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Sunday, November 4 at 2 am, daylight saving time ends. So set your clocks back one hour!

Five candidates vie for three seats on the Lowell Area School Board

by Emma Palova

Five candidates are vying for three seats on the Lowell Area Schools' (LAS) board of education in the Nov. 6 general election. One seat is a partial term.

They are incumbents Maureen Fleet, Dan Stephens and Tom Kaywood. The newcomers are Laurie Kuna and Glenn Watson.

Incumbent Fleet was first elected to the school board in June of 2004. She also serves on the Wittenbach/Wege advisory board and St. Patrick's Parish finance council. Fleet has a double major in business and accounting. She has worked as a CPA and an auditor for the State of Michigan. Currently, she works for Cedar Springs

public schools as the business manager for Kent City community schools.

Fleet and her husband Richard "Scott" have four children, Kate, Megan, John and Thomas.

She spends time off reading, bicycling and following LAS activities, such as musicals, plays, Red Arrow football and wrestling.

Incumbent Stephens was appointed to the school board in June of 2012. Stephens, with wife Kim, has seven children who attend the LAS district.

Stephens has a passion for the schools and the community. He is active in the Lowell Little League, wrestling and youth football. Stephens has been project

manager at General Motors for the past 27 years.

He is dedicated to helping the school system provide education that meets the individual needs of every student. Stephens understands the need of the district to make informed decisions and that it is important to solicit feedback from students and parents to guide the board decisions.

Incumbent Tom Kaywood is vying for a partial term. He was appointed to the board of education in November of 2011.

He and his wife Lisa have lived in Lowell for eight years and they have

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Two candidates vie for 86th District in Michigan House of Representatives

by Emma Palova

Two candidates are vying for 86th District in Michigan House of Representatives in the November 6th general election.

They are incumbent Republican Lisa Posthumus Lyons and Democratic challenger Brian Bosak.

Lyons was first elected in 2010, while Bosak was defeated that same year by Republican Ken Yonker in

District 72. Bosak did not have opposition in this year's August primary, while Lyons defeated fellow Republican Thomas DeVault.

At the time of print, Bosak could not be reached for comment. Campaign websites, such as Project Vote Smart, did not list any data except for a campaign office address in Caledonia.

Following are Lyons' responses pertaining to the

race in the 86th District, as well as her biography.

Name: Lisa Posthumus Lyons

Residency: Alto Occupation: State Representative, 86th District- Incumbent

Education: Lowell High School, class of '98; and Michigan State University,

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Township elected officials remain unchallenged

by Emma Palova

Elected officials from both Vergennes and Lowell townships are vying for four year terms unopposed in the Nov. 6 general election, all on the Republican ticket.

In Vergennes Township, incumbent Republican supervisor Tim Wittenbach is running unopposed, along with clerk Mari Stone and treasurer Jean Hoffman for a term ending 2016.

Incumbent trustees Allan Baird and Richard Gillett are also on the ballot.

In Lowell Township, incumbent Republican

supervisor Jerry Hale is running unopposed, along with clerk Linda Regan and newcomer Ronda Benedict. Benedict won the Aug. 7 Republican primary over clerk Leslie Stougaard.

Running for trustees are Mark Anderson, Carlton Blough, William Thompson, and Steve VanderZiel.

Major issues in both townships continue to be preserving the rural character, infrastructure and funding.

Township websites

www.vergennestwp.org and www.twp.lowell.mi.us have applications for election inspectors, as well as information about absentee voting.

Michigan Voter Information Center lists polling locations. As of October 28, there are 7,416,274 registered voters in Michigan.

Sample ballots can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/vote by entering birth date, zip code or driver's license info.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 15 to help Pink Arrow Pride

Mark your calendar and save Thursday, Nov. 15 for "Go Further with Ford Night" at Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell.

"Go Further with Ford Night" - a free fundraising event, will be held at the dealership and will benefit Pink Arrow Pride.

For each person who attends "Go Further with Ford Night," Harold Zeigler Ford will donate \$10 (up to a total of \$500) to Pink Arrow Pride.

"We all want to be part of something bigger and 'Go Further with Ford Night' is our way of offering consumers the chance to give back to our community, have a lot of fun and enjoy the final 'Random Acts of Fusion' - which will test their judging skills to win a unique VIP American Idol experience and meet the all-new Ford Fusion in person," said Ted Holloway of Harold Zeigler Ford.

Consumers 18 years and older who are interested in participating may pre-register for the event at www.RandomActsofFusion.com and be entered for a chance to win tickets to a live taping of American Idol. Additionally, registrants at the dealership on Thursday, Nov. 15, will be entered into a prize drawing to win an all-new 2013 Ford Fusion. No purchase is necessary and other restrictions apply.

Neighbor to Neighbor Community Day set for this Saturday

Submitted by Tamela Spicer

With winter fast approaching, the people of the greater Lowell community are coming together to meet the needs of their neighbors. Neighbors like Alecia, a 22-year-old mom battling a rare liver cancer, who needs home repairs. To keep Alecia's young family safe, bathroom flooring needs to be repaired and the back door of their mobile home needs replacement; Or neighbors like Mike and Rosa, both disabled veterans, who need repairs to their roof and eaves to prevent water damage to their home.

This Saturday, Flat River Outreach Ministries, the Rotary Club of Lowell and the Lowell Ledger will be doing a Neighbor to Neighbor community work day to complete some of the wishes in the community. If you are interested in helping neighbors in need, please bring your tools and work gloves to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 8:30 am and work teams will be dispersed.

If you are not able to join the community work day this Saturday, there are still many opportunities to help your neighbors. FROM will continue to work with area groups and businesses to grant wishes through the Thanksgiving holiday. You can be part of Neighbor to Neighbor by contributing supplies, putting together a work group or providing financial support to purchase supplies.

If you would like to join FROM, the Lowell Rotary Club and the Lowell Ledger in supporting Neighbor to Neighbor needs, please contact Tamela at FROM, 421-0028 or tamelas@fromlowell.org.

Flat River Outreach Ministries is a nonprofit organization whose mission is serving the people of the greater Lowell area in their time of hardship. You can find more information at www.fromlowell.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fromlowell or contact the office at 897-8260.

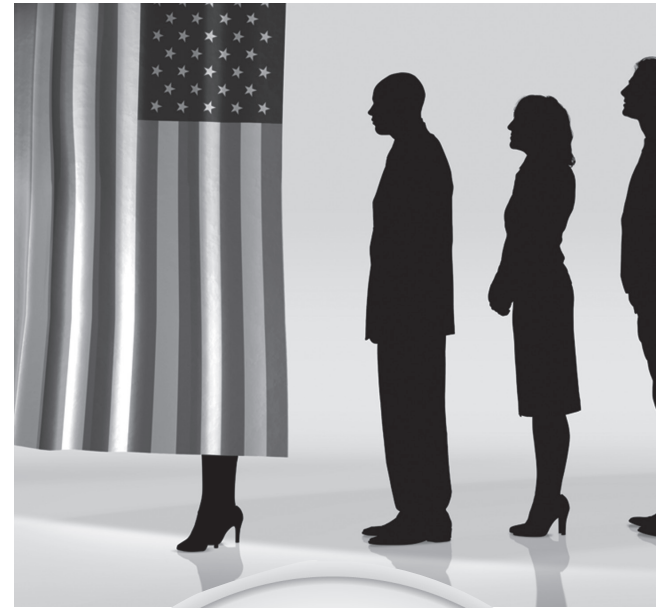
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Thebes Players and LowellArts! Presents a comedy thriller, "A Tomb with a View" weekends through Nov. 10 at Larkin's Other Place, 301 W. Main St. For more information call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

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.

FOOTBALL DISTRICT FINALS

The football district finals will be held at Muskegon High School on Fri., Nov. 2 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 for everyone from kindergarten on up, no passes are accepted at the tournament games. The ticket booth at Muskegon opens at 3 pm and gates will open at 6 pm. Tickets will also be sold at the Lowell High School main office during the day on Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm.

