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Neighbor to Neighbor brings out the volunteers

by Karen Jack

The Neighbor to Neighbor program, sponsored by Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) held what will be an annual event last Saturday. With the help of

the Lowell Rotary and about 30 volunteers the group went to various houses ready to work. Some had helped before, but many were new volunteers. For the last two years, FROM

has been doing this kind of work for area residents but this is the first year for the Neighbor to Neighbor program. The venture is geared toward helping those less fortunate with chores and repairs around their homes by pairing them with local volunteers who are willing to help out with the projects.

This year FROM selected seven people who

smoke detectors and replacing regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CDL) and LED nightlights.

Some participants made it a family event. Tony Dommer brought along his father and his son. "I think it's a great service and to work alongside my dad and my son makes it even better. I also think it's important for my son to learn about giving

their household. Her son, Tyler, goes to college in Lansing and drove back in the wee hours of the morning, after a late hockey game, just so he could be there to help.

Lowell Light and Power had a large presence for the Neighbor to Neighbor event. This included the donation of hundreds of the CDLs and LED nightlights.

"I'm not only here because what we're doing here is important, but I'm also here to promote energy efficiency. These lights will save energy, thereby saving the homeowner money," said Morris. Each group that went to the individual homes was instructed to replace all lights with the cost-saving lights donated by Lowell Light and Power.

The Lowell Fire Department donated several smoke detectors. Each home visited had the smoke detectors installed on every level in the home.

Roger LaWarre was the volunteer coordinator for the event. He said they would like to expand the program to be able to reach out to more people in need.

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Volunteers load up supplies to start the day.



The Dommer family pitched in.



Roger LaWarre kept things organized.

needed repairs and some winterizing done. Some of the specific needs included replacing an outside door where air was coming through, fixing windows that may have had sills rotting, placing plastic on windows for the winter to help with heating costs, installing

back to the community," said Dommer.

The Morris family also joined forces. Sharon Morris, who is the utility services coordinator for Lowell Light and Power, brought along her husband, her brother and her son. In fact, it's an annual event in

Ron Wenger memorial approved by city council

by Karen Jack

The Lowell City Council approved the request of a memorial to honor Ron Wenger.

Kent County Youth Fair manager Jessica Marks approached the city council, asking for permission to erect a youth-oriented wooden tractor play structure in honor of Wenger the former fair manager for many years, who passed away last December. He was passionate about serving the youth in the area and promoting the city of Lowell in his travels.

The structure will be located on the southwest corner of Bowes and Broadway. Wenger had restored an old John Deere tractor for his father and was so excited about the outcome of his restoration, that the planning coordinators thought it only fitting to make the play structure into the shape of a tractor in his memory.

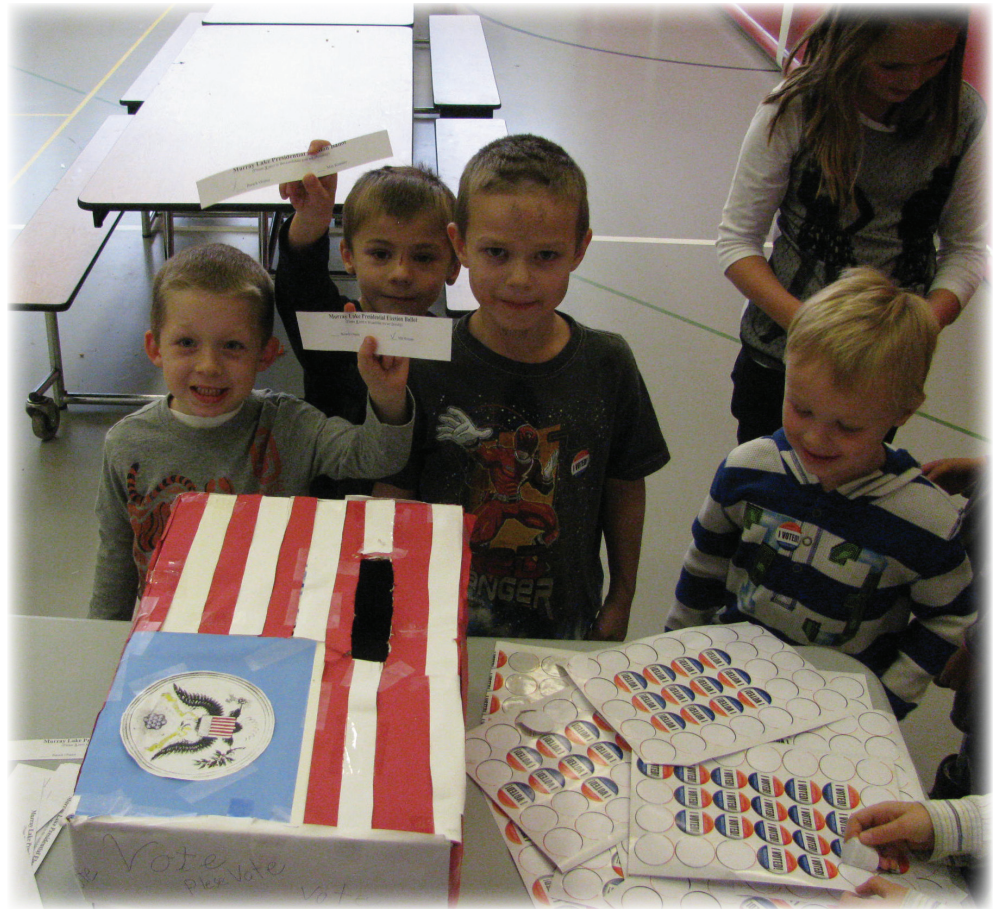
The structure will be 26 feet by 25 feet and will stand 12 feet high. It will also have educational facts peppered around it, as Wenger always thought it was important to teach the children about agriculture.

Jim Valentine commented, "Ron didn't just work for the fair, he was also intimately involved with the city, promoting both the city and the fair and [I] highly recommend we pass this."

"It was very well thought out," said councilmember Andrew Schrauben, who attended the parks and recreation committee meeting where the idea was originally presented.

"This structure will be located next to the children's barnyard during the week of fair and will be open for kids to play on all year," said Marks.

Elementary election spirit



Murray Lake Elementary students participated in their own Presidential Election on Tuesday. The student council put on the election. The final count had Governor Mitt Romney winning with 62 percent of the vote.

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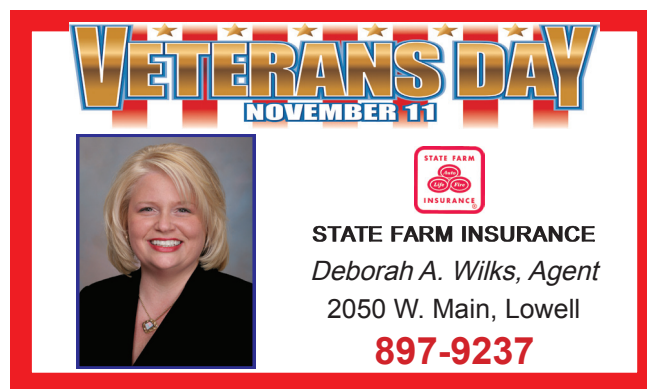
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Lowell workers volunteer to help hurricane victims

by Karen Jack

Greg Pierce, general manager of Lowell Light and Power, asked for volunteers to go to the New York and New Jersey area to help out the electric utility companies there to restore power to the thousands of people who were hit by Hurricane Sandy. Sandy ripped through the east coast and caused over a million people to lose power, not

to mention the over 40,000 people who were left homeless after the storm left them with nothing. Tom Russo, Mark Droog and Doug Barnes all jumped at the chance to offer up their services to the hundreds of thousands of people in need in that area.

