of your child's car seat due to expiration, damage or you no longer have need

for it, please call the Lowell Police Department and make arrangements to drop it off there instead of donating it to a community organization. Seats turned in to the Lowell Police Department will be recycled and not given or sold to anyone.

If you need help installing or have questions about keeping your child safe in the car, please call Theresa at 897-7123 or you can contact Safe Kids Greater Grand Rapids at 391-7233.

Theresa Mundt

Lowell Police Department

county to belong to United Growth. Given all the high-toned jurisdictions hereabouts, as in immediately to the west, it was satisfying to see our humble township chosen to join.

Whoever was behind this move on the board or planning commission should be congratulated. Moreover, no one required my counsel.

Respectfully,
G.M. Ross

qualities desired in a sheriff

To The Editor,

I have been asked whom I am going to vote for, for sheriff. Here is what I am looking for in a sheriff.

A friendly open communicator, in touch with (and accountable to) the employees and citizens of the county; a forward thinker, with the ability to identify issues (before they become problems) and develop measurable checks and balances (after reviewing against the approved standards) to every aspect of internal operations. One that creates realistic goals and objectives along with the vision for the future;

That reviews every major event to ensure existing policies and procedures are complied with and to determine if improvements are necessary. An effective case manager that reviews open cases monthly, leading to case closure; that has the ability to properly utilize limited resources to obtain the maximum benefit. A role model with a well-established and publicized strong ethical base. A strong leader that leads by example (in action and deed).

This is what I look for in our next sheriff.

Curt Read
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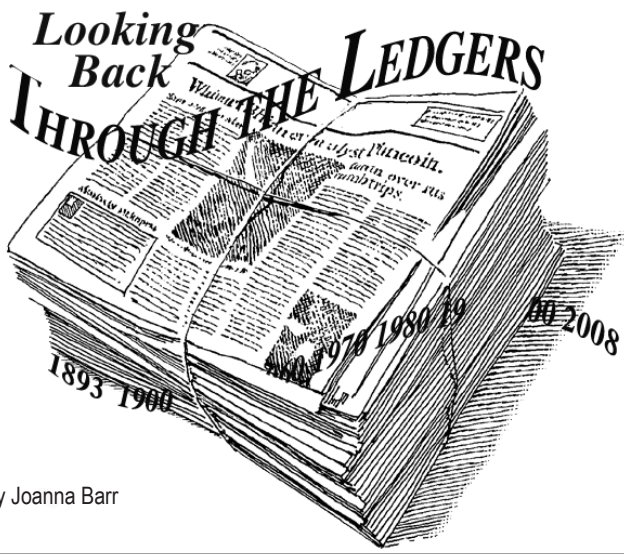
Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, the 9th, I attended the annual Land Use lunch of United Growth for Kent County. As usual, I was quickly mistaken for a man of consequence.

Anyway, we were all given

a list of the various species of members and the eye fell to the "organizational" ones. Lo and behold, there was Lowell Township. We are one of only two townships in this self-consciously enlightened

homes. Both boys were struck by a passenger train and instantly killed. Carlyle was thrown between the tracks, one arm and one limb were broken and his head cut. His companion was hurled beneath a freight on the farther track and his body badly cut. Carlyle was brought Monday night to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles, where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Mrs. Amanda Flower of Grand Rapids, spiritual medium; and burial took place in Oakwood cemetery. Messrs. and Madames Fay Pinckney and Truly Pinckney of Lansing were here to attend the services. Carlyle, or Lyle, as he was often called, had spent much time with his grandparents in Lowell and had been with them during two months of the past summer; and his many playmates and friends will deeply regret the untimely lose of so such young a life.



By Joanna Barr

135 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal October 17, 1877

A new and very excellent patent washer has recently been introduced here, called "T. H. Peavey's Centennial Washing Machine." Its merits have been tested by various parties in Lowell all of whom speak in the highest terms of the machine. We understand Messrs. Carr and Alden have the exclusive rights [to cover] 60 Michigan counties and that these gentlemen will manufacture the machines in Lowell. It is a good thing and we bespeak Messrs. Carr and Alden ready sales.

Hot, cold, wet, dry and all that this fall, but it isn't as bad as Adam's. His is the worst fall since Susan B. Anthony quit teaching school. (And this is a little the meanest thing we ever wrote.)

Remember the races at the Lowell driving park next Saturday afternoon. There will be running and trotting and rare sport. Track good and conditions favorable for a good time generally.

The Stanton Herald holds that there should be no such thing as a mortgage on a church. Good idea, but as long as Satan holds a mortgage on so many church goers, we shall always have trouble about that thing.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1912

Headline: Lyle Pinckney Buried from Home of Grandparents - Carlyle Pinckney, aged 8 years, 9 months, 19 days, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinckney, was killed by a train while playing on a railroad at Lansing Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. With a boy playmate, Lee Millard, he was returning from a frogging trip and the two stopped to play along a double track about three-quarters of a mile from their

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo October 21, 1937

A lithe, slender, active man was observed the other day walking briskly up Main-st. Nothing unusual, of course, about that man as men are doing this every minute of the day, but in this particular case it really was unusual as the gentleman to whom we refer was observing the last day of the 84th year of his life. He was K. H. Fletcher of Segwun, better known among his friends as Kim Fletcher. On the day we observed Mr. Fletcher, he had started from his home in Segwun on a circuit of the town by way of the upper and lower bridges, just for a "constitutional," so to speak and completed his journey without feeling a particle of fatigue. Asked as to what he contributed to his good health and long life, Mr. Fletcher replied: "To moderation in all things." "Do you use tobacco?" we ventured to ask and the reply came. "Yes, since I was a young man, but always very moderately and I never use hard liquor." Our next question was "Do you enjoy reading?" and Mr. Fletcher replied, "Oh, yes! I read the papers and my Bible every day." Mr. Fletcher found a fair amount of work each day and is especially fond of wood chopping. He was born in South Boston-tp. and has spent most of his life in this vicinity. He was employed by the Lowell Specialty Company until he retired about five years ago. The Ledger extends congratulations upon the attainment of his 85th birthday, Oct. 13, 1937. In the words of Rip Van Winkle, "May you live long and prosper!"