COFFEE WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce would like businesses and members of the community to join Lisa Lyons Posthumus, David Hildenbrand and Justin Amash for coffee and conversation regarding state and community issues. Fri., Nov. 2, 8 am at city hall, 301 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, City Chamber. For more information call 897-9161.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

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

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

SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY:

A GALLERY OF FINE ART AND GIFTS

LowellArts! King Gallery will open the doors Nov. 8 thru Dec. 22 for its annual Sleigh Bells & Holly: A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts, a holiday market featuring over 40 area fine artisans. Reception to meet the artists will be held Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6 - 8 pm at the gallery, hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum will present "Veteran Medics," an informative program moderated by Mark Weber. This will be a panel discussion with Glenn Marks, WWII Veteran of Lowell; Howard Plattner, Vietnam Veteran of Alto; and Jim VandenBoesch, Vietnam Veteran of Ada. Nov. 8 at 7 pm at Lowell Middle School cafeteria. For information contact Linda Barnes, 897-7688.

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

BIRDHOUSE GOURD ORNAMENT CLASS

Artist Lisa Wierenga will teach a class in creating "Mini Painted Birdhouse Gourd Ornaments" at LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson, Sat., Nov. 10 from 1 to 3 pm. Suitable for ages 14 and up. For more information, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

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.

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.

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- 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 ?**

School board candidates, continued

two children in the Lowell school system. They have been active supporters of the Lowell school district and the community.

Kaywood works as an architect. He has spent the majority of his career designing k-12 facilities and as such, brings a unique experience to the board.

Newcomer Laurie Kuna taught English at the Lowell High School for 29 years. She served as a volleyball coach and as an announcer

for basketball. Kuna was also an active member of the drama program and she has directed several productions. Kuna holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

She is a published novelist, a freelance editor and a member of the Red Hand Company. Kuna has been a member of the Lowell arts council for 29 years, serving on the boards of Fallasburg Fall Festival

and Thebes Players. She is also a member of the Lowell Friends of the Englehardt Library and Lowell Historical Society.

Kuna believes that educating young people is the most important thing that a community can do. She would be honored to continue to be a part of that mission by serving on the board.

Newcomer Watson and his wife Tina have resided in the Lowell community

for three years. Their three children have been educated in the Lowell school system.

Watson is a business specialist for Johnson & Johnson. He has been a field, regional and national trainer for the company, teaching a field of more than 400 specialists.

Prior to his career with Johnson & Johnson, Watson was a police officer for the city of Grand Rapids. Watson graduated from the University of Notre Dame

in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences.

Watson believes that education begins at home and by strengthening and empowering the family unit, children receive confidence.

Partnership between parents and the school, as well as the community, will drive the success of current and future students.

Watson believes it would be a privilege serving the Lowell community.

The school board election is on the November general ballot because the state passed a statute about a year ago, according to superintendent Greg Pratt.

"The major ongoing issue for the candidates is school funding," he said. "We have good participation in the field of candidates. We're excited to get things moving ahead."



Voters encouraged to view sample ballots before going to polls on Election Day

Preparation could help reduce lines at the polls

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is encouraging Michigan voters to go online to view their sample ballot prior to the Nov. 6 general election in order to help shorten lines on Election Day.

"It's as easy as visiting our Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote," said Johnson, Michigan's chief elections officer. "Doing a little bit of homework and knowing what you are voting on before you reach the polls will make the voting process faster and easier for all voters, and help lines move more quickly in your polling location."

Voters in some areas will face lengthier ballots, thanks in part to six

statewide ballot proposals. Those issues, combined with local proposals and local, county, state and federal races, have resulted in two-page ballots in some areas.

Voters in Emmett, Genesee, Muskegon and Wayne counties will vote on two-page ballots. Some voters in Kalamazoo and Kent counties will also see two-page ballots.

"It is more important than ever before for Wayne County voters to review and fully understand what they are voting for," said Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett. "A sample ballot can also be found on my website www.waynecounty.com/clerk or at your local clerk's office before the Nov.

6 election, and I have always believed that an informed voter is an effective voter."

Voters are allowed to bring the sample ballot into their polling location in order to facilitate marking the official ballot, but should be sure to take the sample ballot with them when they leave the voting booth. It may not be shown to other voters.

Also on the Michigan Voter Information Center website, residents can check their voter registration status, find their polling location, learn about absentee voting, get information on Michigan's voter ID laws and view contact information for their local clerk.

"We have been giving the website high praises during our precinct inspector trainings and discussions with civic groups and with the media," said Joan Runyon, elections coordinator for the Livingston County clerk's office. "I very much like the ballot tracking feature, which provides voters the reassurance in knowing

the date that their absentee ballot was mailed out and the date that the clerk received it after the voter mailed it back."

Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day.

For more information about office locations and additional services, visit www.michigan.gov/sos. Sign up for the official Secretary of State Twitter

feed at www.twitter.com/michsos and Facebook updates at www.facebook.com/michigansos.

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86th District, continued

Bachelor of Science in agricultural and natural resources communication

Community involvement: American Legion Auxiliary, Farm Bureau, FFA Alumni Association; 4-H; National Rifle Association, Alpha Women's Center (former board member); and Bowne Township Planning Commission (former secretary)

Status: Married to Brad Lyons for nine years. Four children: Easton (7); Charlie (6); Gage (4); and Fisher (3).

Why are you running?

I am running for re-election to continue my fighting for jobs in Michigan and getting our families back to work.

What kind of political experience do you have?

I am nearing the end of my first term in the House, which is the first elective office I have been honored in which to serve.

As an incumbent, what did you do prior to taking that position?

I was the Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach for the Grand Rapids Association of Realtors.

What have you accomplished during your term?

I am proud of my record of real results. Some major accomplishments include tax reform that eliminated the Michigan Business Tax and a cut in personal income tax that took effect October 1. We also eliminated a \$2 billion structural deficit, putting our state budget on solid financial footing. We did so while paying down long liabilities, saving our kids and grandkids billions of dollars; put half a billion dollars into the rainy day fund; and increased the School Aid Fund by \$200 million.

What do you wish to accomplish?

I am eager to continue fighting to get our families back to work. In the last two years, unemployment has decreased and job growth has risen faster than the national average, but there is so much more work to do. I also want to see a rewrite of

the School Aid Act to bring our funding mechanisms into the 21st century and ensure our students are adequately funded for a quality education. I would like to see changes to our Michigan Merit Curriculum to provide students with more opportunities to take agri-science and vocational education to ensure that we are preparing tomorrow's workforce for tomorrow's jobs.

What sets you apart from other candidates?

I do not know anything about my opponent as I have not seen him on the campaign trail. As for me, I consider it an honor to serve others. I have demonstrated that I am hardworking, honest and upfront. Even in disagreements, I treat others with respect and do my best to assist when called upon. I sincerely hope to leave with a legacy of leadership and integrity when my service comes to a close.

Why should people vote for you?

I have a record of fighting for hardworking taxpayers and getting real results by helping to grow jobs in Michigan.

What are your ideas on party reformation to avoid stagnation?

The best thing both parties can do to keep moving forward is to continue getting young people involved in our democratic process. However, while parties are important to the process, I believe people are more important. That's why it is important to elect leaders who will be strong enough to stand up to their party and other special interests if it is the right thing to do.

Issues:

What is your position on raising taxes on seniors and retirees?

In my first campaign in 2010, I signed the No Tax Increase Pledge sponsored by the Americans for Tax Reform, which I have indeed honored. I am proud to have in addition to eliminating the Michigan Business Tax-cut the personal income tax rate and increased the individual exemption for all

of Michigan's hardworking taxpayers, which became effective October 1st.

How do you compensate for the tax cut to businesses?

I am so proud to have eliminated the job-killing Michigan Business Tax. It was replaced with a simple and predictable six percent Corporate Income Tax, which truly put Michigan in a position to compete for jobs. This tax reform has helped to increase jobs and put more people back to work. When we have more people working and paying taxes, we have more tax revenue going to the state, which will allow us to fund critical programs, pay down our long-term liabilities or provide tax relief for Michigan families. We also worked to eliminate wasteful spending in our state departments and programs to make our government more efficient and effective.

What are your views on education?

I believe that parents are responsible for their children's education. Therefore, they must be equipped with education options that meet the individual needs of each child. I support a parent's right to utilize all types of choices. From traditional public, charter public, private, parochial, online, and home school, I am proud that Michigan empowers parents to choose the educational path that they feel sets their children up for success in the workforce. I am a strong supporter of public schools. I am a product of and my children attend Lowell Area Schools. It is so important to ensure that our public schools are providing a quality education to our kids and we are incredibly fortunate to live in an area where our public schools are strong and thriving.

What is your stance on the ballot proposals, other than you're against constitutional amendments?

I support Proposal 1. I oppose Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 6. I am undecided on Proposal 5.

