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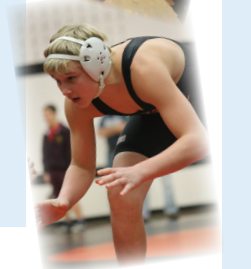
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## A perfect evening for annual luminary hike at nature center

by Sharon Miller  
contributing reporter

Dustin Koshar and his dad, Don, were keepers of the lights on Saturday evening, during the Luminary Hike at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center (WEC).

As volunteers, it was their job to make sure the hundreds of candles along the trail stayed lit for the hikers.

Julie Pelletier hiked with her son Jackson and

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The luminaries gave a star-like glow to the woodland path.

Photo by Marilyn Keigley

## WLHS Internet radio expanded coverage with growing audience

by Ellen Mork  
contributing reporter

When WLHS Internet Radio first started seven years ago, the only thing coming from the speakers was music.

Today, with a great group of high school students and many adults, it has expanded coverage to sporting events from football to softball and school events such as LHS (Lowell High School) Idol. This transition was inspired by the desire for people to be able to listen to high school sporting events without having to leave their home.

Varsity football is the most popular sport in Lowell and has a large following on WLHS. For an average football game, anywhere from 350 to 550 households tune into the broadcast. Of these households, three or four listeners are out of the country, half the states are represented, as are sixty cities throughout Michigan.

With football being

such a passion within the Lowell community, WLHS capitalized on a great opportunity. For the past three years, Mike Coleman has not only been the voice of football, but has also done play-by-play announcing for several other sports. Coleman's versatility has helped him to announce men's and women's basketball and baseball games. His dedication has not gone unnoticed. His broadcasting experience here has led to a possible job in minor league baseball; an accomplishment considering he volunteers his time at WLHS.

Jason Welsch, a former varsity football player, has been the football color commentator for the last six years. Jeff McDonald has also helped with broadcasts the last three years.

Noel Dean, Brian Krajewski and Rob Stehley

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WLHS Internet Radio can be found at [www.wlhsradio.org](http://www.wlhsradio.org)

## Wheelchair Rodeo demonstrates chairs for more outdoor mobility

by Ellen Mork  
contributing reporter

December's mild weather brought perfect conditions for the Wheelchair Rodeo. Despite a common name, the only similarities between this rodeo and a rodeo with bulls involved riding something and extreme conditions.

Agribility, a program within Easter Seals Michigan, a non-profit charity that supports those with disabilities, sponsored this event.

This event was held for the outdoorsmen in wheelchairs who needed a chair fit for outdoor work to get around. Its goal was to allow wheelchair users to test different motorized chairs in one place. Companies provided ten different chairs to ride, each customized for a different use. The wheelchairs tested went through sand, mud,



Tom Veld sits in the Outbounder, a six-wheeled, all terrain machine.

chance to try them all out in one place, so it's cool." He is in the market for a new chair that would allow him to get around the farms and

– The Power Horse chair is manufactured in Lowell, using steel from Belding that is cut by A1 Laser.

water, a cornfield, and even a cow pen full of hay.

Over 30 participants came to see what the rodeo was all about. Nate Stoller, event host, was pleased with the turnout, saying it was "pretty much what I expected."

Eric Chase, an insurance agent from Lake Odessa said, "I've never had the

houses he insured easier; he heard about this

event through Facebook and figured it was a great opportunity.

The chairs allow farmers to work outside with ease, hunters to traverse the woods and even haul a deer behind them and Amish to work their fields.

Tom Veld, a farmer from Wayland, uses a manual wheelchair, but recently,

shoulder pain has forced him to consider electric chairs. He just wants a chair "for getting from one side of the farm to the other," and he did not have to look far. He fancied the Power Horse because the user didn't have to get out of the wheelchair.

The Power Horse chair is manufactured in Lowell, using steel from Belding that is cut by A1 Laser. This chair allows users to ride their wheelchair up a ramp, lock in and drive around the farm.

There was a chair to fit everyone's needs. Despite the cold weather, Stoller called the event a success.



# Cub Scouts visit the Ledger offices



The Murray Lake Tiger Cub Scouts visited the Lowell Ledger last week. Publisher Jon Jacobs showed them how the Ledger is created and explained how it was printed. The group then stayed for a den meeting.



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neighbors or children's teachers. Dec. 17-22, during library hours. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library.

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## WLHS radio, continued

are the main force behind the wrestling broadcasting.

Aside from Coleman, Mike Meppelink has announced baseball games before.

Al Eckman, the WLHS station manager, is proud

of what the station has become, particularly with the broadcasting staff.

Each announcer volunteers their time and puts in so much effort, not only during the games, but beforehand by researching the players, plays and opponents.