The three volunteers have sacrificed their family lives, for possibly several weeks, in order to help the

desperate people on the eastern seaboard. Since they arrived there one week ago, they've been working 12-14 hour days and have seen a lot of widespread devastation. They have reported back to Pierce, telling him that it's totally different once they've seen it in person and the massive amount of work that still needs to be done is overwhelming.

Lowell Light and Power

operates under a mutual aid agreement, whereby the participants agree to help out other areas when devastation strikes and Lowell was contacted to see if they could send a crew. In Michigan, only four or five utilities have responded, with Lowell being one of them.

The Lowell crew took a bucket truck with them, as

well as one of the pick-up trucks, plus some rain and storm gear. The physical supplies they will need while there is provided by the local electric provider where they're working, so they were able to travel lightly. The crew reports to the command central and gets their assignment on a daily basis, so they're never sure where they will be.

When asked when they will be back, Pierce said, "As long as they're needed there." Pierce explained that Lowell could only afford the three workers, as they had to keep people back here in case of power problems locally. With the nor'easter proposed to hit the New York and New Jersey coasts again, that could be longer than originally planned.

Cherry Creek Halloween

Halloween took a different twist in Jenny Cole's fourth grade class from Cherry Creek Elementary on October 31. Students were asked to dress up as their favorite character from a recent book that they had read. Everyone was then given two to three minutes to describe who they were and what part they had in their particular reading. Pictured in the photo: Bailey Wolters (left) portrays Toothatina from the book Silverlicious; Emalie DeBoer (center) is dressed as Pippi Longstocking; and Sierra Hieshetter (right) portrays Bone, a lost dog with a "tail" of his own, from the book Everything For a Dog. The class had a great time acting like their various characters and even learned about other books to read from their classmate's reports.



Foundation announces Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship recipients

The Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation is proud to announce the first recipients of the Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship; Tony Dommer of Addorio Technologies and Lynn Draigh of the Lowell YMCA. The scholarship is intended to encourage career skills and educational opportunities of employers of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce businesses. Dommer will use his scholarship to become more efficient with the Windows 7 Operating System and Windows Office 2010. Draigh will take a class to become a cancer

exercise specialist. Each recipient has successfully completed well over 60 hours of volunteering in our community. A second vocational scholarship in Blough's name is intended for high school seniors within the Lowell Area Schools' district boundaries. Recipients of the Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship should demonstrate the need for secondary school tuition assistance to attend trade school institutions, agriculture studies/business or local commercial business entrepreneurial endeavors. Individuals must also

promote volunteerism and pride in the greater Lowell community and showcase community service before self. Business scholarships will be awarded December 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. Student scholarships will be awarded at the "Senior Honors Night" on May 21, 2013 and will continue yearly. High school applications are due at the chamber, March 15, 2013. All applications are available online at www.discoverlowell.org. For more information, contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lowell woman arraigned on larceny charges

Leanne Alysia Wendt, was arraigned on the charge of larceny in a building. Wendt was originally arrested and posted a \$5,000 bond; today the bond was raised by \$2,500 to \$7,500. The larceny took place on Oct. 5 at Bushnell Elementary, a Lowell public school. The suspect allegedly stole money from a teach-

er's purse that was located in an empty classroom. The teacher confronted the suspect, who was found in the school without a visitor pass.

Video was obtained from the school and the investigating officer was able to make identification from the video due to prior contacts with the suspect. The

suspect has consequently been banned from all Lowell Public Schools' property.

Wendt is also a person of interest in larcenies from other schools in the Kent County area. This woman has no school age children and when she has been seen in schools, there were no activities going on that would

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ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

As our society becomes more aware of autism and ASD (autism spectrum disorder), it is essential that the larger community understands how to respond to them. The title of this article is, "If I am a neighbor or someone in the community, how should I respond to someone with autism?" The best advice comes from Chantal Sicile-Kira's book, "What is Autism?" The author conveys the importance of "approaching someone with autism slowly and calmly in a soothing manner, because they may feel your approach is an invasion of their privacy. If the child is on his own or appears lost, try to find the parents or call the police."

Parents of children with autism often have to work very hard to keep their children under control. It is important not to be judgmental about strange behavior, such as children running out of the house

without clothes on or a child that is repeating the same phrase over and over again. Some autistic children are escape artists and can run away at any time. Many of these children have sensory deficits, have poor impulse control and have none or very little self-regulation.

Here are other suggestions for responding to someone with autism:

1. Realize that autistic individuals do not want to harm you, they instead will often respond out of fear. Ask the child's parents how best to approach them and how you might get in touch with them if the child or teen is in your yard.

2. If you see an autistic youngster or teen with autism out alone who appears to be in need of help, use short phrases in a calm soothing voice. Do not raise your voice as they may get more anxious. Avoid making direct eye contact as this might seem threatening to them.

3. It is important to remember not to get into their personal space. They are often threatened by this and might go into "fight" or "flight" mode. If they have an object in their hands, do not take it from them because they might be "stimming" with that object. It is probable that they are attached to it and need it to calm down.

4. If the child or teen appears to be lost, call the police and let them know that you think he/she is autistic. Describe to them his/her appearance and the color of the clothes they are wearing. It is very possible that the parents are out looking for him/her.

First and foremost, remember that each autistic child is unique, so approach them with care and most of all, with a listening ear.

Next month, the article will be titled, "What does the future look like for someone with autism?" If you have any questions about this topic, please contact me by e-mail at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com

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to the editor

sad to see business go

Dear Editor,

It was with surprise and sorrow that I heard the news that Blue Ribbon Feed had closed.

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But, after thirty years in

business, they finally bowed to our less than perfect economy and to competition. Perhaps this is a lesson we can all learn from and put forth a little more effort to support our local business owners who have given us so much.

I will miss them.
Donna Jean Ford

outdoors



Lifestyle

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting may appear to be a fairly uncomplicated endeavor. For serious hunters, however, the activity is so involved that, for them, hunting is not a casual pastime but a lifestyle, and for some, it is who we are.

Hunting requires going to where the game is. That may be on local farmland

or on the other side of the world. Going through major airports in the fall you can spot camouflage clad travelers on their way to Alaska for brown bear, Quebec for caribou, Newfoundland for moose, or Africa for plains game or the big five. Following the game will take one to places which most people

will never see or experience. This could be the African bushveld or deep in a cedar swamp in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Hunting also introduces one to other cultures and languages. A cheat-sheet with a few French phrases may be handy when hunting caribou in Quebec. Afrikaans is spoken in the South African outback. Newfoundlanders speak English, but better listen closely or you will miss the point. Native Upper Peninsula folks also have a unique version of English.

There is a special bond between people who hunt. Time shared between guides and hunters in beautiful places where wild animals roam free builds special relationships. No matter what an individual's background or station in life, the hunting experience levels the field for all who seek the adventure. We all look alike in camo. And, yes, there are still cowboys in Montana.