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to the editor

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To the Editor,
As a dog lover, I'm thrilled that so many of you bring your dogs out to the Wittenbach/Wege Center for walks.

Many of you come prepared, with your dogs on leashes and poop bags in your pockets and I appreciate your cooperation. Unfortunately there are some people who either don't realize or choose not to follow the etiquette of dog walking here at the center. In order to clear up any potential

confusion, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone of the dog rules here on the property. We have two main rules:

1. Please keep your dogs leashed at all times.
2. Please clean up after your dogs. Unleashed dogs can pose a potential threat to wildlife living here at the Wittenbach/Wege Center through the following ways: trample rare wildflowers; potentially injure and/or kill wildlife; disturb the nests of ground nesting birds and mammals; and

spread undesirable seeds throughout the property.

Remember, this area has been set aside to preserve and protect the plants and animals found here. This is their home and they shouldn't feel threatened here. This area is also an outdoor classroom for the many students that visit the Wittenbach/Wege Center. A visual of a dog will frighten most wildlife and the smell of a dog on the trail will prevent many species from visiting that area for some time.

Wildlife evidence is a major component of our programming and unleashed dogs can greatly reduce our ability to see wildlife, let

alone evidence of it, thus reducing the educational opportunities we can share with our students. Unleashed dogs can also be a potential threat to other visitors and their canine companions they encounter on the trail.

Keep in mind not all visitors, especially children, are dog lovers. For some children, encountering an unleashed dog while on a field trip here could be a nightmare and that is not the experience we want them to have while visiting.

It doesn't matter if your dog is friendly – it could still frighten the other visitor and ruin their experience here and that's not fair to them.

Nothing puts a damper on a hike faster than stepping in dog poop. Not only is dog waste an inconvenience, it can also spread diseases to other dogs and wildlife, so please clean up after your pets. Keeping your dog leashed makes cleanup much easier.

By working together to be responsible pet owners, we can all help keep the Wittenbach/Wege Center a fun and safe place to walk your pets.

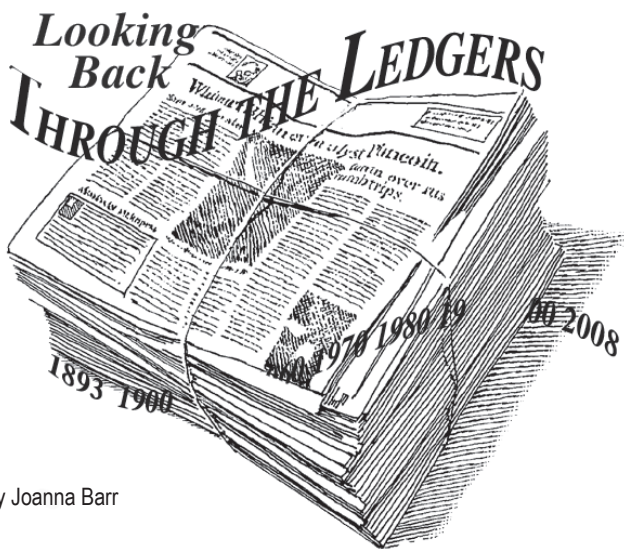
If you prefer to let your dog roam free, Lowell has a wonderful dog park that I'm sure your four-legged friend would enjoy. It's located at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road.

Unfortunately, if we continue to have people disregard the dog walking rules here, we may have to enforce a no dog policy.

As a dog owner, I would hate to see that happen but my first and foremost responsibility is to provide outdoor educational opportunities for our visitors and that is compromised when people continue to disobey the rules.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 616-987-2565.

Meggan Johnson
Wittenbach/Wege
Center director



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal November 6, 1872

The Universal Bath – this universally popular bath which has been in extensive use for sometime in the Eastern States and in many sections of this state, is now being introduced in this village and vicinity and receives the greatest commendation from all who have seen it. By various simple adjustments it affords sponge, hip and full baths – a small one for a child and a large one for an adult and requires but little water. It may be used in any room in a house without even wetting the carpet and for storage can be hung against the wall, occupying but little space. The price is twenty-five dollars and by many who have used it, it is considered preferable to an ordinary bath room and fixtures at ten times the cost.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 31, 1912

Headline: Dies From Injuries – Mrs. Oscar Dye of East Lowell Fatally Burned. Mrs. Oscar Dye, aged 62 years, died Saturday night at 9 o'clock as a result of burns received six hours before, the accident having occurred at the family home, the Dr. Eaton farm 1 1/2 miles southeast of this village. Mrs. Dye was at work in the chestnut grove opposite the barn, raking up the leaves and burning them in order to get at the nuts, when her garments caught fire and she was soon overcome by the flames. Her husband, who was working at the barn across the road, heard her screams and ran to her assistance, to find her clothing completely destroyed and her entire body seared by

the flames. He wrapped her in a blanket, took her to the house and immediately summoned a doctor. She lived six hours.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 4, 1937

The Foreman Poultry Farm ships chicks to all sections of the United States and Canada and it is quite probable that they may soon be covering even greater distances as American chickens now are flying to South America in large numbers as soon as they emerge from the egg – though, of course, the flying is done by transport planes. Special "poultry apartment houses" have been built into the tails of Pan American Airways' clipper ships to take care of this newly developing type of export business.

Plans are under way for the opening of the Christmas Season in Lowell in a manner that will mark this year's advent of this glorious holiday time as the finest achievement of the kind ever undertaken here. The affair is being sponsored by the Board of Trade and a committee composed of Theron Richmond, Donald Wingeier and F. J. McMahon has already been appointed for working out the details. Beginning about November 20, the work of placing Christmas decorations will be under way in the business district and these decorations promise to be under a more elaborate plan than ever before undertaken here.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 1, 1962

The membership of the Lowell Congregational Church, Sunday, authorized the board of trustees to go ahead with a new steeple for the church. The all aluminum structure with a gold anodized cross will rise 30 feet above the present church. The former steeple was torn down many years ago when the supporting members were found to be rotted beyond repair. The new steeple will weigh only some 2,500 lbs. and have a permanent finish that will not need paint.

Don't forget the Chain Saw Clinic at Wittenbach's Sales and Service, Lowell, Tuesday evening, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Dawn Marie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle E. Phillips, Route 3 Lowell, was guest performer for the half time ceremonies last Saturday evening at the Grand Rapids Junior College and Olivet football game held at South field in Grand Rapids. Dawn, at six years of age, was the youngest performer in the "Batons in Motion" show.

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Park's birthday celebrates Copper Country heritage



Sen. Carl Levin

Twenty years ago, a bill I sponsored in the Senate became law, creating the Keweenaw National Historical Park in the Upper Peninsula. Recently, I joined park officials and the Keweenaw community in celebrating the park's 20th birthday.

This park is a gem that celebrates the story of a mineral – copper – and the communities that sprung up here because of the area's mineral riches.

This story goes back to prehistoric times. The Keweenaw is the only area in the country where prehistoric peoples mined copper. Artifacts made from Keweenaw copper nearly 7,000 years ago were traded as far south as what is now Alabama.

The more recent story of copper in this region dates to the 19th century, when immigrants from all over the world flocked here to mine the copper, build their homes, raise their families, and establish the wonderful communities that still are there today.

The story of Copper Country, like that of the economy that copper helped build, is in part, one of astounding technology. The park preserves massive structures used to bring copper to the surface and begin processing the raw ore.

But even more than the technology, we stand in

awe of the enormous hard work, dedication and skill of the miners themselves. Ultimately, it is people – people like the miners of the Keweenaw – who powered the industrial revolution.

Workers swarmed into the Copper Country from Cornwall in England, Ireland, Germany, Canada, Italy, Finland, Croatia, Slovenia and China. Indeed, each decade's census of the Keweenaw Peninsula showed a changing ethnic composition with a diversity that eventually numbered nearly 40 different nationalities.

The immigrant communities each brought a piece of their homeland with them to the Copper Country as evidenced in the architecture, foods and traditions. Churches of many denominations – including Roman Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, Presbyterian and Lutheran – provided a spiritual home to the miners and their families.

We cannot afford to lose that rich heritage. And yet, in the 1970s and '80s, the physical reminders of Copper Country history were at risk of being lost. These buildings, and the history they hold, are irreplaceable.

That is why establishing the park 20 years ago was so important.

Levin, continued, page 6

engagements health

Adams/ Brower



Lucas Brower and Anastacia Adams

Anastacia Adams and Lucas Brower, both of Lowell, will be wed on September 28, 2013. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Deb Adams of Lowell. She is a graduate of Lowell High School. The groom is the son of John and Laura Brower of Lowell. He is also a graduate of Lowell High School.