As we approached the Ledger office Monday morning to begin the day's work, we were greeted by a Knight of the Road with, "Say mister, could you stake me to fifteen cents for some buckwheat cakes and a cup of hot coffee to warm me up?" We countered by asking, "Why are you pretty cold and where did you sleep last night?" And the answer was, "Why, I stayed

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city council questioned

Dear Editor,

I recently read four pages of literature about the union negotiations with the city of Lowell, Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers that came in my electric bill. It's been nine months since the employees of the LL&P and the Department of Public Works (DPW) joined a union and it's the first time that city management has come forth with any sizable amount of information pertaining to the negotiations.

I believe city management proved more than once that they are the sole decider. City management proved to me that they wanted to be the sole decider when they sold the Lowell Cable TV right out from underneath the noses of its owners and subscribers.

So far, city management has spent thousands of dollars on lawyers dragging out the union negotiations and adding an administration fee to the constituent's tax

bill. Nine months of just about pointless negotiations at the cost of the constituents.

Poor managing brought about another union, not satisfied employees. Dissatisfied employees are the product of poor management. I believe Lowell has a self-center style of governing that has a tendency to suppress its employees and constituents. The council sets the agenda and if what you want to discuss is not on the agenda the council reserves the right not to comment. Public hearings are becoming nonexistent.

I have always had the impression that the council was voted into office to be the servant and not the sole decider, but I must be mistaken. I believe there are better days ahead for the community but not until the constituents and employees of Lowell get a true voice in the decision making.

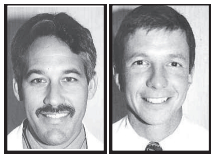
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With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

carpal tunnel syndrome

Carpal tunnel syndrome, a painful condition of the hands, affects millions of individuals. Numbness, tingling, weakness and pain are caused by compression and trapping of the median nerve. The median nerve passes from the forearm into the hand underneath a band of connective tissue (tough, fibrous material that connects the bones of the hand) that runs across the end of the forearm where the arm meets the hand. The triangular space, formed

by bones and connective tissue, is called the carpal tunnel. The carpal tunnel contains not only the median nerve, but also several tendons. Performing repeated tasks, such as with typing, computer work or mechanical activity, puts individuals at risk of developing carpal tunnel syndrome. Weight gain, water retention, pregnancy and overuse of the hands all can cause or worsen carpal tunnel syndrome.

Signs and symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome include pain in the palm of the hand, especially near the thumb and first two fingers. Numbness and tingling often occur near the thumb and first two fingers. Weakness, usually of the muscles at the base of the thumb, may happen when carpal tunnel syndrome is severe.

To diagnose carpal tunnel syndrome, a physician will look for risk factors in the medical history. Tinel sign, tingling or a shock-like sensation when tapping on top of the median nerve, indicates that the carpal syndrome is likely. Nerve conduction studies may be performed to evaluate median nerve

function.

Treatment usually consists of anti-inflammatory medications, including some that are available over the counter. These medications help ease the pain and swelling of carpal tunnel syndrome. Braces or splints may be prescribed, including for wear at night. Occupational therapy may be helpful. Changing repetitive tasks or behavior may be necessary to improve symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome. Carpal tunnel release is a simple operation to open up the band of connective tissue that traps the median nerve. Recovery may take several weeks.



There is nothing worse than aggressive stupidity.

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 - 1832)

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 6, 2012 General Election will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL OAKWOOD CEMETERY FALL CLEANUP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of October 29th through November 2, 2012.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 12-191889-CA

In the matter of RICHARD FERENCE. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: RICHARD FERENCE II, RENEE FERENCE, and JOHN FERENCE whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

hearing will be held on November 30, 2012 at 1:30 pm at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Kathryn DeGeorge to establish a trust for Richard Ference.

10/15/2012
John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
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Kathryn DeGeorge
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LHS Students of the Month for October 2012

Nick Kloosterman, 9th grade; and Audrey Rasch, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In

order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed

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

Kloosterman was nominated by Mr. Lincolnhol and he writes, "In my short time with Nick I am amazed at what a nice, inquisitive and deep thinker Nick has been. He has taken the challenge of moving up to biology as a freshman so he can take

upper level science classes sooner. He really wants to understand how and why things are like they are in nature. He has been open to sharing the beautiful things he sees daily. I am highly impressed with his involvement, attitude and passion for the natural world. It's been great having him in class this year."

Mrs. DeJonge nominated Rasch and she writes, "Audrey is an incredible young lady; she shows great poise and leadership both in the classroom and outside in the community. Audrey has done exceptional work in Advanced Placement (AP) Biology and was the only student lately to earn a perfect score on an assessment. She demonstrates comprehension of the material and higher order thinking and problem

solving skills in the new inquiry based AP Biology curriculum."

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.



Audrey Rasch



Nick Kloosterman

college news

Charles King received his Bachelor of Science degree in environmental conservation from Northern Michigan University in August 2012.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF
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FILE NO. 12-192822-CA,
12-192823-GA

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whose interest in the
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Avenue NW, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
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on the petition of
John Stafford for
the appointment
of a guardian and
conservator for Michael
Hanna.