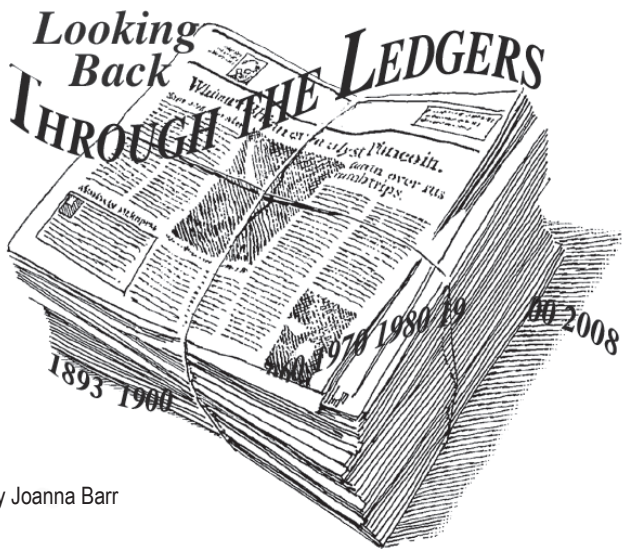
Families that hunt together stay together. Whatever differences exist between child and parent, siblings, or relatives, the sound of deer hoofs in

dry leaves getting closer and closer in the pre-dawn darkness creates an excitement we all understand. No matter how we identify ourselves in the everyday world, such as occupation or social status, we all speak the same language around the campfire.

Another major portion of the hunting way of life is the time and energy spent planning, scouting hunting areas, and gathering and maintaining all sorts of equipment. These tasks generally take more time to accomplish than time spent in the field.

Game taken in the field must be properly cared for and processed. The meat can then provide high protein, chemical free food for the family, and can be shared with others. It may be easier to get your burger at the drive-through, but it's just not the same.

People who embrace the hunting lifestyle are usually identified by others as hunters. You may be a doctor to your patient or a teacher to your students, but to those who know you well, you are a hunter. Let's go hunting.



By Joanna Barr

135 years ago Lowell Journal November 7, 1877

"Auction socials" are the latest. The ladies all disguise themselves and are then auctioned off one by one to the highest bidder, for the evening. It is a mistake to suppose that your money will be refunded when you return the goods.

To the Business Men of Lowell. What think you of this question? Would it not be for our business interests to make application for a Telegraph office to be situated in the business center of this village — some where near the post office? Going a mile to send a dispatch is not very pleasant.

The numerous named man who stole a horse from Wheeler Pond, of Oakfield, a few days ago has been arrested and the horse found. The account of the theft was first published in last week's JOURNAL and it was amusing to see in the Grand Rapids papers of later date interesting reports of the affair, each paper claiming to have received the news first, as usual. We try to be perfectly fair and impartial toward all our Grand Rapids exchanges and if one of them received the JOURNAL last week a few hours earlier than the others we don't think it was our fault, for we always send the JOURNALS to them in one package, by the first mail, knowing that they are all eager to get the county news as early as possible.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 7, 1912

Headline: Wilson & Ferris Win — Nation wide victory for democracy. Wilson & Marshall receive the largest electoral vote in history, with Senate and House to back them. Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Tom Marshall of Indiana will be the next president and vice president of the United States, forty states, including many rock-ribbed Republican variety, having united in giving the Democratic candidates the largest

electoral vote ever recorded. Wilson & Marshall will have about 400 electoral votes, Roosevelt about 100 and Taft but 12.

In Michigan, Woodbridge N. Ferris is elected governor...The woman suffrage amendment seems to have carried in Michigan by almost 3000. In Kent county the entire Republican county ticket was elected, though E. J. Doyle gave Brown a hot race for circuit judge. McNaughton and Foote were elected to the senate and House.

Lowell voted: Roosevelt 257, Taft 188, Wilson 173, Debs 11, Chatin 8. For congressman: Mapes 244, Sweet 195, Sheldon 176. For women suffrage: yes 283, no 234. For governor: Ferris 251, Musselman 234, Watkins 130. Lowell was loyal to the home candidates, Frank Hine receiving 219 votes, Rudolph VanDyke 244 and Melville McPherson 201.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo November 11, 1937

Lowell business places are closing at 11:00 a.m. today and will be closed for the remainder of the day. The high school football team will go to Grandville for the annual football game, accompanied by the high school band as well as a large delegation of students. Members of the Rotary Club and other business men will provide cars for the trip.

The work of razing the Gulliford building on East Main-st. is about completed and thus passes another old landmark which had outlived its usefulness. Mr. Englehardt, the owner, is to be commended for his enterprise. There are a few other old rookeries about the town which should go the same way, as they no longer serve a useful purpose but are a menace as fire hazards as long as they are permitted to blemish the landscape.

An electric iron left on an ironing board with the current on and forgotten when the family left the house last Sunday came within an ace of causing a disastrous fire at the Joe Speerstra home in the north part of town. The blaze was seen through an open window by Mayor John Arehart as he was passing by, who turned in the alarm. The fire department responded promptly and the blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 8, 1962

The youth of Lowell and the surrounding areas showed all their finer points of up-bringing last Wednesday (Halloween) night when they staged a display of destruction on the eve of All Saints Day. A group of older boys of the community gravely

city update



Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

A historic downtown district is a source of pride for any community and that's certainly true in Lowell. During the past decade, this community has made great progress to improve the downtown area. This progress has occurred through the use of diverse resources from the Lowell Area Community Fund, the Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) Fund, the Downtown Development Authority and the Lowell Historic District Commission.

The downturn in the national and state economies has certainly had its impact in our community, yet a vibrant business climate is the ultimate key to activity and prosperity.

We are taking steps to add another important resource to our toolbox that

will help keep downtown improvements moving forward, that's the Rental Rehabilitation Program or commonly called the rental rehab program and is operated by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

The rental rehab program is designed to improve privately-owned properties and spur economic development in Michigan's downtowns. It provides funding to rehabilitate second and third floor stories of downtown buildings for residential use. Funding is provided by MSHDA generally through local units of government. General provisions of the program are:

- Property owners fund at least 25 percent of construction costs.

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LowellArts! hosts Roger MacNaughton in concert

LowellArts! hosts Roger MacNaughton in a CD release concert on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2:00 pm, at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. The CD, titled "A Quiet Christmas," is the composer's eighth CD release. The selections feature calm and reflective piano and guitar arrangements of holiday tunes, as well as several original compositions.

"Growing up in Lowell, Michigan, brings back so many wonderful memories – none more special than the Christmas season. At home we turned off the TV, gathered around the piano and sang familiar carols. Many are included on this CD, which is dedicated to my mother who was responsible for the beautifully quiet times," commented Roger MacNaughton.

He has won numerous awards for instrumental compositions, including the Jazz Music Award at ArtPrize 2012. Joining MacNaughton onstage will be guitarist Luke Galas and saxophonist John Gist. Galas has studied classical guitar at Grand Rapids Community College and holds a bachelor's degree in arts from Aquinas College. He has toured the United States with Foliage Tango Quartet and also appears with an eclectic collection of bands

in Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids native John Gist is well-known in the area. His skill on soprano, alto and tenor sax have earned him

fans in all genres of music, from gospel to jazz. Tickets for the concert are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance by calling 897-

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Guitarist Luke Galas will appear with Roger MacNaughton at First Congregational Church on Nov. 11.

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Many illnesses cause sore throats and most of these are viral in nature. Strep throat is a bacterial infection that causes a severe sore throat and difficulty swallowing. It is also associated with a fever, quite swollen lymph nodes in the neck, headache, red swollen tonsils which may or may not have white patches or streaks on them, and occasionally stomach aches and vomiting in young children. One may also develop a rash. The fever typically lasts longer than 48 hours and the sore throat continues to be severe for many days.

The cause is a bacteria called streptococcus group A. It is highly contagious and can spread from airborne droplets when someone coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread by sharing

food, drinks and touching contaminated surfaces, like a doorknob or table top. It most commonly occurs in young children during the fall and spring.

Sometimes it can cause other complications, such as kidney inflammation and rheumatic fever, although this is rare. Scarlet fever is just strep throat with the rash.