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



acute coronary syndromes

Acute coronary syndromes (ACS) is a term used to describe a group of conditions resulting from acute myocardial ischemia (insufficient blood flow to the heart muscle) and ranging from unstable angina (increasing, unpredictable chest pain) to myocardial infarction (heart attack). The conditions are related to varying degrees of narrowing or blockage of single or multiple coronary arteries that provide blood, oxygen and nutrients to the heart. This life-threatening disorder is a major cause of emergency medical care and

hospitalization. Coronary artery disease (CAD) remains the leading cause of death in the United States.

Symptoms of ACS include chest pain that can be an uncomfortable pressure, squeezing or fullness in the chest, or upper body discomfort, including pain or discomfort in both arms, the back, neck, jaw or abdomen. Other symptoms may include shortness of breath, nausea, sweating and light-headedness. Initial assessment includes a complete medical history, physical examination, an electrocardiogram (ECG) to test the electrical activity

of the heart and blood tests. Hospitalization may be necessary. Standard treatments for coronary artery blockage include placement of stents (mesh tubes) or heart surgery for bypass grafting of blocked vessels.

Ways to reduce your risk of coronary artery disease include quitting smoking, controlling blood pressure, exercising on a regular basis, eating a healthy diet, maintaining a reasonable body weight and asking your doctor about taking a low dose aspirin daily.

Levin, continued

In the two decades since, many historic buildings have been preserved and renovated. The National Park Service owns six buildings within the park boundaries, and has partnered with 19 other organizations operating 26 other sites – the Keweenaw Heritage Sites – to preserve and celebrate the cultural and natural resources of the area.

This park, working closely with local and federal officials to respect the region's past while protecting its present and future economic potential.

The people and institutions of the region continue to work closely with the Park Service in the unique arrangement between the park and partners at the many privately owned heritage sites.

The people of the Keweenaw were instrumental in establishing

But our work is far from over.

Funding is one of the key issues. Because this is one of the newer parks within the National Park Service, it still needs support to acquire, preserve and interpret additional historic properties such as the Quincy Smelter. Over the past ten years, national funding for such projects has been cut in half, which hampers progress at this park and others across the nation.

With the help of private philanthropy, I hope we can reverse this trend and act as good stewards for the natural, cultural and historic treasures in our care.

Like a gem, Keweenaw National Historical Park has many facets. It tells a powerful story of hope and opportunity as well as struggle. Most of all, it offers us an appreciation for our past and an inspiration for our future.

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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all SUPER!Centers as well as select PLUS and traditional offices will remain open on Election Day for customers who must conduct urgent business on that day.

Most state government offices will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 6, because of a 2004 agreement with labor unions made by the administration of then Gov. Jennifer Granholm that makes Election Day a state employee holiday. However, Johnson is keeping several offices open with minimal staffing.

"We recognize that urgent business may require a trip to a Secretary of State office on Election Day so we're keeping some offices open," Johnson said. "However, because of limited staffing levels that day, I encourage customers to visit an office on another day or take advantage of our online services at ExpressSOS.com."

Johnson said that late fees for licenses and registrations expiring Nov. 6 will be waived if customers renew the next day. She also reminded customers that many transactions, such as

vehicle plate tab and driver's license renewals, now can be completed online at www.ExpressSOS.com.

In addition, many offices contain Self-Service Stations for quick processing of license plate tab renewals. Many of these offices will be closed on Election Day but their Self-Service Stations that normally are available 24-hours a day will be available to serve customers. Residents will need a renewal notice and a Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit or debit card to use the Self-Service Station.

Other Department of State service areas also will be closed on Election Day, except for the Bureau of Elections.

For more information about Secretary of State office locations and additional services, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos. Sign up for the official Secretary of State Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/michsos and Facebook updates at www.facebook.com/michigansos.residents that all SUPER!Centers as well as select PLUS and traditional offices will remain open on Election Day for customers who must conduct urgent business on

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Looking Back, continued

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 4, 1987

Headline: Ledger purchases Buyers Guide – Lowell Ledger publisher Roger Brown has announced the purchase of the Lowell Buyers Guide, Inc., a 16,000 circulation shopper published in Lowell for more than 30 years. Brown signed the deal with Buyers Guide owner Elva Ayres on October 30 and took immediate possession. Brown says that with only a few exceptions, the Buyers Guide will continue to be published as always, using the same staff, phone number, etc. The competing East Kent Shopper's Guide, started by Brown in May of this year, will be discontinued... The Ledger has been in continuous publication since June of 1893. It was founded by F.M. Johnson and sold to R.G. Jeffries in 1930. The Jeffries family published the Ledger until it was sold to Francis Smith in 1968. In 1971 ownership of the Ledger reverted back to Harold

Jeffries. Carol Sebastian published the paper for Jeffries until it was sold to Brown in 1975. The Buyers Guide was founded by Kenneth Ayres in August of 1954. Ayres died in May of 1986 and the paper has since been published by his wife Elva Ayres and his son Gary. The Buyers Guide has grown over the years to include complete coverage of various rural routes out of Belding, Cascade, Caledonia and Clarksville. The Ledger also operates the largest commercial printing business in the area. The plant now boasts three full-time pressmen with complete offset, letterpress, typesetting and bindery departments. Brown feels the three businesses are very compatible and share much in equipment needs, personnel skills and technology. "The acquisition of the Buyers Guide puts our entire operation in a position to grow with the community," Brown said.

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EARTH TALK™



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Besides the presidential election, what other electoral races are environmentalists keeping an eye on this coming November? - Matt Sloan, Sacramento, CA

The non-profit League of Conservation Voters (LCV) helps Americans sort out the good guys from the bad when it comes to the environmental track records of candidates in important high-level races across the country. Besides endorsing specific candidates, the group also keeps a running "dirty dozen" list of the politicians with the worst environmental records. Meanwhile, the group's LCV Action Fund is a related political action fund that can channel funding to the candidates it supports.

One of the races that LCV is following is New Mexico's Senate race between Democrat Martin Heinrich and

Republican Heather Wilson. Both are hoping to leave the House for the Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Jeff Bingaman, who is retiring after four terms — but that's where the similarity ends.

Heinrich has a perfect 100 percent lifetime score on LCV's National Environmental Scorecard, a yardstick used to rate Congress members on environmental and clean energy issues. He participates in the forward-thinking Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition and is a staunch defender of the federal government's ability to protect public health and hold polluters accountable under the Clean Air Act. Heinrich also supported the single largest investment in clean energy in history — an economic recovery package that pledged \$80 billion toward energy efficiency, renewable energy and public transit.

Meanwhile, as one of LCV's "Dirty Dozen," Heather Wilson has just a 15 percent LCV lifetime score as a member of the House. She is one of the House's top 20 recipients of funding from oil and gas interests, and has voted consistently to protect tax incentives and loopholes for oil and gas companies.

A coalition of green groups including the LCV Action Fund, Defenders of Wildlife, the Sierra Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council Action Fund has spent \$1.5 million in ads accusing Wilson of voting against New Mexico families and in favor of polluters — an amount equal to what GOP-affiliated groups spent on pro-Wilson ads. Another close one in a neighboring Southwestern state, Arizona, pits Democrat Richard Carmona (LCV's choice) against Republican Jeff Flake. "Throughout his career, Dr. Carmona has stood up for public health safeguards and would champion clean energy technologies

that create jobs in Arizona and across the country," reports LCV, which has endorsed him. His opponent, 12-year incumbent Congressman and former uranium mining lobbyist Flake, has a nine percent lifetime score on LCV's scorecard.

Back east in Massachusetts, LCV has endorsed Democrat Elizabeth Warren, who vows to eliminate tax subsidies for Big Oil and uphold the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Her opponent, incumbent Republican Senator Scott Brown, has a lifetime LCV score of 22 percent, and repeatedly votes to give billions in taxpayer subsidies to Big Oil, gut the Clean Air Act, and pull funding from renewable energy.

Overall, LCV is endorsing candidates in 12 Senate races and 29 House races around the country. For a complete list check the "endorsements" page of the lcv.org website. The group has also endorsed one gubernatorial candidate, Washington Democrat Jay Inslee, and one presidential candidate, Barack Obama.

CONTACT: LCV, www.lcv.org.