John D. Flynn (P27413)
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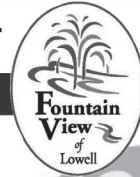
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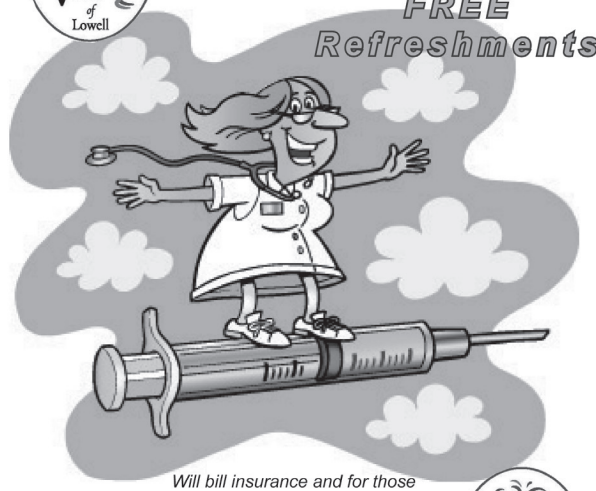
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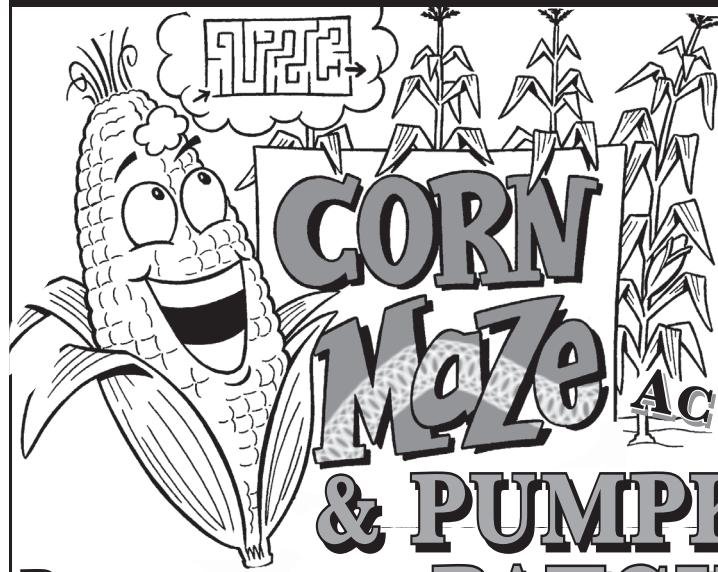
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History Mystery Answer

The item shown is the Newell Airfire Submachine Gun. It is a toy that put "Lowell on the map" for Christmas gifts.

It was invented in the 1940s by Jim Pope, who worked at Newell Manufacturing. The company then started to produce them along with their line of builder's hardware and door closers. Their factory was at the corner of Chatham and Amity and at the time it was the old West Ward schoolhouse. When they outgrew the schoolhouse, it was torn down and the present building was built.

The guns were designed to shoot Ping-Pong balls and some models held six or seven balls. As the slide on the barrel was worked back and forth a ball would shoot out. As fast as it was worked it shot a ball. Obviously this would be great fun for any group of children.

The Airfire gun was advertised to the nation when it was used in an episode of the George Burns and Gracie Allen Show. Television exposure really stimulated sales. Newell shipped over 300,000 guns during 1949. In 1951, a truck drove up from Mexico City to pick up an order. The driver got lost and ended up in Detroit. He eventually found Lowell and picked up the shipment. Luckily this was in July, so he made it back in time for Christmas sales.

More information on one of Lowell's famous inventions can be found at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Several readers guessed this week's mystery. Below are some of the responses.

• Yes, I know exactly what the item pictured in the October 10th issue of the Ledger is. It is a ping-pong ball "pop-gun" produced by Newell Manufacturing Co. circa 1950. They actually produced two versions: a single shot and the slide-pump version with multi-ball magazine as shown in the picture. Newell manufactured tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of these ping-pong ball pop-guns. As I remember, Newell

Mfg. provided dozens of these guns for the local Boy Scout/Cub Scout Pack to shoot Ping Pong balls into the crowd at the Stadium in the Walker area as the scouts paraded into the arena for a huge Scouting event. Here's a true story regarding these guns. When I was a young kid growing up in Lowell and lived a few blocks up on Monroe Street, there was a store-front business on Main Street just east of Hahn Hardware (now "Pep Talk") that apparently was shipping the Newell pop

guns and had a number of shipping cartons of the guns on their back loading dock (facing the current municiple parking lot on Monroe Street behind the Main Street stores). Apparently, some kid's dad must have worked for that company and opened one of the cartons because soon the word spread, and dozens of neighborhood kids soon descended upon the scene, rummaged through the boxes, grabbed guns, and fled with their "booty." I know, because I was one

of those kids. When I got home, my dad, Orion Thaler (now deceased), who, at the time, was a well-known high school teacher in Lowell, made me take my newly acquired "treasure" and give it back.

~ David Thaler

• It's Ping Pong gun manufactured in Lowell in the late 40s and early 50s by the Newell Manufacturing Company. My Aunt Grace Tischelar worked for Newells during this time. And she had an arsenal of these Ping Pong guns that all of us kids played with at her home on Lincoln Lake Ave. north of Lowell. I have many fond memories of my uncle

Hank and aunt Grace.
~Tom Vaughan

• This is a toy pop gun manufactured by Newell Manufacturing Co. of Lowell. It shot pingpong balls which were propelled by air produced as you pumped the gun. Mr. Frank Newell hired me to work afternoons in my senior year as receptionist through the LHS "On the Job" training program (1949-50). I recall the guns being purchased by FAO Swartz and Knickerbacker Toy Co. in New York.
~ Gladys Fletcher

• I think that it's a Ping Pong ball gun; it was made at

Newell's in Lowell. My dad worked there at that time and tells of Frank Newell coming out of his office with one and he shot a couple of the women working on the shop floor in the butt with it.
~ Brad Potter

• An old Ping Pong gun. My mother used to work at Newell's and they made them. I still have one.
~ Jerry Francis

• It's an old Ping Pong gun made at Newell Manufacturing. We put Ping Pong balls in it to test it in the 1950s.
~ Mrs. Ellen Miller



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WED: Breaded fish sticks w/WG roll, herb broccoli & cauliflower, fruit & veggie bar: fresh baby carrots, fresh cauliflower bites, applesauce, mixed fruit, milk.

THURS: Breaded chicken nuggets, steamed green beans, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, chick pea salad, fresh banana, peaches, milk.