Your doctor will diagnose this during the physical exam and may also swab the throat for a rapid strep test, as physical appearance can be misleading. In fact, many viral throat infections look worse than strep infections.

Treatment is with an antibiotic along with rest and drinking plenty of water. Gargling several times per day with salt water can decrease the throat pain.

happy birthday!

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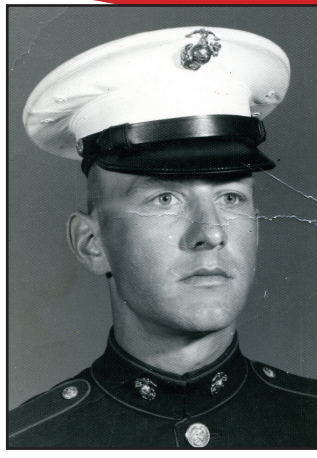
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MI Army National Guard
2002 - Present



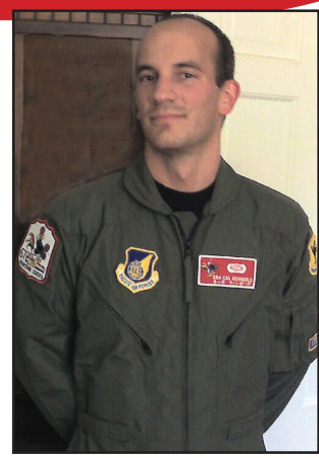
Allan Mull
U.S. Marine Corps
1969-1973



Brian Baldwin
U.S. Army Airborne
1982-1985



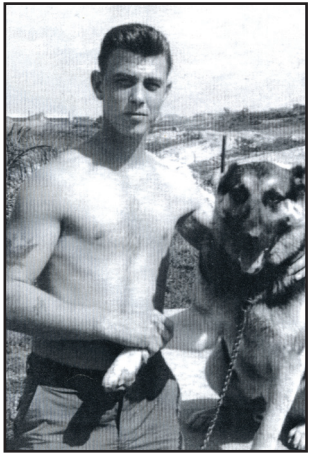
Buell Brinks
U.S. Marine Corps
1969-1971



Caleb Reinbold
U.S. Air Force
2006-present



Bob Reagan
U.S. Air Force
1944-1946



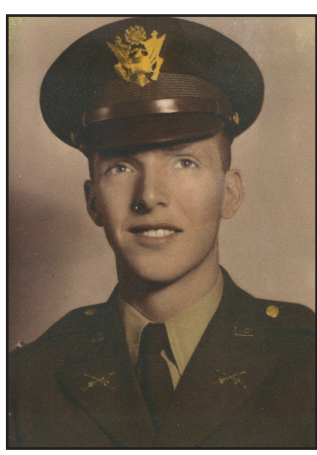
Benjamin R. Ayers
U.S. Army
1967-1969



Charles L. Boerema
U.S. Army
1963-1967



Christian Price
U.S. Army
June 30-present



Donald Gerard
U.S. Army
1951-1953



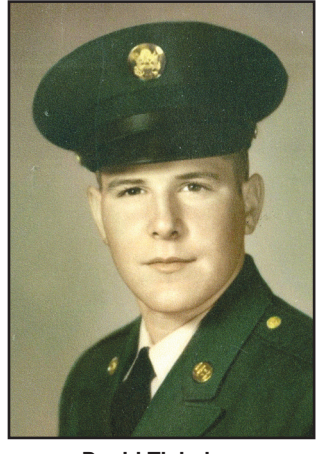
Dave Harding
U.S. Army
1956-1962



Alfred Roth
Army Air Corps
1942-1946



David L. Thompson
U.S. Navy
1956-1978



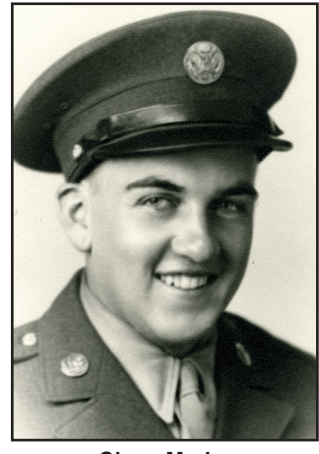
David Tichelaar
U.S. Army
1966-1970



Ernest Blanchard
U.S. Army
1982-1988



Gil Brown
U.S. Army
1969-1970



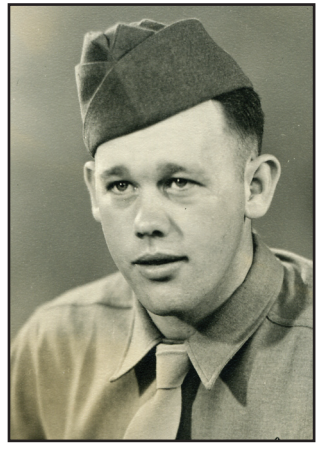
Glenn Marks
U.S. Army
1944-1946



George Pfaller
U.S. Navy
2007-present



Gilbert H. VanWeelden
U.S. Naval Reserve
1948-1953



Glen Waid
U.S. Army
1947-1949



Herb Rice
U.S. Navy
24 years of service



Herman Weststrate Jr.
U.S. Army
1966-1969



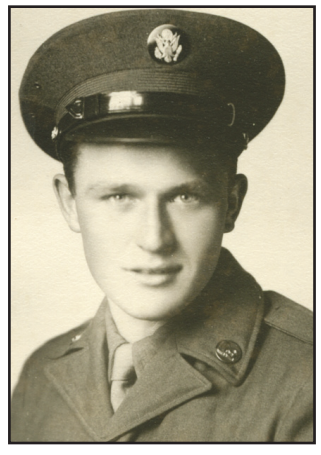
Herman Weststrate Sr.
U.S. Army
1942-1946



Gregory Hiser
U.S. Air Force
19 years of service



Jordan Blanchard
U.S. Army Reserves
2008-present



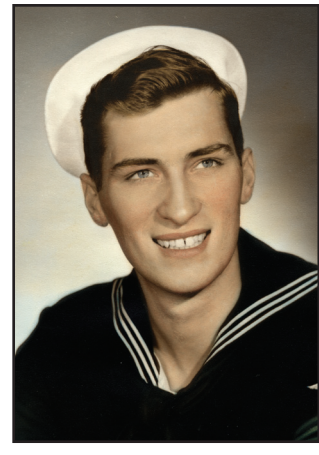
John Erickson
U.S. Army
1948-1953



John Homan
U.S. Army
1969-1971



James A Marvin
Air Force/Coast Guard
Retired 1981



John Robert Timpson
U.S. Navy
1951-1954



Jay W. Carlson
U.S. Army Medical Corps
24 years of service

GALLERY OF HEROES



Robert Nurmikko
U.S. Air Force
1977-1981



Charles Jabour
U.S. Marine Corps
1943 - 1947



Alexander Nurmikko
MI Army National Guard
2011



Douglas Kelly
U.S. Air Force
1988 - 1995

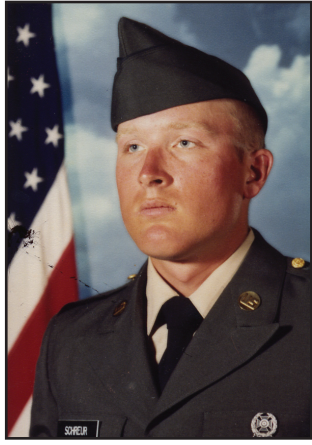


V Don Souser
Sub-Service WWII
1943 - 1946

Max Souser
WWI - WWII
1909 - 1944



Phil VanDuinen
U.S. Army
21 mo. 1 yr. in Vietnam



Philip J. Schreur
U.S. Army & Army Reserves
1981 - 1992



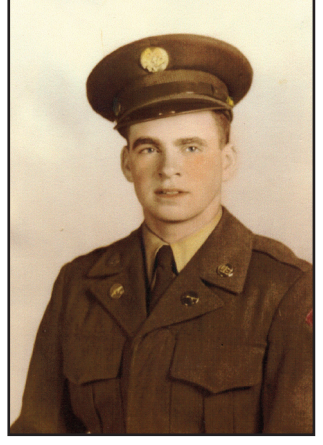
Travis Rauch
U.S. Navy
March 2011 - Present