Dear EarthTalk: What's the big deal about lead in hunting ammunition and fishing tackle? If an animal is going to die anyway, it's not going to get lead poisoning, right? - Bill Joyce, Euclid, OH

The issue of lead in hunting ammunition and fishing tackle isn't so much about lead contaminating the spoils of hunters and fishermen but about lead accumulating in our ecosystems and poisoning other animals that ingest it. "Lead is an extremely toxic element that we've sensibly removed from water pipes, gasoline, paint and other sources dangerous to people," reports the non-profit Center for Biological Diversity (CBD). "Yet toxic lead is still entering the food chain through widespread use of lead hunting ammunition and fishing tackle, poisoning wildlife and even threatening human health."

The group reports that at least 75 wild bird species in the United States — including bald eagles, golden eagles, ravens and endangered California condors — are routinely poisoned by spent lead ammunition. Meanwhile, every year thousands of cranes, ducks, swans, loons, geese and other waterfowl ingest spent lead shot or lead fishing sinkers lost in lakes and rivers "often with deadly consequences."

"Animals that scavenge on carcasses shot and contaminated with lead bullet fragments, or wading birds that ingest spent lead-shot pellets or lost fishing weights mistaking them for food or grit, can die a painful death from lead poisoning, while others suffer for years from its debilitating effects," reports CBD. Across the U.S. some 3,000 tons of lead are shot into the environment by hunters every year. Another 80,000 tons are released at shooting ranges, and 4,000 tons in fishing lures and sinkers are lost in ponds and streams. CBD estimates that as many as 20 million birds and mammals in

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Flat River Race Series attracts hundreds of cycling enthusiasts

by Emma Palova

Sporting slick spandex outfits, cyclists from all over the Midwest flocked to the Fallasburg Park for the fall Lowell 50 bicycle race on a crispy October morning last weekend.

They dominated the entire area pedaling and practicing until the very last minute before the strenuous race. The camaraderie and atmosphere was reminiscent of Tour de France or any big race, complete with fans, crews, cameras, a stage, loudspeakers and digital time measuring equipment.

A rare, woman bike racer swished by in a miniskirt and tights on a black Schwinn. A girl climbed victoriously on the first highest step ready for the afternoon award ceremony by the flag pole.

The talk was about bikes: how expensive, how many gears, which routes it finished and which routes it didn't finish.

Complete strangers led conversations in the immense grassy parking lot

where cars, bikes and people mingled.

"Have you done this race before?" asked a racer in the lot.

"No, what is it like?" answered a man getting ready for the race, changing into the green sleek spandex aerodynamic outfit.

The 150 participants in all age categories would soon find out. They filed at the start/finish line by the park pavilion. First it was the 50-mile category racers, all wearing bibs with numbers and most of all with a timing chip.

The race series is sponsored by 42-85 timing services, so it really doesn't matter where you are on the starting line. But, according to the experts, unlike popular belief, it is not good to be up front, because of the initial impact of the starting out with bikes swinging from side to side. The numbers 42-85 signify the longitude and latitude of Grand Rapids.



The 50-mile pack heads out on a challenging route.

And the racers headed out from the park through the stone archway, followed by the 28-mile category,

leaving behind all the spectators and the timer, Brian Bangma, on the stage.

"See you in 28 miles," he screamed into the microphone. "Have a safe and great trip; have fun."

The race was a combination of gravel and paved roads, mostly through

Ionia County; through two covered bridges over the Flat River.

Picturesque indeed with the grand finale going down a steep gravel hill into the Whites Bridge Road Covered Bridge with a two-track deck and then looping back into the park.

"It was a lot tougher than I expected," resonated remarks on Facebook and Twitter.

But, most cyclists are already practicing for the next race on the Flat River Race Series.

Call it passion.



A racer practices until the very last minute before the start.



And the winners are awarded in the afternoon.

The Lowell American Legion

Will pause on Veterans Day to salute all Veterans for their service to our great country. Our salute also includes the families who have shared the sacrifices and hardships endured by our veterans.

May God (Always) Bless America

P.S. Remember **Saturday, November 10** is Lowell's fifth annual Cookie Day for the Veterans Home. **Home baked cookies may be dropped off from 10 am until noon at the Lowell Veteran's Center at 3116 S. Alden Nash** They will be delivered that afternoon. This is a strictly Lowell project, providing something homemade for them. We wish everyone could see how appreciative they are. The Legion says Thank You to everyone who participates! Please know that your efforts do bring major smiles to those senior veterans.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Lowell shuts out Northview in round one of districts

by Karen Jack

In the very first step on the road to the MHSAA high school football finals at Ford Field, Lowell was matched up with Grand Rapids Northview, welcoming them back to the OK White for the night, the Arrows shut the Wildcats out with a 21-0 pounding. The Wildcats, who used to be in the OK White conference until this year, came into the game 7-3, in their new OK Bronze conference, but was reminded, quite handily, what it was like being in the OK White, in their first appearance ever in the post-season.

The Arrows held Northview to -61 yards rushing, typical in Lowell defense fashion. In fact, Lowell didn't allow the Wildcats any positive rushing yards until their

third possession in the game. In their first two possessions, the Red Arrows held the Wildcats to -20 yards in those possessions, alone, making the statement to the Wildcats that they were going to have to get through them if they wanted to score. In each of Northview's possessions, in both the first quarter and the fourth quarter, Lowell's defense held them all to three-and-outs, allowing no first downs at all.

Lowell also shook up their offense this week, moving Kyler Shurlow to the quarterback position with Titan Anderson as the running back. Shurlow performed well, rushing 106 yards and going five for eight in the passing game. Head coach Noel Dean said he thought it was time to shake up the offense, as he felt they struggled for the last six quarters, so he made the decision to change it up. Shurlow had been playing quarterback all year for short stints in almost every game, so running the plays was not all that unfamiliar to him. Anderson, who is quick on his feet, also had 91 yards rushing in the game.

Lowell's first score came in the first quarter when a play pass was called, but Shurlow couldn't find

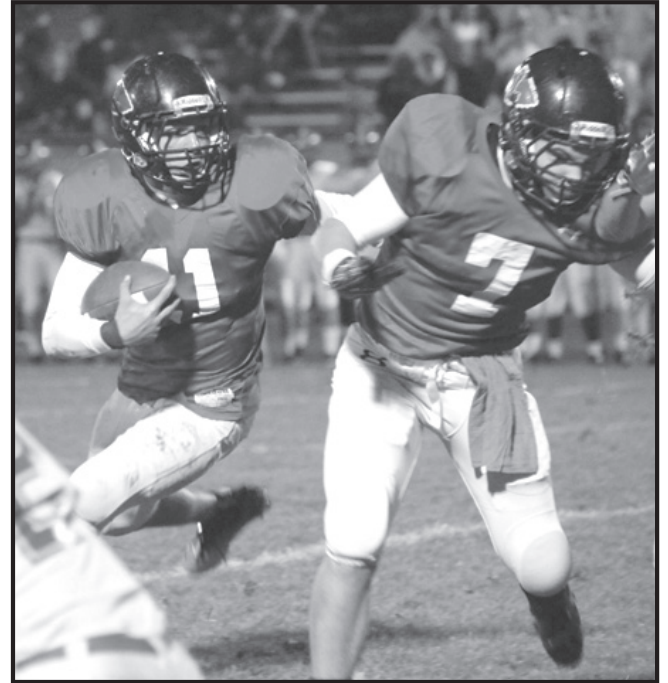
anybody open, so he ran the ball 40 yards down the field for a touchdown. The Arrows second score came from a 28-yard rush from Anderson for a touchdown in the second quarter and the third touchdown was taken in by Pierce Watson, after he blocked a punt on the Northview's own 15-yard line in the third quarter. Austin Bieri kicked all three extra points.

The defensive leaders were Josh Colegrove with 11 tackles and 2.5 sacks; Zach Huver had seven tackles and a half-sack (when two players sack the quarterback

at the same time); and Watson had six tackles, three sacks, a blocked punt and a touchdown.

"The defense was just outstanding tonight," said Dean. "They've been doing the job all year." Dean predicted at the beginning of the year that the defense was going to be the one winning games for them and his predictions have rung true all season.

The Arrows face Muskegon for the district title on Friday night. The game will be played at Muskegon with a starting time of 7:00 pm.



Kyler Shurlow looks for the option.



Dylan Brower charges with the football.



Donnie Shaffer protects the quarterback on offense.