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

Neighbor to Neighbor continues to receive requests for those in need

Neighbor to Neighbor has decided to do a community work day to get some of these projects done and disbursed. They will be meeting on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 am at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) 11535 East Fulton. If you would like to help by donating your time and energy to fulfill one of these requests, contact Tamela Spicer to confirm which project you could complete at tamelas@fromlowell.org

1. This home needs help with electrical work, including outlets, switches and fixtures and dishwasher installation. It is also in need of floor covering and interior painting for living room, kitchen, bathroom, and hallway.
2. This homeowner and his wife both have cancer and it's getting hard for them to get up the steps; a ramp is needed in their home.
3. This home needs the deck and porch to be sealed.
4. This mobile home has a leaky roof and needs repair, the roof is caving into the bathtub and the ceiling may need repair. It is also in need of a new door on the side of the house and could use some weatherization for winter, including storm windows for five windows.
5. This home has a large hole in the kitchen floor and a hole in the bathroom floor that need repair. There is also mold in the bathroom that needs to be taken care of. A

replacement window is needed in their son's bedroom. Their lawn mower is broken and in need of repair.

6. This home is in need of storm windows, because only plastic has been used in the past. They are also in need of kitchen floor insulation because the kitchen floor is rotting out. The home is also in need of an upgrade to its electrical outlets.

7. A senior citizen with numerous health issues and a fixed low income is in need of some winterization. The water pipes freeze every winter and they suspect the well pump shed as the cause. The homeowner also needs carpet to be laid in the small bathroom for insulation in cold weather. They have the carpet and are just in need of someone to do the work.

8. An 89-year-old active member of the senior



neighbors is in need of window repair. The bedroom window is broken and needs repair. The kitchen window has no storm. The homeowner enjoys sitting and looking through this window into his yard, but has

high gas and electrical bills due to needing to use space heaters because his windows are not energy efficient.

9. This home is in need of repair to a gutter, insulation of their crawl space, a

replacement bedroom door, addition of vent fans in two bathrooms, electrical work for a ceiling fan, plumbing work on a leak in their crawl space, as well as a replacement electrical outlet.

10. The roof and floors of this home are in need of repair. They also need work done on the furnace, hot water heater and the insulation under the trailer.

11. This couple is in need of roof repair. They are having a hard time finding home owner's insurance due to this issue. Due to layoffs, it has been a struggle to repair the roof themselves.

12. This homeowner is in need of someone to auger the sewer line from the basement because roots are clogging up the drains. There is also a need for new pipes under the sink and storm windows for winter weatherization.

13. The roof of the garage at this home is in need of repair. It has a hole and is slowly caving in.

14. This home needs its roof, front door and front steps replaced. It is also in need of furnace repair and handrail installation.

15. This home needs its roof replaced. The homeowner has all the materials, just lacks the manpower and know how.

16. This home is in need of a mold inspection.

17. This home is in need of a mold inspection.

18. The roof, windows and toilet in this home are leaking and need repair.

19. This home needs furnace repairs, miscellaneous inside repairs, as well as repairs to the soffit and fascia due to squirrel damage.

20. This homeowner has liver cancer and is going through chemotherapy and is in need of much help. The back door on the mobile home needs to be repaired or replaced. The carpet needs to be torn out and a hole in the floor in the bathroom needs to be repaired.

21. These homeowners are in need of some help leveling out a steep hill that leads to the back yard. Their house was built into the hill, but sod was never laid on the hill so the hill has been gradually falling away from the house.

Looking Back, continued

in the grandstand in the park down here by the river, but I'd rather spend the night like that than to stay in a bunk and feel things crawling over me." The reason seemed sufficient and the Knight of the Road got his fifteen cents for his cakes and hot coffee.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 18, 1962

Headline: Secondary Boycott Holds Up New High School Job – Work has been held up this week by a secondary boycott by mechanical workers at the construction site of the new Lowell High School. An information picket appeared at the site last Friday for the second time and members of the CIO-AFL mechanical trades union went off the job. Carpenters, masons and cement workers of the same union decided to stay at work in spite of threats of fines. Architect Donn Palmer said Tuesday that a letter has gone out to the National Labor Board protesting this secondary boycott of a job by this union group and action should be forthcoming in a few days. The dispute is centered around the fact that the electrical workers belong to the Christian Labor Organization instead of the CIO-AFL construction workers. This group bid thousands of dollars less on the electrical work than the CIO group and have worked in conjunction with other unions on both the Lowell Elementary job and the Alto Elementary job. If the men continue to walk off the job, action will have to come through the National Labor Board, Mr. Palmer stated. The contractor is making every effort to inform his men that this walk-off is illegal and could cause many construction workers to be unemployed this winter.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 21, 1987

The Ledger's third annual Halloween costume contest will be staged on Friday, October 30, this

year. An unofficial poll of several businesses indicated that the vast majority preferred Friday because more employees would be on hand to participate and because some businesses aren't even open on Saturday. Give us a call at 897-9261 if employees at your workplace will be in costume. A Ledger photographer and judges will make their rounds throughout the day. They will make every effort to get to all the businesses and to honor time requests when possible. Yes! We do need judges and prizes. Give us a call if you can help out with either.

Mrs. Bill (Nancy) Wood called the office Monday to report that they had visitors in their yard Monday morning. Five female wild turkeys came walking across their lawn from the south, going north, came up by the house and the car parked in the driveway and then strolled on. Nancy said they were huge and beautiful. Where they came from, no one knows! Probably heading away from civilization since next month is Thanksgiving! Bill and Nancy live on North Division Street – not exactly "country" but almost. She took pictures but doesn't know if they turned out yet.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- WRESTLING

Two local wrestlers make it to national finals

by Karen Jack

Six of our local high school wrestlers entered a national tournament this past weekend, held in Battle

Creek, with two of them making it to the finals. The Grappler Fall

Classic, sponsored by Michigan Grappler, brings hundreds of the best wrestlers throughout the country competing to see who really is the best of the best.

Lucas Hall, Jordan Hall, Garrett Stehley, Bailey Jack, Derek Krajewski, and Jacob Garcia all competed in the tournament, but Lucas Hall and Stehley were the only two who made it to the finals to compete for the championship in their weight class. Jeffrey Leach was the only elementary competitor, who placed sixth in the tournament.