Kevin E. Reeser
U.S. Marines Corps
1 year of service



Peter Lombardo
U.S. Navy
1982 - 2002



Richard C. Bieri
U.S. Army
1950 - 1952 Korea



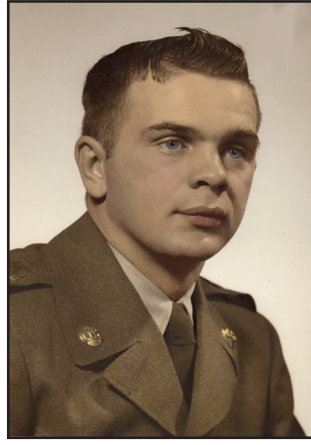
Jack R. Stiles
U.S. Army Air Force
1941 - 1944



John Wierenga
U.S. Army
1959 - 1962



Tony Heykoop
U.S. Air Force
2006 Retired



Ronald W. Collins
U.S. Army
1952 - 1954 Korea



Joseph Daniel Schreur
U.S. Coast Guard
April 2011 - Present



Robert Alan Schreur
U.S. Coast Guard
June 2011 - Present



Brenden John Kettner
U.S. Coast Guard
1991 - Present



Benjamin Blasius
U.S. Marine Corps
2009 - Present



Jacob V. Hoover
U.S. Army Air Corps
1943 - 1946



George C. Hoover
U.S. Army
1942 - 1943



Paul Tichelaar
U.S. Navy
1984 - 2004

William Tichelaar
U.S. Army
1988 - 1991



Henry J Hoover
U.S. Navy
1943 - 1946



William A. Schmidt
U.S. Army
Present



Maurice L. Hannah
U.S. Army
1943 - 1945



Michael C. Hoover
U.S. Army Air Corps
1941 - 1945



Orlie L. Grindle
U.S. Army
1957 - 1959

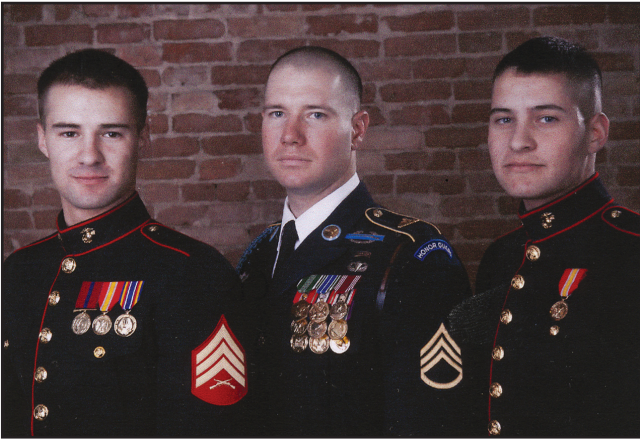


Andrew N. Hoover
U.S. Army
1942 - 1945

GALLERY OF HEROES



Larry Mikulski
U.S. Navy
1964-1968



Kyle Neubecker
U.S. Marine Corps
2006 - 2011

Jon Lyons
Army
2002 - Present

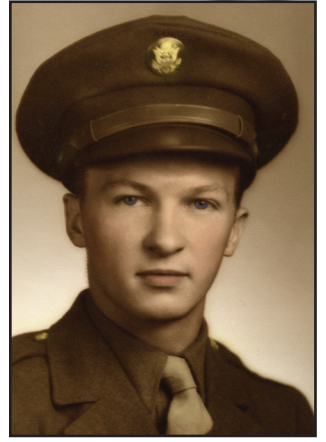
Keith Neubecker
U.S. Marine Corps
2009 - Present



Levi Blanchard
U.S. Army
2010



Louis Dudeck
U.S. Marine Corps
1963-1967



James C. Lilley Sr.
U.S. Army Air Force
1941-1946



Brad Janowiak
U.S. Army
1980-1983



Mike Larkin
U.S. Marine Corps
1969-1970



John T. Jones
U.S. Army
1941 - 1945



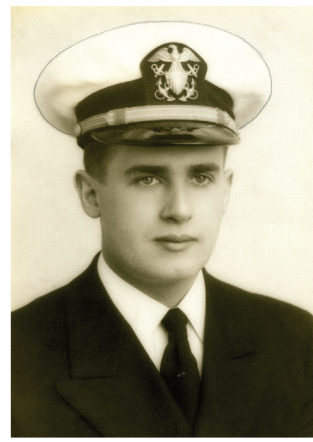
Patrick Adams
U.S. Army
4 years of service



Ron Ayers
U.S. Army
1968-1970



Richard E. Bewell
U.S. Navy
1943-1946



Francis King Doyle
U.S. Navy
1942-1945



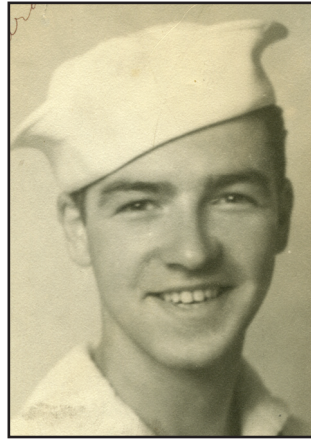
Ronald Janowski
U.S. Army
1976-1998



Robert L. Steward
U.S. Army
1943-1946



Richard Tichelaar
Army National Guard
1967-1971



Richard M. Vorase
U.S. Navy
1943-1947



Robert B. Bibbler
U.S. Army
1969-1972



Karen Waid
U.S. Army
1975-1978 and 1981-1989



Steve Larkin
U.S. Marine Corps
1966-1967



Shane Scherer
U.S. Army
2007-2010



Gerald "Sam" Yeiter
U.S. Army
1939-1978



(Brothers) Ken, Don and Mike Welch
(2) U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps
1972-1976



Chris VanDyke
U.S. Army
1967-1969

Dennis Stauffer
U.S. Army
1967-1969



Tim Tichelaar
U.S. Navy
1970-1974

Roland M. Doyle
U.S. Army
1953-1955

★ Mark Homolka
U.S. Air Force
1982-2004

Keenan J. Hacker
U.S. Air Force
2005 - Present

Pete Draigh
U.S. Air Force
1988-1993

★ Lynn Draigh
U.S. Air Force
1991-1997

★ Marvin H. Rosenberger
U.S. Navy
Pre Korean War era



1943 -clockwise: Willard Hunter, Chief Specialist, Mr. McConnell, Victor (Don) Souser, William Hawk, Walter Gumser, and William Myers.