LUNCH MENU

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WED: WG Pasta marinara w/shredded cheese, zucchini coins, fruit & veggie bar: sliced tomatoes, broccoli florets, pineapple, applesauce, milk.

THURS: Beef & bean chili w/saltine cracker, (WG breaded chicken nuggets, served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes w/gravy, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, grapes, strawberries & bananas, peaches, milk.

FRI: BBQ pork ribbie on WG bun, (WG mini corn dogs, served at Bushnell), baked beans, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, applesauce, peaches, grapes, milk.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- VOLLEYBALL

Lowell spikers wind up the season on a high note

by Karen Jack

In a crazy week of volleyball, the Red Arrows managed to end their season on a high note, just barely losing to Forest Hills Central in the first round of districts, 3-1.

On Thursday, the team hosted Grand Rapids Christian and couldn't manage to pull off a victory, but their will to win was high. Christian was just a little too tough for the Arrows in that match up. Christian, one of the premier teams in the OK White conference, won 2-0, with both game scores for the match at 25-10.

In that match, Bethany Kaczanowski had 12 assists, Aubreigh Steed had six kills and one block, Abby Petroelje had 21 digs, five kills and one block, and Kortney Beachler had 16 digs.

The Arrows then went to Greenville on Monday for the first round of district play and faced Forest Hills Central. The Arrows came out strong in the first game of the match and tied it several times, but Central managed to pull out the victory, 25-21. In the next game of the

match, Lowell led the whole game, beating Central 25-11 and tying up the match.

In the third game, Lowell lost 25-21 and in the last game, lost 25-22. The score reflects how very close both of the games were. With a Lowell crowd rooting for their team, the girls put on a show and looked like they were going to pull it out, but just couldn't get by Forest Hills Central.

Kaczanowski led the team with 27 assists and Beachler led the team in digs, with 20. Petroelje led the team with 22 kills, followed by Steed with 12 and Grace Quiggle had three aces.

With their regular coach resigning a few weeks back, assistant coach Lynda O'Malley stepped up as head interim coach, leading the team for the rest of the season. "We did everything we needed to for a win and were only separated by 2-3 kills," said O'Malley.

O'Malley said they are only losing four seniors this year, three of which start. She also said that Lowell has a strong JV team this year, so she looks forward to seeing how they fare next year. "We get Abby (Petroelje), Aubreigh (Steed) and Kortney (Beachler) back, so I'm looking forward to next year. The girls will work hard all summer, to see what kind of pressure we can put on our opponents next year," added O'Malley.



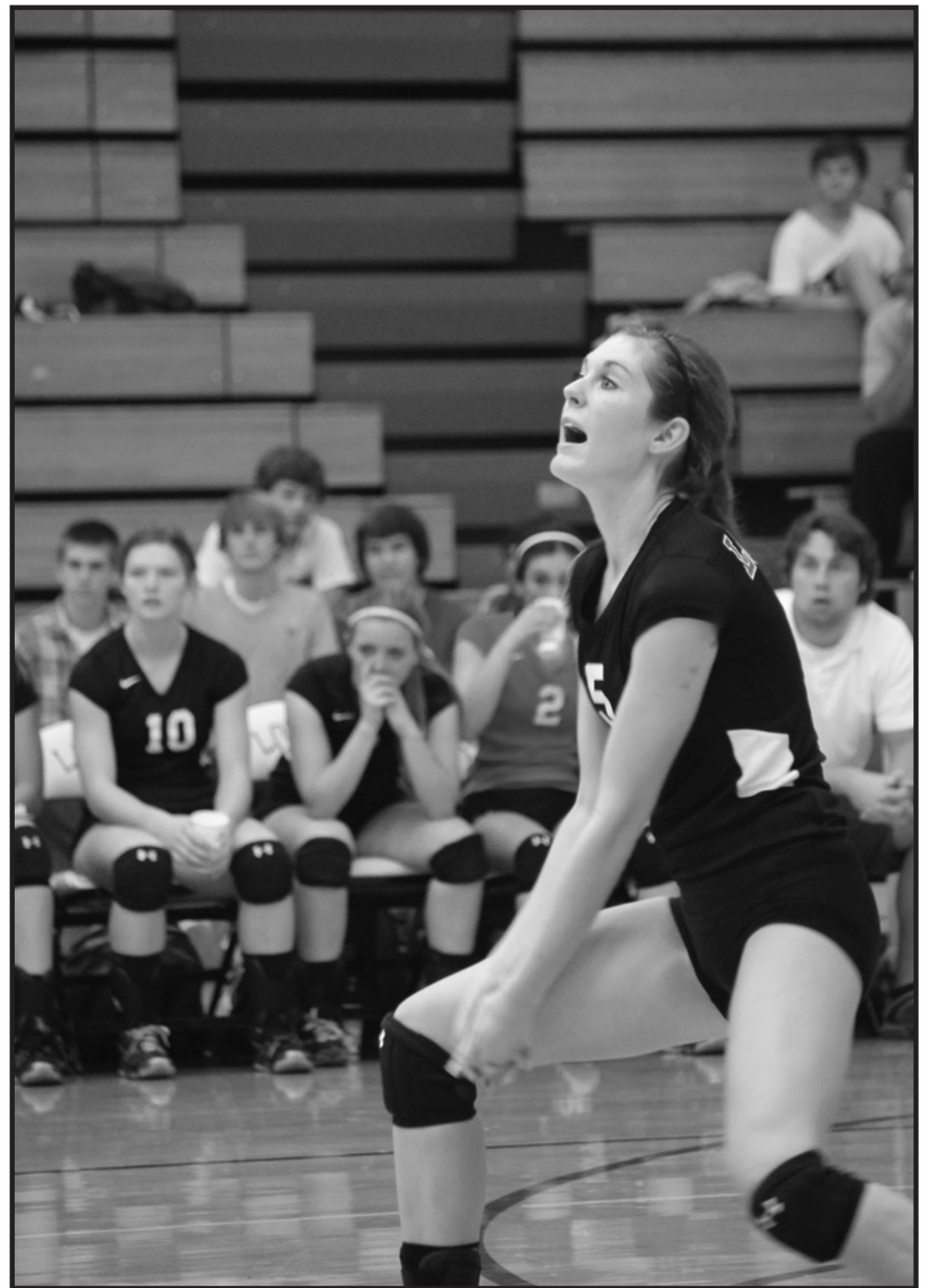
Grace Quiggle serves the ball.



The volleyball team waves to the crowd during a time out, just before their winning game against Forest Hills Northern.



Delainey Ferguson digs the ball against Christian.



Abby Petroelje gets ready to set the ball.

obituaries

COOK

Cara Lynn Cook, age 18 of Lowell, passed away tragically of accidental automobile injuries Monday, October 22, 2012. She was the loving daughter of Gene and Carla Cook; also survived by her brother, Isaac Coleman; sisters, Erica Gregory, Kayla Cook; grandparents, Eugene and Myra Cook, Don and Jean Gregory; special niece, Haleigh; also aunts, uncles, cousins and her church family.



Cara had a huge heart with enough room for everyone she met, be it person or animal. She touched many lives with her Loving Personality. She will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held Friday October 26. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cara Cook Memorial Fund, to assist with expenses, c/o Riverside Fellowship, 10300 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331.



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COOLEY

David Luther Cooley, age 73, of Lowell, passed away October 27, 2012, in Grand Rapids. He was born April 19, 1939, in Tuscumba, Alabama, the son of Josei and Mildred (McCluskey) Cooley. David married Norma Wigfield April 30, 1979, in Florida. He worked for the Airforce serving as a Senior Master Sgt. He was a member of D.A.V., V.F.W., American Legion and Air Force SGTS Assoc. David was active with the Boy Scouts and the Airforce Junior ROTC. He loved the Dallas Cowboys. David is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Norma Cooley of Lowell; children, Craig (Melissa) Fosburg of Arkansas and David (Tiffany) Cooley Jr. of Arkansas; grandchildren, Ashley Fosburg, Tysn Parker and Emma Cooley; brothers-in-law, Richard (Lyn) Wigfield of Saranac and Owen (Molly) Wigfield of Saranac; and sister-in-law, Marie (Mike) McNeal of New York. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 30 at Lake Funeral Home of Saranac with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Anyone wishing, may make contributions in David's name to the local Boy Scout Troop. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

FEUERSTEIN

Algene Louise Feuerstein, age 87 of Lowell, passed away, Thursday, October 25, 2012. She was preceded in death by her mother, Muriel Abraham, stepfather, John Abraham and father, Maurice Morley. She is survived by her children, Ann Lyons, Kay Speerstra and Ted Feuerstein; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Algene was a long time employee of Amway Corporation, a direct sales consultant and taught at St. Patrick's School in Parnell. The family wishes to thank Ionia Hospice for their kindness and care. A private service was held.