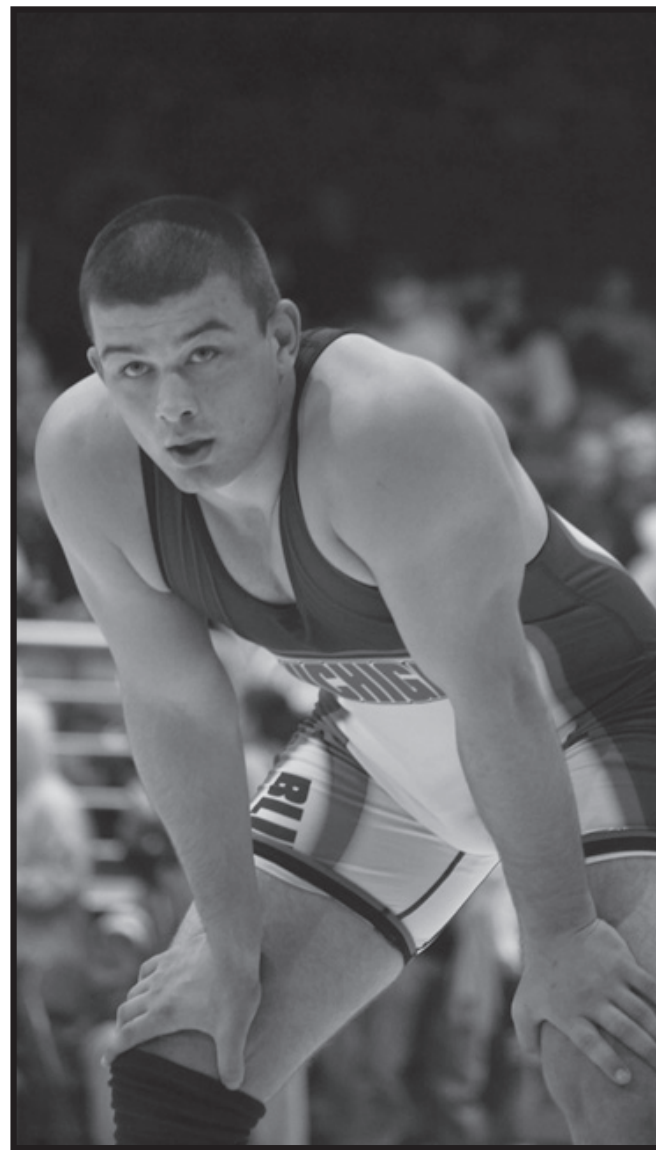
Freshman Lucas Hall, who competed in the 98 lb. weight class, had a bye in the first round. He had to beat three more wrestlers to make it to the finals, where he faced Louie Hayes from Illinois, who is ranked in the top 18 percent in the country. Hall beat Hayes in the finals by pinning him at the 2:52 mark to bring home the championship. Ironically, Hall was seeded eighth to begin the tournament and beat people he wasn't

supposed to beat on the road to the finals.

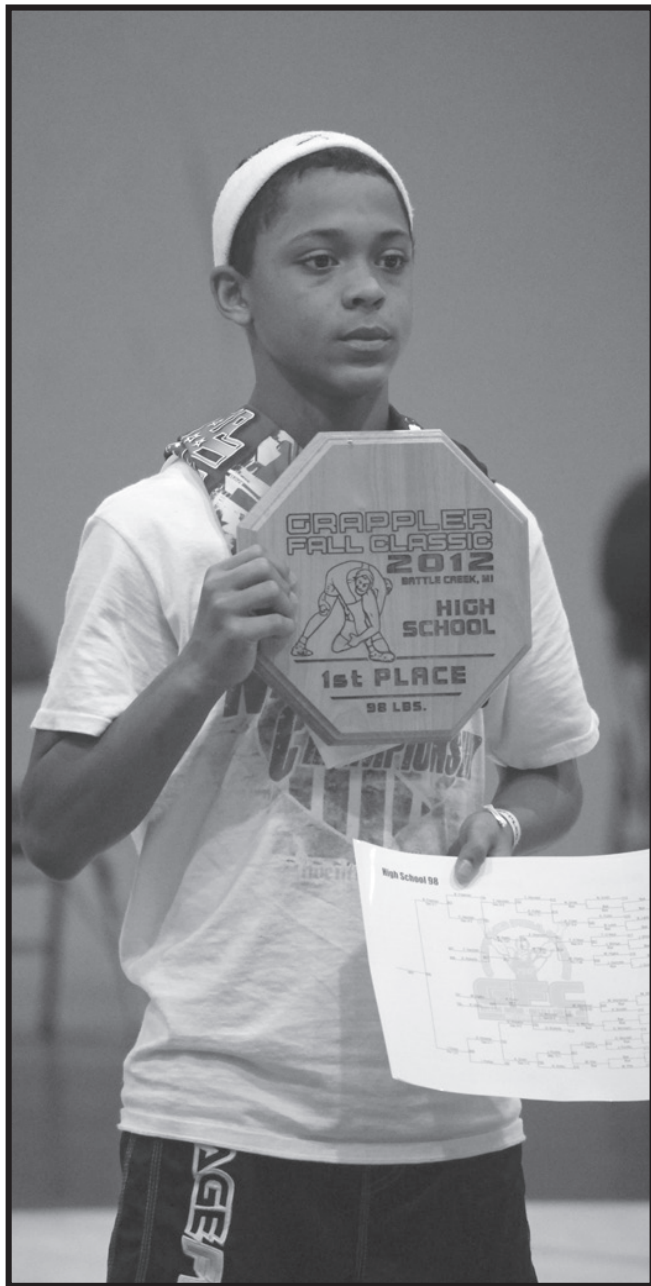
Junior Garrett Stehley, who competed in the 189 lb. weight class, pinned his first opponent, majored his next two (beating them by more than eight points) and then majored his last opponent to make it to the finals. Stehley faced the much touted Payne Hayden from St. Johns in the final. That battle was a barn burner. This was the final to watch for sure. The match was close throughout. With the score tied at 6-6 in the final period, and five seconds to go, Stehley had control, but Hayden was able to get a reversal to win the match 8-6.