GALLERY OF HEROES



Christopher J. Vanden Akker
U.S. Marine Corps
2009 - Present



Jacob Swift
U.S. Marine Corps
2011 - Present



Christopher Bewell
U. S. Marine Corps
2010 - Present



Richard W. Johnson
U.S. Marine Corps
1951 - 1953



Kevin J. Vezino
U.S. Air Force
1998 - Present



Kevin L. Vezino
U. S. Navy
1973 - 1977



Mike Stevens
U.S. Air Force
1971-1975



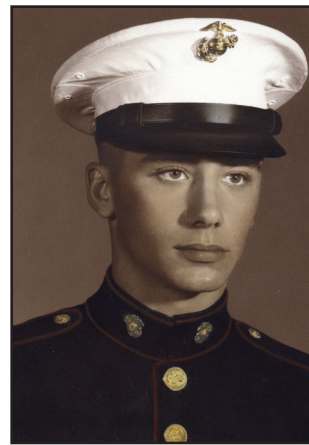
Gordon Hill
U.S. Navy
1943 - 1944



Robert L. Andrews
U.S. Army
1951 - 1952



Dave A. Clark
U.S. Navy
1943 - 1946



Bob Wilczewski
U. S. Marine Corp
1969 - 1970



Roger L. Kropf
Army National Guard
1960 - 1966



Bill Dommer
U.S. Air Force
1961 - 1965



Michael D. Brown
U.S. Air Force
2012



Brian Sejat
Army Reserve
2009 - Present



Clare McCaul
U.S. Army
1952 - 1954



Justin L. Provonche
U.S. Marine Corp
2009 - 2013



Robert Oberlin
U.S. Navy
1943 - 1946



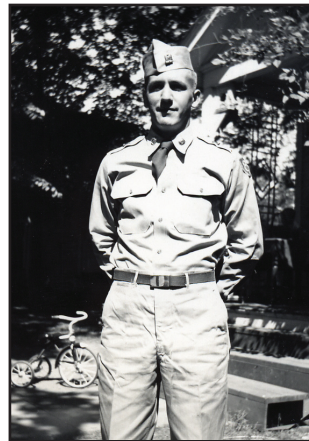
Mary Ann Collins-Gwatkin
Army Air Corps Nurse
1943-1946



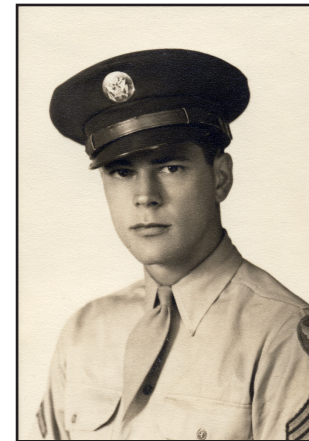
Aaron Hoover
U.S. Army
2008 - Present



Douglas R. Barnes
U.S. Navy
1982 - 2002



John Schneider
U.S. Army
1950 - 1952



Eugene W. Smith
U.S. Army Air Force
1943-1945

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Red Arrow football ends season with a heartbreaker

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrows traveled to Muskegon to face the Big Reds for the district championship, but fell short when their opponent kicked a field goal through the uprights with 1:41 left to go in the game moving the Big Reds ahead 15-13 ending the season in a hearbreaker.

The Arrows got the ball first in the game and marched their way down the field only to be intercepted by Muskegon, stopping their drive. The Arrow defense held the Big Reds to a three and out on their first possession, but on their next possession, the Muskegon quarterback had a 63-yard rush to set them up for a touchdown. The extra point was missed, so Muskegon led 6-0.

In the second quarter, Lowell went ahead with

rushes from Kyler Shurlow, a seven-yard pass to Jeff Houston and then the 47-yard touchdown pass to Ben Bigham. Austin Bieri's kick was good, putting Lowell ahead 7-6.

The Red Arrows were the next to score, when in the third quarter, Shurlow, Dylan Brower, Titan Anderson, and Kanon Dean rushed for a combined 57 yards. The drive also included an eight-yard pass to Jeff Houston. Bieri then missed the extra point, so Lowell led 13-6.

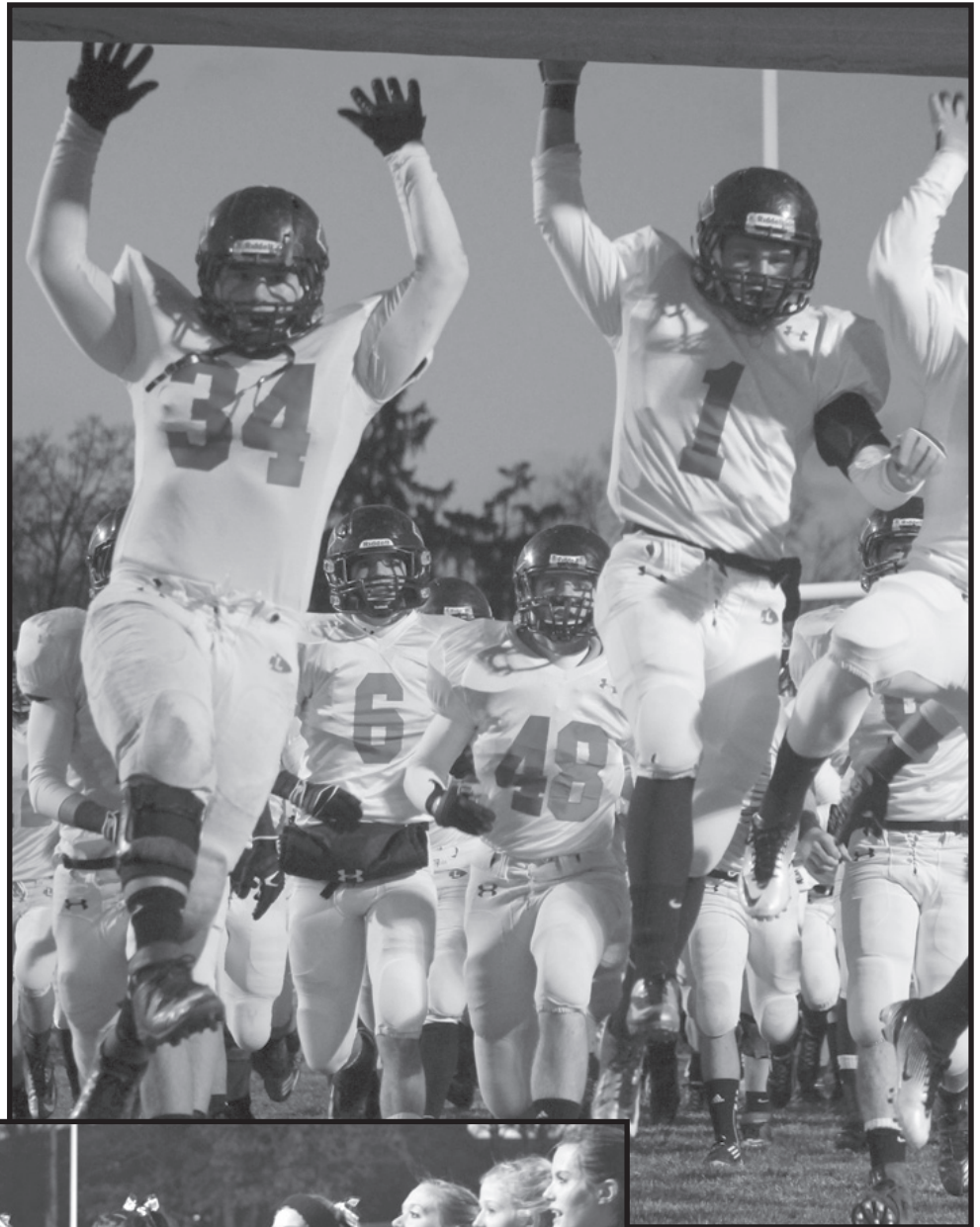
Muskegon scored another touchdown in the very next play, but the extra point was blocked, so they continued to trail Lowell 13-12. The game remained scoreless until Muskegon was able to get the ball down the field, but couldn't manage to get it into the end

zone. With 1:41 remaining in the game, Muskegon went for the field goal from the side hash and managed to make it, putting the Big Reds on top for good, 15-13.