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HILGER

Rose Marie Hilger (nee Aldrich), age 84 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2012. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Martin; brothers, William Aldrich and Thomas (Sherry Devries) Kehoe; close friends, Patricia Andres and Doug Bredberg and their sons Philip and Mitchell Bredberg, Lois and Phil Seese. She was a graduate from Lowell High School in 1946. Rose Marie worked at Newell Manufacturing, Root Lowell, Central Bank, Michigan National Bank and Southern Bank of Virginia.



They have been members of St. Pius X Church for 40 years. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at St. Pius X Church, Grandville, Rev. Chris W. Rouech, presiding. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.



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The hunt for Medicare Part D

Michigan's deer hunting season is now open. Rather than deer, may we recommend setting your sights for the Part D Medicare prescription drug plan that's best for you? You'll have more time than usual this year, because open season is lasting longer than usual.

If you currently are enrolled in Medicare and are considering changes to your Medicare Part D plan, act now. The "open season" runs from October 15 to December 7.

While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the prescription drug program, some people with limited income and resources also are eligible for Extra Help to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year. Many people qualify for these big savings and don't even know it.

To figure out whether you are eligible for the Extra Help, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$16,755 for an individual or \$22,695 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments.

- Resources limited to \$13,070 for an individual or \$26,120 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources.

You can complete an easy-to-use online application for Extra Help at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

For more information visit www.medicare.gov

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Alto, MI 49302
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301 East Main
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SNOW UNIT-ED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing dinner on Wed., Nov. 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$10 & Children 6-12 are \$4 & children 5 & under are free. Takeout dinners also available.

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NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 6-7:15 p.m. Supervised play for children kindergarten or younger on a cancer or grief journey. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

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

INTERNET FACEBOOK BASICS - Mon., Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Learn how to "friend," upload photos & get acquainted w/security settings. Participants must be experienced using the mouse & internet & have or create a Facebook acct. before day of class. Registration required. Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007.

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

KDL KIDS CLUB - Thurs., Nov. 15, 4 p.m. Fun, interactive program just for school kids. Crafts, storytime, games & activities for grades K-5 at Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield, Alto, 784-2007.

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: lowellcalvarycrrc@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.wlhradio.org website.

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

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

“Scary” investment moves to avoid

A presidential election is almost upon us. But if you have young children or grandchildren, you know what's really important this week is Butterfingers, not ballots, and Pop Rocks, not the popular vote. Yes, it's Halloween time again, which means you'll see plenty of witches and vampires scurrying around. You'll no doubt find these characters more amusing

than frightening, but you don't have to look far to find things that are a bit more alarming — such as these scary investment moves:

- Paying too much attention to the headlines — Some headlines may seem unnerving, but don't abandon your investment strategy just because the news of the day appears grim.

- Chasing “hot” investments — You can get “hot” investment tips from the talking heads on television, your next-door neighbor or just about anybody. But even if the tip was accurate at one point, by the time you get to a “hot” investment, it may already be cooling down. And, even more importantly, it simply may not be appropriate for your individual risk tolerance and goals.

- Ignoring different types of investment risk — Most investors are aware of the risk of losing principal when investing in stocks. But if you shun stocks totally in favor of perceived “risk-free” investments,

you'd be making a mistake because all investments carry some type of risk. For example, with fixed-income investments, including CDs and bonds, one risk you will encounter is inflation risk — the risk that your investment will provide you with returns that won't even keep up with inflation and will, therefore, result in a loss of purchasing power over time. Another risk you will incur is interest-rate risk — the risk that new bonds will be issued at higher rates, driving down the price of your bonds. Bonds also carry the risk of default, though you can reduce this risk by sticking with bonds that receive the highest ratings from independent

rating agencies.

- Failing to diversify — If you only own one type of investment, and a market downturn affects that particular asset class, your portfolio could take a big hit. But by spreading your dollars among an array of vehicles, such as stocks, bonds and government securities, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- Focusing on the short term — If you concentrate too much on short-term results, you may react to a piece of bad news,

or to a period of extreme price gyrations, by making investment moves that are counterproductive to your goals. Furthermore, if you're constantly seeking to instantaneously turn around losses, you'll likely rack up fees, commissions and possibly taxes. Avoid all these hassles by keeping your eyes on the future and sticking to a long-term, personalized strategy.

You can't always make the perfect investment choices. But by steering clear of the “scary” moves described above, you can work toward your long-term goals and hopefully avoid some of the more fearsome results.

understanding insurance



Dave Emmette

Disability insurance — only a handful have it while most should

Are you one of the 27 percent of Americans that have a disability policy?

Correct, only 27 percent of Americans have disability insurance, while the other 73 percent have nothing in place to protect their paycheck or income in the event of a disability. What is your plan if something were to happen? Where will the needed income come from to pay your bills? Below are some potential means of paying the bills if you are disabled. Which one sounds like the best choice:

1. saving account;
2. borrow money from relatives;
3. borrow from bank;
4. sell home or other assets;
5. maybe Social Security — only 30 percent applicants approved; or
6. disability policy.

Disability was a result for more than 51 percent of foreclosures in America,

while death only attributed to two percent. In a nutshell, disability cases are more common than death in financial hardships from a working family.

When applying for a disability policy, there are a few things you need to be aware of, which are:

1. Definition of total disability — two main ones:

a. Any occupation: you are totally disabled if because of an accident or sickness you cannot do the main duties of any occupation. You must be under a physician's care.

b. Own occupation: you are totally disabled if because of an accident or sickness you cannot do the main duties of your occupation. Again, you must be under the care of a physician. Sometimes companies will waive the “under the care provision” if the condition will not improve.

2. Elimination period:

this is similar to a deductible. The longer one waits to receive benefits, the lower the premium. It is the number of days following the start of the disability in which no benefits are payable until the chosen elimination period is over. The common waiting periods are 30, 60, 90 or 180 days.

3. Benefit period: this is the length of time the carrier will pay benefits. Two, five and to age 65 are common. The benefit period, many times, are relative to your occupation and how hazardous it is considered.

4. Benefit amount: total amount of benefit payable. It is usually 60-70 percent of pre-tax income.

5. Refund after death: all companies refund any unearned premium. Some pay an additional three to six months' benefit (lump sum) to a named beneficiary.

6. Optional riders to consider (common ones):

a. Cost of living rider: an excellent, but reasonable inexpensive rider that increases the coverage based on the Cost of Living Adjustment or some inflation rate, after the disability begins.

b. Guaranteed issue rider: this rider allows the insured to purchase additional coverage at

certain ages without having to undergo any medical or occupational underwriting. The company will, however, conduct financial underwriting.

c. Social insurance substitute rider: provides additional benefits when the insured is disabled and not receiving any social insurance (i.e. Social Security benefits). It is suggested to always put this rider on as it will save you on monthly premiums.

d. Return of premium: a provision that returns all of the premiums paid by

the owner. Example: over 10 years you pay \$1,000 annually for your policy, so \$10,000 total over the course of the 10 years. At the end of that period, you would get paid the entire \$10,000 unless you had a claim. This is similar to life insurance policies that offer the return of premiums. This is becoming increasingly popular among both individuals and business owners.

What are you waiting for? Remember, tomorrow is promised to no one.

Disability is very real and happens to people every day. Take the time to meet with your agent to at least get a proposal.

Do you have an insurance question you would like to see discussed in the future? Send me an e-mail, with your topic and I will address it, to dave@theaicgroup.com

Information provided is general in nature and not intended for your individual situation. Refer to your policy or agent for specific coverage, limitations or exclusions.



At Your Local Library

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

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion —

The Story of Charlotte's Web by Michael Sims. Tues., Nov. 13 at 10 am. No registration required.

Earth Talk, continued

the U.S. die every year as a result.

Of course, lead ammunition also poses health risks to people, especially those consuming hunted meat. “Lead bullets explode and fragment into minute particles in shot game and can spread throughout meat that humans eat,” says CBD. “Studies using radiographs show that numerous, imperceptible, dust-sized particles of lead can infect meat up to a foot and a half away from the bullet wound, causing a greater health risk to humans who consume lead-shot game than previously thought.”