Two of the other Lowell wrestlers, Jordan Hall and Bailey Jack, made it to the semifinals in their weight class, but were unable to bring it home. With a 38-man and 63-man bracket, respectively for each of them, it was a tough road to the finals.

The regular wrestling season begins Dec. 5th against Cedar Springs at Lowell High School.



Garrett Stehley prepares to wrestle.



Lucas Hall with his championship plaque.

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~ Georg Christoph Lichtenberg (1742 - 1799)

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- GOLF

Team places fifth at conference

by Karen Jack

In their last regular season match, the Arrows just missed beating Northview with a final score of 252-227, which gave them hope to finish well in the upcoming conference meet. The Red Arrows also placed fifth at conferences.

In the Northview match, Morgan Fuller shot a 53, followed by Sophie Kohtz who shot a 56, Danielle Krajewski who shot a 57, and Alaine Thomas who shot a 61.

The team went into regionals with high hopes of placing in the top half. With 15 teams entered, the Arrows placed eighth, which head coach Kim Stevens was happy with. Mona Shores won with a 317, followed by Greenville (354) and Forest Hills Central (368). Lowell scored a 438. Kohtz led the Arrows with a 102, followed by Krajewski with a 110, Thomas with a 112, and Fuller with a 113.

“These girls have improved over the season and I am so proud of them,” said Stevens. “Finishing eighth in regionals is very respectable, considering our conference is so strong and they’ve had to battle a lot of great teams in the regular season. I look forward to next year, especially with these girls working hard in the off-season to improve their game,” added Stevens.



- SOCCER

Red Arrows complete their season strong



by Karen Jack

The boys’ soccer team completed their season last week with a 3-5-2 record and ended up in fourth place in the conference. Three of the five losses were by one goal and last week they tied Caledonia 1-1 and lost to Grand Rapids Christian 2-0.

The team won their opening district tournament game 2-0 against Thornapple-Kellogg.

The Red Arrows controlled most of the play, with many shot opportunities and held possession much of the game.

Halfway through the first half, Nick Proefke stole a ball and raced 50 yards. He then skirted the goalkeeper and placed the ball into the back of the net. He did it again in the second half,

weaving through a couple defenders and kicking the ball just inside the near post.

The defense had an outstanding game, keeping Thornapple-Kellogg scoreless to secure the win.

The Arrows are in the district finals at home on Wednesday, Oct. 17, against Grand Rapids Christian. The game starts at 7:00 pm.

- FOOTBALL

Lowell Arrows beat Caledonia in defensive battle

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrows beat Caledonia, 14-7, in a defensive battle between the two teams. Lowell held Caledonia to only 70 yards rushing and 72 passing. Caledonia’s only score was from their defense.

In the first quarter, Lowell started with the ball on their own 34-yard line, marched it all the way down to Caledonia’s three-yard line and then Lowell’s Titan Anderson was intercepted to end the run. Caledonia couldn’t capitalize on the interception, as the Lowell defense held them to three and out. Lowell’s very next possession resulted in an Anderson to Zach Huver pass for nine yards, after rushes from Anderson, Kyler Shurlow and Kanon Dean and a ten-yard pass to Ben Bigham. Austin Bieri’s kick was good, making the score 7-0. Caledonia couldn’t capitalize on their next possession either.

The first quarter ended with Lowell getting a first down, but was stopped by the Fighting Scots on their next first down effort to begin the second quarter. Caledonia’s next possession resulted in another three and out. The Red Arrows scored again on their next possession, thanks to rushes from Anderson for a total of 17 yards, Dean for 11, as well as passes to Jake Mitchell for 14 yards and Shurlow for three yards. Once again, Bieri’s kick was good. The half ended with Lowell up 14-0.

In the third quarter, Caledonia was able to move the ball for 27 yards, but thanks to great defensive pass coverage, they had to punt the ball to Lowell. The Red Arrows fumbled on the return, at their own five yard line, but the Scots couldn’t get it into the end zone. Lowell got the ball on their own two-yard line and was intercepted by Caledonia,

which was run in for their only score of the game.

The leading rushers for the game were Anderson with 63 and Dean with 32. The leading receivers were Jeff Houston with a total of 3 for 32 yards, Mitchell with two for 22 yards and Shurlow with two for 20 yards. On defense, Pierce Watson had eight tackles, Alex Kaminski had five, Mitchell and Shannon Massey each had four. Watson also had a sack.

The Arrows face Grand Rapids Christian for the OK White title on Friday at Grand Rapids Christian. The game starts at 7:00 pm.

Collin Pawloski fights for the ball.

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obituaries

APEL

Beverly Wepman Apel, beloved wife of 19 years of Fred Apel; cherished mother of Gayle Friedman (Lorne) Gold, Marcy Apel (Steven) Rowe, Susan Apel (Robert) Roberts and Donald (Lynn) Apel; loving Bubbie and grandmother of Maddie Gold, Jackson Gold, Julia Rowe and fiancé Julian Portillo, Alan Rowe, Jake Roberts, Dirk Roberts, Caryn Roberts, Joshua Apel, C.J. Apel and Jillian Apel; and dear sister of Lloyd (Judy) Wepman. Services will be held at 3 pm, Wednesday afternoon, at the Ira Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. Interment at Beth El Memorial Park. www.irakaufman.com



GOLDNER

Herman A. Goldner, age 53 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 13, 2012. He was preceded in death by his son Brent Tinker. He is survived by his wife, Jean; children, Jasen Tinker, Katie Goldner; mother, Eva (Jim) Sneathen; brother, John (Flo) Goldner; and grandchildren. A Memorial Luncheon will be held Saturday, October 20 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the VFW Post, 114 N. Bridge, Belding. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Herman's Family c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331, to assist with expenses.