Offensive leaders included Shurlow with 92 yards rushing, followed by Anderson with 32 and Brower with 23. Bigham had 72 yards in receptions and Jake Mitchell had a total of 72 yards in kickoff returns.

On the defense end of the game, Reed Stormzand had seven tackles, followed by Josh Colegrove and Pierce Watson, with four each. Mitchell and Zach Huver each had three. Stormzand also had a sack.

The Arrows ended their season with a final record of 8-3. Considering their difficult schedule, facing powerhouse program after powerhouse program, it was a very successful season, with losses only to Grand Rapids Christian and Muskegon.



Dylan Brower carries the ball.



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of
Nov. 12, 2012

MON: Baked macaroni & cheese, seasoned zucchini, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, baby carrots, peaches, applesauce, milk.

TUES: Tony's cheese pizza on whole wheat, seasoned corn, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, applesauce, peaches, milk.

WED: Grilled cheese on WG bread, tomato soup, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, baby carrots, strawberries, apple, milk.

THURS: Scrambled eggs & pancake, hashbrown stars, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, cauliflower bites, orange slices, fruit pudding, milk.

FRI: Beef taco on WG tortilla, refried beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit cocktail, peaches & blueberries, milk.

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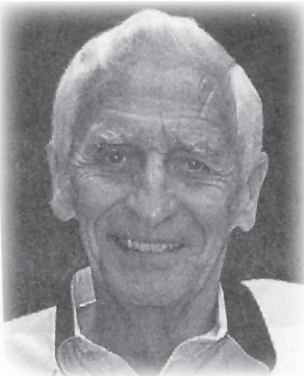


LOWELL

obituaries

FRANKS

There will be a memorial service for Keith Franks at the community room at Schneider Manor at 725 Bowes Road at 3 pm on November 10. Keith passed away October 21, 2012. Keith graduated from Lowell High School and has many friends in Lowell.



SPECK

Jean M. Speck, age 68 of Lowell, passed away Friday, November 2, 2012 with her family at home. She is survived by her two daughters, Tammie (Trent) and Kelly (Mohammad); grandchildren, Alyssa, Mackenzie, Ameer and Mahmoud; great-granddaughter, Ashlyn Marie. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Speck. Funeral services were held, Tuesday Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Ken Ford, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to help the family with funeral expenses.



TUDOR

Georgiana Tudor, age 91, of Lowell, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 3, 2012. She joins her husband of 53 years, Charles Tudor; her parents, Davis and Pricilla Cummings; brother, Daniel Cummings and grandson, James A. Callihan. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Goldie (Jim) Callihan and Nancy (John) Richardson; grandchildren, Kim (John) Smith, Lori Callihan, Dale (Amy) Richardson and Brad Richardson; five great-grandchildren. She started her working career sewing linings into fur coats at the Alaska Fur Co. in Grand Rapids, MI. She later retired from Kelvinator. Playing hymns on a harmonica was one of the ways she passed the time of day. She also spent many hours crocheting afghans, hats, slippers and mittens. She was of member of the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services will be at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, with Rev. Gregory Freed, former pastor of the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 4-7 P.M. and again on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Grand Rapids, MI Office, P.O. Box 888877, Grand Rapids, MI 49588-8877 or Spectrum Health Hospice, Spectrum Health Foundation, 100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



City Update, continued

- Rental rates must be affordable at initial occupancy.
- Funding up to \$35,000 per unit for the creation of rental units in previously nonresidential space.
- Funding up to \$25,000 per unit for rehabilitating rental units in legal residential use and occupied during the past five years.

Rental rehab projects have had a positive impact in various communities throughout Michigan by increasing activity in the downtown, increasing revenue for downtown property owners and using space in a productive way that is normally not appropriate for home ownership.

The city of Lowell has taken a positive step

forward by contracting with Revitalize, LLC, to assist in the rental rehab grant application and administration process. Revitalize, LLC, consists of Bruce Johnson and Lori Ware who have extensive experience in Michigan working with this program.

We will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday, November 27, at 7 pm in the council chambers at city hall to present details of the program and answer questions. Invitations will go out to building owners, however, members of the public are invited to attend.

As always, if you have any questions on this program or any other city issues, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at mhowe@ci.lowell.mi.us or telephone at 897-8457.



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

Community Wellness needs volunteers

Lowell Community Wellness is looking for volunteers to serve on the board and subcommittees.

Are you great with recruiting, training and managing volunteers? The personnel committee could use your help.

Perhaps your talents are in organizing activities and events. The program committee can always use an extra set of hands.

The board of directors oversees the business details, keeps everyone focused on the mission and goals and sets guidelines for the Pink Arrow grants.

All activities are focused on inspiring a healthier lifestyle for community members in the greater Lowell area.

It takes a variety of people, points of view and skills to make a community board work. We need people with budget management skills, communication skills, organizational skills, a concern for our community, a willingness to give their time and a belief in our mission. If you have at least one of those attributes and want to know more, call 616-340-7781 or e-mail info@lowellcommunitywellness.org

Skiers Needed

Are you a skier? Do you like working with people? Have you ever thought about working with someone with a disability? The Cannonsburg Challenged Ski Association (CCSA) is looking for people like you! CCSA is a nonprofit

organization in need of intermediate and advanced skiers and nonskiers alike. If you are interested, please contact, Valerie at (616) 874-8581 or www.skiccsa.org for more information about CCSA and what they do.

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Looking Back, continued

endangered the City of Lowell and its residents when they turned on the water hydrants in the city and caused the water pressure to drop to a dangerous level. While these goblins were laughing over their little prank, if a fire signal had gone out, the fire department would have been unable to extinguish it because of lack of water. That's what we call fun on Halloween; endangering the property and lives of others. What's even funnier? Why, of course, throwing eggs and apples at pedestrians, cars, trucks and animals and even business establishments and homes. But don't be fooled – the older generation had a hand in the evening's activities too, as they broke the plate-glass window in the Ledger office. While the little youngsters of the town were adorned in their costumes and trick or treating in their various neighborhoods and possibly soaping a window or two, guess what their older brothers and sisters were doing?

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 11, 1987

Rockford's mayor was there, its city manager Daryl DeLabbio was there, local television station TV 13 was there and the Grand Rapids Press was there. Where's there? Byrne Electrical Specialists, Inc. in Rockford. Why were they at Byrne Electrical Specialists, Inc. on Tuesday, Nov. 4? Norman Byrne, the owner of the aforementioned electrical business is the same Norman Byrne whose name was drawn at Lowell's last home football game, making him the winner of the "Win the Band Contest." What did he win? A free half hour concert by the Lowell High School Marching Band in his yard or a yard of his choice within a 50-mile radius. So Byrne had the LHS Marching Band take a trip to Rockford and march through his plant and then stop and play for his Byrne Electrical Specialists employees.