CBD launched its Get the Lead Out campaign in March 2012 to raise awareness about the issue and help build support for a federally mandated transition to non-toxic bullets, shot and fishing gear. The coalition

includes groups from 38 different states representing conservationists, birders, hunters, scientists, veterinarians, Native Americans and public employees. In April, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) denied the coalition's request to take toxic lead out of hunting ammunition. In response, CBD and six other groups filed suit against EPA in June for refusing to address the problem.

Opponents of CBD (such as the National Rifle Association/NRA) are on the offensive, supporting the Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012 (HR 4089), a bill that aims to open up more federal land to hunting, limit the President's ability to invoke the Antiquities Act to designate new protected lands, and prevent the EPA from regulating ammunition

containing lead, among other provisions. The bill recently passed a floor vote in the House of Representatives, but political analysts doubt it will make it through the Senate.

CONTACTS: CBD's “Get the Lead Out,” www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/get_the_lead_out/; Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012 on Govtrack, www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr4089.

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6. Western omelet ingredient
9. One of the Three Bears
13. Japanese port
14. International Labor Organization
15. Peeled or trimmed
16. Drawing support
17. A nervous ____
18. Plural of #10 Down
19. *Most decorated Olympian
21. Unwelcome to a comedian
23. High rocky hill
24. Ditto
25. Wear and tear
28. Opposite of warp in weaving
30. Exhort
35. South of Market Area in San Francisco
37. Like Oscar in "The Odd Couple"
39. Composer of American military marches
40. Wing-shaped
41. *2002 gold medal skater, Hughes
43. Angelina's husband
44. Like a wall covered with certain evergreen
46. Hurtful remark
47. *Quipping Hall-of-Famer
48. *PGA great, Byron
50. Snakelike sushi staple
52. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
53. Wasn't straight
55. Romanian money
57. *He led an army?
60. *"His Airness"

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OCTOBER 24 - OCTOBER 30

- Hurricane Sandy pummeled the East coast and, so far, has killed 10 people in New York City and left the nation's largest city eerily quiet Tuesday. There are no running trains, the business district is dark and neighborhoods are under water.
- President Obama stopped campaigning and is staying in D.C. in order to coordinate emergency relief efforts. Mitt Romney is collecting relief supplies in Ohio.

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64. Boiling blood
66. Farewell, to ami
68. African tea or chew
69. Rank above maj.
70. Prison-related
71. Strong desires
72. ___ Aviv
73. Go the way of Vesuvius

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1. Tiller's tool
2. Hurry!
3. Poison ivy woe
4. Clay pigeon shooting
5. Render something holy
6. Not misses
7. *Rhyming fighter
8. Cafe order
9. Central to NYC
10. Seed cover
11. *Soccer great known by single name
12. Online pop-ups
15. *Reggie Miller's team
20. *Ali seem to relish it
22. Down Under bird
24. With an illustrious past?
25. *Fastest man on Earth
26. To crack, as in case
27. Inbox letter
29. We pledge allegiance to it
31. Pass
32. Continental money
33. Missouri River tributary
34. *Bela Karolyi prodigy
36. Mars, to the Greeks
38. *He was passed by Hammerin' Hank
42. Conversation starter
45. Sorrows
49. Not a thing
51. Colorful Mexican wrap
54. Order
56. Milk dispenser
57. Dull pain
58. Multicolored horse
59. Brazils or filberts, e.g.
60. Become gelatinous
61. Hokkaido language
62. Less than average tide
63. Blue hue
65. Future fish
67. Last, abbr.

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We were all very impressed by a Lowell student who spoke so beautifully at the Community Cafe last Tuesday. Michelle Starkey, at 17, is knowledgeable, articulate and a very well-informed young lady. She has all the skills needed to become the leader our community is seeking by 2020!

~ Jan Thompson

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

www.thelowelledger.com

Are you going to vote in the General Election next Tuesday?

Drama students create new venue for performances

by Karen Jack

The students wanted more chances to be on stage, the acting teacher wanted more for the students, so the LHS black box was created.

Laurie Summerfield talked to Julia Crawford, the Lowell Performing Arts Center (LPAC) director, who came from Rockford High School, about Rockford's black box theatre. After getting specifics, Summerfield decided she wanted a shot at it so the students could get more on-stage experience in more than just the two plays they usually put on each year.

"I was talking to Julia about how we need to give more opportunity for students to have meatier roles, which meant more productions. She knew that another space/venue would help," said Summerfield.

Summerfield said she wasn't happy with always looking to cast 20-30 students, many of which were very talented, but couldn't showcase them all in one or two productions each year and she wanted other options for them to showcase their talents. The plays and shows are held in room 209-A at the high school, which is Summerfield's classroom converted into a small theater with a small stage. It seats about 30 people and the venue is small and cozy, where the playgoer can actually see an up close

version of the performance at hand.

Summerfield said she had created the high school program for many, but wasn't able to give more students choice roles. She says she didn't believe her students were being prepared for college theatre, where often two parts are cast out of 200. This is her answer to her problem, she thinks. The students can get more hands-on performing roles, more often, with the use of the Black Box Theatre, as well as the two annual plays each year.

In their first production, held last week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, the students put on their version of "The Breakfast Club." Senior Maggie Wissman, along with Quinton Bunn, co-directed the play. Wissman was highly touted by Summerfield, saying, "I can't say enough about her. She understood the vision of the Black Box Theatre and decided that The Breakfast Club would be an excellent choice and she found, cut and casted the show. She found a co-director (Bunn) and a few weeks later, they performed their first show."

This week, the Black Box Theatre is having an open mike night on Thursday at 7:00 pm, organized by student Sidney Anderson. The format will be similar to the open mike night they did at Ella's in Lowell earlier in the year, where they had



In their first production, the students pose as their characters just before going on stage. First row: Quinton Bunn; second row: Gabe Wehby, Paige Coble, Max Spoelstra, Matt Shade, Ethan Sutton, and Maggie Wissman.

about 15 performers get up and do their performance. Summerfield says just about anything can be performed, so it ought to be entertaining. Cost for attendees is \$2.00.

"I'm excited about the opportunities this new

venue will offer both our students and the community. Many more students can showcase their talents and the families and friends can see an up close performance by the student," added Summerfield.

As just a side note, the fall play "See How They Run" starts on Friday, Nov. 9th. Get your tickets early.

To find out more about the schedule of the Black Box Theatre and all the various performances at the

LPAC, you can go to www.lowellschools.com, then go to schools and select the high school. From there, you can see the performing arts link, where the LPAC schedule is located.

Volunteers needed to bake for Veterans

The fifth annual Cookies for Veteran's day will be held on Nov. 10 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

This is exclusively a Lowell project and a way of saying thank you to the veterans.

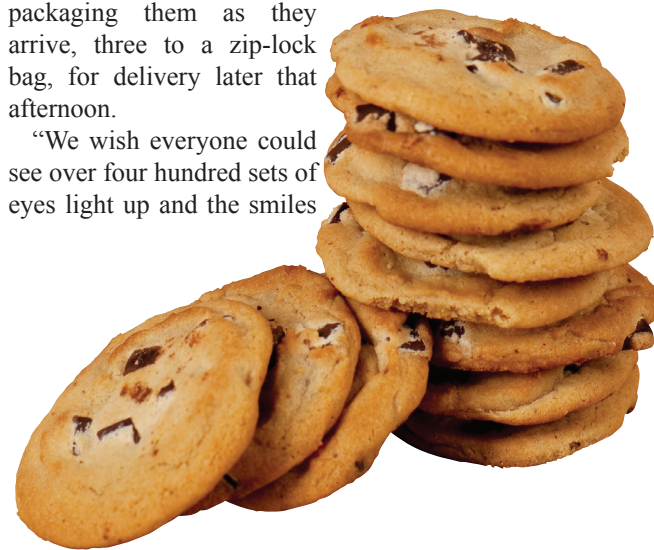
Once again, Lowell area

bakers are being asked to pull out a favorite cookie recipe or two (maybe some of Grandma's favorites) and bring them to the Veteran's Center at 3116 South Alden Nash on Saturday, November 10 between 10:00 am and noon.

Volunteers will be packaging them as they arrive, three to a zip-lock bag, for delivery later that afternoon.

"We wish everyone could see over four hundred sets of eyes light up and the smiles

beam when those cookies arrive. Seldom do they ever get home baked goods. They are truly appreciated and they are a real treat. And they do know it is the women from Lowell who are providing them." said project chair, Jan Thompson.





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