ROTH

Patricia Ann Roth, age 75 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, October 9, 2012. She is preceded in death by her sister, Gail Frisner. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ed; children Edward Jr. (Connie) Roth, Terri Stuckey, Scott (Caron) Roth, Randy (Rhonda) Roth, Julie Alberts (Todd Thuston); grandchildren, Edward III (Jody), Laura (Dan), Sean, Stephanie (Eric), April (Christian), Jamie (Jarrod), Jason, Kimberly, John III (Angie), Ashley, Brandon, Brianne, Kristi Jo, Allison, Thomas Jr., Jessica; great grandchildren, Deaken, Savannah, McKinsie, Lucy, Logan, Teagan, Aubrey, Jarrod, Joseph, Jordan, Alexander, Savannah; great great grandchild, Lilleanna; brother, William Pair; sister, Donna Pinckney; brother-in-law, Richard (Dorothy) Roth; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto / Bowne Center United Methodist Churches officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Health Foundation (Dialysis Unit), 200 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or American Diabetes Association, PO Box 888877, Grand Rapids, MI 49588-8877.



STEVENS

D. Jeanene Stevens went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday evening October 14, 2012. Jeanene is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Stevens, and was preceded in death by her parents Rev. Robert T. and Edna Marie Morris. Jeanene and Ron were married in Huntington, Indiana, on June 14, 1957. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2012. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Olivet Nazarene College of Bourbonnais, Illinois. She was head teller at Old Kent Bank for 18 years then joined the Kentwood Public Schools faculty and taught 6th grade Math and Science at Valleywood for 25 years. She retired in 1994 and enjoyed wintering in Arizona and Florida. She served God's mission in the Work and Witness program in Trinidad, Romania, Germany, France, Italy and Sicily. She was also involved in Senior Planning at La Grave Christian Reformed Church and was a member of the Barnabas Bible Study. Jeanene is survived by her husband and three sisters RoseMarie Boyer, and her three children, Jerry Boyer, Janell and (Ted) Nettles, and Julie Latham, Barbara and (Al) Vineyard, and Carol Newman. She is also survived by her two sisters-in-law, Gladys Fletcher and her three children, Mark (Mary) Fletcher, Doug (Shelley) Fletcher, Cheryl (Greg) Greening; sister-in-law Janet (Charles) Boerema and their children, Wayne (Heather) Boerema, and David (Londa) Boerema; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Sunday October 21, 3-6:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday October 23, 12:00 p.m. at La Grave Christian Reformed Church, 107 LaGrave Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids. Rev. John Steigenga officiating. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Gift of Life Program and/or the La Grave Henry Beets Missions.



YOUNG

Mother, Delaine "Dolly" Young was given the gift of life on December 11, 1922 and departed this life on Friday, October 12, 2012. Delaine was preceded in death by her loving husband Darwood C. Young and infant Marsella Young. Delaine leaves to cherish her two loving and devoted children, Randy (Pam) Young, Marcella (Clarence) Curry; five grandchildren, Jason Young, Melinda Young, Samuel Young, Valerie Monterusso, Karla Monterusso; seven great grandchildren, Kendal Young, Malachi McCray, Alionah McCray, Jalena Monterusso, Alexis Tobais, Glen Tobias, and Autumn Tobias. Delaine was a loving mother and always had that 100 million dollar smile. We will all miss her dearly. Love you Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandma. Memorial service will be held Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Pastor Rod Galindo of Calvary Christian Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Jamestown Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, 4328 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The city of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for two (2) Snowplow Assemblies until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Please mark Envelopes "SNOWPLOW BID".

Specifications are available by contacting City Mechanic Ralph Brecken (616-897-5929, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or email at rbrecken@att.net).

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and reserves the right to award the bid to other than the lowest bidder if it is determined in the City's sole discretion to be in the City's best interest. The City also reserves the right to waive any format defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
City of Lowell



fire safety 411

by Captain Paul W. Roderick

Lights, Sirens and the Law
It's Tuesday morning at 2:00 am, suddenly you are woken up by a member of the fire department going by your house using his or her siren on their personal vehicle. Instantly you are angry with thoughts like who would need to run a siren at this time of the night. The roads are empty, why would anyone think it was necessary to sound a siren if their emergency lights are on?

Let me begin by explaining the different types of calls we run on:

1. medical calls which are classified as Med 1 (life threatening);
2. medical calls which are classified as Med 2 (serious but not life threatening);
3. medical calls which are classified as Med 3 (not serious but they have requested our presence);
4. medical calls which are classified as Med 0 (unknown condition of patient); and

5. fire calls of a variety of conditions, too numerous to mention here.

On Med 1 and 2 calls we run emergency. This means that as long as we are running lights and sirens, we can exceed the posted speed as long as we are not endangering life or property. The Lowell Area Fire Department sets a limit of 15 mph over the posted speed. The state sets no limit to how fast we can travel, as long as we are not endangering life or property. By exceeding the posted limit we arrive sooner and can render aid that, if delayed, will not be as effective or ineffective in treating the patient.

On Med 3 calls, we run nonemergency to the scene.

On Med 0 calls, we run emergency until a determination is made as to

what med level the call is or we arrive at the scene.

On many calls, we shut down our lights and siren prior to arriving at the station or at the medical scene due to a number of reasons, such as being disregarded by the Advanced Life Support Ambulance, being disregarded by Kent County Sheriff's dispatch or our medical squad goes into service prior to our arrival at the scene.

Now here is a statement that might surprise you. I and the members of our department would rather just run calls with our lights and be able to exceed the posted limit on Med 1, 2 and 0 calls, when these conditions do not endanger the public. The problem is, there is a State of Michigan law that prohibits us from doing that. It is the

Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949 and can be found on-line at, <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

Part of this law reads:

(3) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may do any of the following:

(a) Park or stand, irrespective of this act.

(b) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation.

(c) Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he or she does not endanger life or property.

(d) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in a specified direction.

(4) The exemptions granted in this section to an authorized emergency vehicle apply only when the driver of the vehicle while in motion sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, air horn, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, except as provided in subsection (5) and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a flashing, oscillating, or rotating red or blue light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet in a 360 degree arc, unless it is not advisable to equip a police vehicle operating as an authorized emergency vehicle with a flashing, oscillating or rotating light visible in a 360 degree arc. In those cases, a police vehicle shall display a flashing, oscillating, or rotating red or blue light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle. Only police vehicles

that are publicly owned shall be equipped with a flashing, oscillating or rotating blue light that when activated is visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet in a 360 degree arc.