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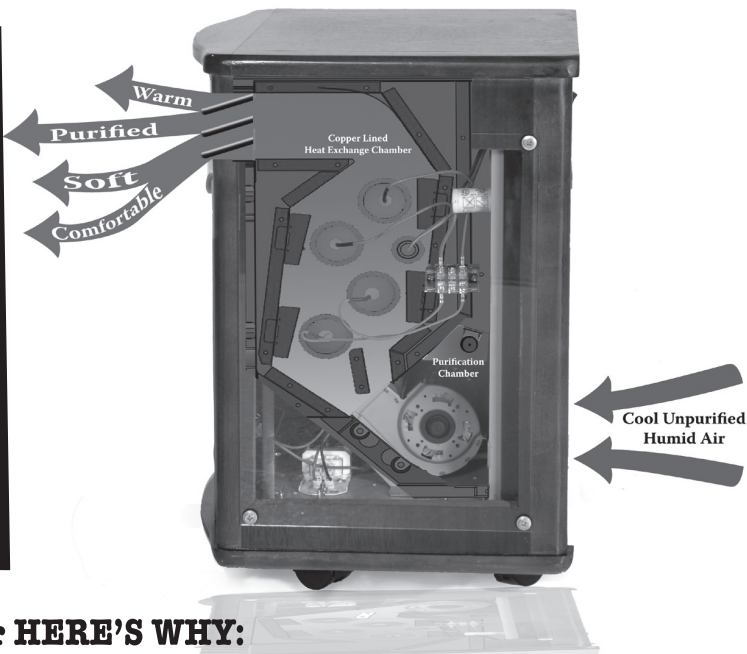
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- 1. Girder that looks like a letter
- 6. *Largest North American deer
- 9. *Methane release by a cow
- 13. ___-___-la
- 14. Actress ___ Thompson
- 15. Rane'e's wrap
- 16. Luxurious sheet fabric
- 17. Opposite of guzzle
- 18. Donor's loss
- 19. *Cause of African Sleeping Sickness
- 21. *Dangerous delicacy
- 23. Nada
- 24. Rented on the links
- 25. Distant
- 28. Fountain order
- 30. Like body temperature of 98.6°
- 35. Month of Purim
- 37. Barber's supply
- 39. A Judd
- 40. Rounded elevation
- 41. Member of the lowest Hindu caste
- 43. "Goodbye" to Sophia Loren
- 44. Fat cat in the Orient
- 46. Toot one's horn
- 47. Julia Robert's character
- 48. Bad blood
- 50. Bassoon cousin
- 52. Ensign, for short
- 53. Student aid
- 55. Grandmother, for short
- 57. *Dian Fossey's domain
- 60. "Bob Dylan's words, e.g.
- 63. Indian coin

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OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6

- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order to allow New Yorkers affected by superstorm Sandy to be allowed to vote in any polling place by presenting an affidavit. The death toll from the storm is now well over 100 and many are still without shelter as another wintry storm approaches the east coast.
- Researchers are reporting a key advance in using stem cells to repair hearts damaged by heart attacks. Stem cells donated by strangers proved as safe and effective as a patients' own cells.

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- 64. Austin Powers, e.g.
- 66. Inhabitants of Thailand
- 68. Poker stakes
- 69. Across, in verse
- 70. *It opens wide
- 71. ___ lighting
- 72. Country song "Harper Valley ___"
- 73. Walk through mud

DOWN

- 1. "___ alive!"
- 2. Babysitter's nightmare
- 3. Chow or grub
- 4. Sci-fi classic
- 5. *Praying insect
- 6. "... or ___!"
- 7. "Fantasy Island" prop
- 8. 10th letter of Greek alphabet
- 9. Throw up
- 10. Encourage
- 11. Infantry's last rows, e.g.
- 12. Mont Blanc, e.g.
- 15. "___ crime"
- 20. One-armed bandits
- 22. Big coffee server
- 24. Used for boiling
- 25. *Animal life of particular period
- 26. Don Draper of "Mad Men", e.g.
- 27. Teacher of Torah
- 29. Slap on
- 31. Preakness, e.g.
- 32. Wavelike design
- 33. At full speed
- 34. *Tsavo man-eaters
- 36. One of "Clue" clues
- 38. Mr. Eugene Krabs, e.g.
- 42. "The ___ of defeat"
- 45. Protrudes outwards
- 49. Sun in Mexico
- 51. 3rd rock from the sun, pl.
- 54. *He used animals to demonstrate morals
- 56. Root of nihilism
- 57. Ellen Page's 2007 role
- 58. Plotting
- 59. Financial aid criterion
- 60. Vega's constellation
- 61. Al Capone, e.g.
- 62. Plural of #17 Across
- 63. Ewe's mate
- 65. *Not a wild one
- 67. Fifth note

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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Are you going to vote in the November 6, 2012 General Election?

YES 100%
NO 0%
I still can't make up my mind 0%
I'm not registered 0%

Editor's note: 100 percent of the people who answered our poll are voting. It would be a perfect world if that were our national average.

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

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Are you happy with the outcome of the elections?

Volunteers, continued

“If we could get some more builders, clubs and churches who would be willing to work with us, we could help more people.”

Right now, Neighbor

to Neighbor can only help about seven people because the process isn't just one day. Repairs can span over the course of several months as various needs are met.

LaWarre and Perry Beachum have been in on the program since it began three years ago and the Lowell Rotary has been instrumental in the recruitment of the volunteers.

Many of the volunteers on Saturday were also Rotary members. And all of them said they weren't just doing this because of the Rotary – they were doing it because they felt it was important to reach out and give back to their community.

The Lowell Rotary is made up of several business owners throughout the area and their guiding principles include service within their own community. Together with FROM and Lowell Light and Power, they intend to continue the program throughout the year, going back to the homeowners when they need particular projects done in their homes.

“We will be there helping for the next several months,” said LaWarre. “Just one day helps, but what's important is that we continue servicing them throughout the year as they have other needs.”

If you're interested in the program and wish to help out, contact Tamela Spicer, executive director of FROM, at 897-8260.



Over 30 volunteers worked on several houses in the area.

Beachum's receive Volunteer of the Year award

The Lowell Pink Arrow Pride – specifically Teresa and Perry Beachum – were honored recently by the Furniture City Masonic High Twelve Club No. 236, of Grand Rapids, for their years of dedication and service to make the Pink Arrow Pride a success.

The Beachums were honored at a luncheon at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center in October. In attendance were Dee Crowley, assistant principal at Lowell High School and coach Noel Dean, varsity football coach.

Following the luncheon, Michael Clark, president of the Michigan State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, introduced Crowley and told of projects and activities in which the Beachums have participated since the inception of the Pink Arrow Pride five years ago. Crowley explained how they are willing to help in any project and their dedication to the success of the project ensures a positive result.

Dean talked about the purpose of the Pink Arrow

Pride and how it teaches high school players and students the importance of giving of themselves to help others. “Many of the players wear jerseys with the names of relatives touched by cancer, making the project personal and more meaningful to them,” said Dean.

In his presentation address Clark stated, “The Beachums as a husband and wife team exemplify all that is good in humankind and their many years of service to the residents of Lowell are recognized with this award.”

The Beachums were next presented with a plaque honoring them as 2012 recipients of the Charles

Kramsvogle Volunteer of the Year award.

Charles Kramsvogel was a longtime mason who volunteered with the Boy Scouts, served on the board of directors of Shriners Hospital for disabled children in Chicago, Illinois; was president of the Michigan State Masonic High Twelve Clubs, and served many other masonic charitable foundations.

Michigan State Masonic High Twelve Clubs president Michael Clark is a former teacher and varsity football coach at Lowell High School. His wife, Gayle Lycos Clark is a former Lowell Middle School math teacher.



Pictured, left to right: Perry Beachum, Teresa Beachum and Michael E. Clark.

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Basketball tournament winners

This Lowell ladies' youth basketball team won a sixth-grade basketball tournament that was held over the weekend in Grand Rapids. The team, pictured left to right, front row: Sara Landon, Emily Stump, Regan Coxon, and Joslynn Battle; back row, left to right: Khloe Hayes, Ava Fredrickson, Anneke Breuker, Carly Hoekstra, and Jakki Hayes.