(5) A police vehicle shall retain the exemptions granted in this section to an authorized emergency vehicle without sounding an audible signal if the police vehicle is engaged in an emergency run in which silence is required.

As you can see, this law states that the only emergency vehicles that can run to an emergency with just their overhead lights as a warning are police vehicles. If a member of our department were to run a call with just their lights flashing and were to be involved in an accident, their liability in causing the accident would be in question, more than if a siren had been sounded. The Lowell Area Fire Department will either be very close to running on or exceed 800 calls this year. Of these calls, 80 percent or more will have been medical calls.

The only way that we can run to these calls silently, without our sirens running, is if Michigan Vehicle Code Act 300 of 1949 is amended.

If you would like to discuss this situation further, I or any number of the other officers of the department would be more than willing to speak with you.

So in conclusion, in advance, I apologize if we wake you in the middle of the night. But think of it this way, if it was your family member we were responding to, would you rather we slow down?

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:

N 1519.32 FT OF W 596.64 FT OF E 1256.64 FT OF SE 1/4 EX THAT PART LYING NLY OF CL OF A DITCH RUNNING WLY FROM INT OF SD CL & CL OF A COUNTY DRAIN * SEC 4 T5N R9W 11.47 A.

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.

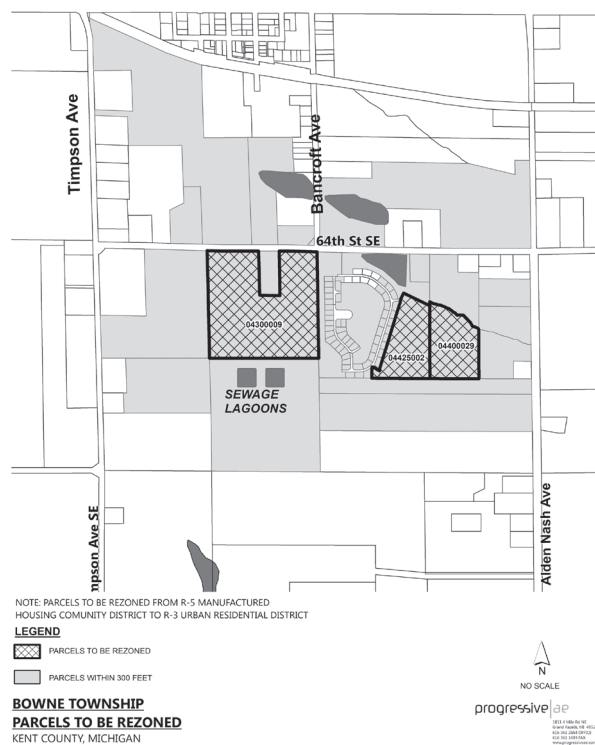
3) Parcel Identification:

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

Tax Description:

412404425002 PART OF SE 1/4 COM AT E 1/4 COR TH N 89D 28M 03S W ALONG E&W 1/4 LINE TO W LINE OF E 1256.64 FT OF SE 1/4 TH S 0D 24M 46S E ALONG SD W LINE 600.06 FT TO BEG OF THIS DESC - TH N 64D 07M 16S W 342.15 FT TH S 25D 52M 44S W 80.09 FT TH S 3D 59M 39S W 24.07 FT TH S 17D 19M 10S W 832.69 FT TH S 0D 31M 57S

W 112.02 FT TO S LINE OF N 1519.32 FT OF SE 1/4 TH S 89D 28M 03S E TO W LINE OF E 1256.64 FT OF SE 1/4 TH N 0D 24M 46S W ALONG SD W LINE TO BEG * SEC 4 T5N R9W 10.60 A. SPLIT ON 08/18/2010 FROM 41-24-04-425-001; 10.61 A



The hearing has been held open from the October 4, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, and will be continued as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township



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16. Edible seaweed
17. Stir or fuss
18. Rock bottom
19. *Unstoppable hitman in "No Country for Old Men"
21. *Wilkes and Ratched, e.g.
23. Beauty treatment site
24. ____ Verde National Park
25. *Simian planet ruler
28. The Destroyer in Hinduism
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OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 16

- It has been announced that Beyonce` will be the halftime act for the Super Bowl this year.
- Mitt Romney cancelled an appearance on the talk show "The View" with Barbara Walters. "We are sorry we won't have Governor Romney and that's the situation," said Walters.
- The lone vice presidential debate between Paul Ryan and vice president Joe Biden was held last Thursday. The second debate between Mitt Romney and president Barack Obama is scheduled for Tuesday night Oct. 16.
- In Wisconsin's first organized wolf hunt, four of the animals have apparently been shot.
- Arlen Specter, 82, died at home of complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Pennsylvania's longest-serving senator is laid to rest near Philadelphia. He will be remembered as one of the last true moderates.

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7. A conjunction
8. Not a soul
9. Unfortunately, exclamation
10. Place a load on
11. "Sittin On the Dock of the Bay" singer
12. Poetic "ever"
15. Fascinated or enthralled
20. They catch perpetrators off guard
22. Heard throughout the Olympics
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25. Remote in manner
26. Symbolized by olive branch
27. *Like Hannibal Lecter's victims?
29. Bowed, fretted and stringed instrument
31. * ____ Voldemort
32. Currently broadcasting
33. Old Testament miracle food
34. *Allegedly cruel captain
36. *Kirk's antagonist
38. That time
42. One up
45. Interstellar cloud
49. "30 Rock's" ____ Lemon
51. Clinton claimed he didn't do this
54. Moolah or dough
56. Building extension
57. Peeping Tom's glance
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60. One moment
61. Cher, e.g.
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SOLUTIONS FOR OCT. 10 PUZZLES

Answers to puzzles on this page will appear in the Oct. 24 issue

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