Eckman said, "Our broadcasters know the players; they are local to the community, so they have firsthand knowledge. Our broadcasting is a lot more interesting because of this."

The success of the

broadcasts is due to the broadcasters. Their knowledge of any sport and their level of preparedness allows the listeners to have a great listening experience.

Eckman is continually impressed by the enthusiasm and knowledge of all the sports that Coleman and others broadcast.

The Lowell community benefits in many ways from the volunteers that dedicate their time to showing people what they love and WLHS Internet Radio is no exception.



# along main street

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### ALTO BLOOD DRIVE

On Mon., Dec. 17 from 3 to 7 pm there will be an Alto Community Blood Drive for the Michigan Blood Program. It will be held at the Alto United Methodist Church, located at 11365 64th Street and is open to the public. Homemade cookies, soup and bread will be provided. The Michigan Blood Program needs donations especially at this time of year. Contact Jen Dougherty at 616-644-6529 with any questions.

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Kids' Christmas event on Sat., Dec. 22 from 11 am to 1 pm at Lowell Moose Rec Hall. Open to the public. For information call Brenda Schullo at 616-828-2663.

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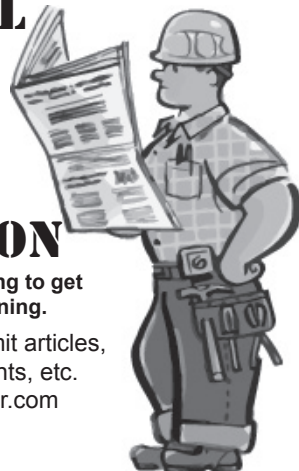
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# Fallasburg Historical Society celebrates the season with community

Ellen Mork  
contributing reporter

With the band playing, conversation flowing and people noshing, the “Christmas in Fallasburg: A community celebration” was in full swing all Saturday evening.

This celebration has been held at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse since 2007. Ken Tamke, president of the historical society, says the event lives up to its name, as the event is more of a

time for community rather than a fundraiser. Although about 70 people attend, it feels like much more as everyone gathers in the small schoolhouse catching up and remembering times passed. People from this neighborhood attend, but it is also a great way for others to come see the history that is in Lowell.

Hawks and Owls, a string band, has volunteered to provide beautiful

Christmas music for many years.

The historical society bought the schoolhouse from Vergennes Township for one dollar, in what Tamke calls “the sweetheart deal of the century.” With grants from area funds, the schoolhouse was restored and a wheelchair ramp was added.

Tamke says the crowd is always full of “a lot of old

timers and people in [the] neighborhood.”

Jon Rash, an avid walker who lives nearby, enjoys the history and scenic sights. “It’s great they have this get-together so people in the community can connect again and keep in touch.”

Jim Swanson, a resident of Grand Rapids, came down to support his friends on the board. He attends every year to support the society and to see the bonfire.

A huge bonfire ends the celebration each year with wood saved up all year for this event and the fire roars for hours in the field across from the schoolhouse.

Tamke says, “The goal of this event is not to set the financial world on fire,” but to “bring the community together.” He estimates they will make \$600.

The event is a way to bring everyone together, especially those that help the society. “These are the people that have our back all year long and if they see something, they take care of it,” Tamke stated.

Fallasburg Historical

Society was formed in 1964 as a way to preserve the Fallasburg Village. Their mission, according

to Tamke, is to “gather, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the historical district.”



Board members: Patty Brechbiel, Lisa Sostecke, Cindy Tamke, Ed and Doris Roth, Ken Tamke and Alan Rumbaugh.



Hawks and Owls play during the community celebration.

## Biggest tree contest winner announced

In the fourth annual Lowell Arbor committee’s Biggest Tree contest, fourteen trees were entered, six of which were located on Monroe Street. The biggest tree of this year’s contest was a black oak tree located at 904 N. Monroe St.

The top three entries will each receive a plaque designating the tree’s position in the 2012 Biggest Tree contest. The top three biggest trees were, in order of size, 904 N. Monroe, 166 inch oak (164 inch confirmed by arborist), entered by Kurt Krey; 525 Front, 160 inch catalpa (157 inch confirmed by arborist), entered by Karen Wade; and 319 N. Monroe, 158 inch poplar (155 inch confirmed by arborist), entered by Tess Reagan.

Of note, the Arbor board recently had the sugar maple tree south of the library evaluated. The maple, that provides shade for many during the summer concert series by the Showboat, is in

serious decline. The Arbor board has had the tree treated with root invigoration, deep root fertilization, removal of dead wood and watering. The hot and dry weather of this past summer has further weakened the tree and it may need to be removed for public safety.

The Arbor board meets the second Monday of each month and is open to residents of the city of Lowell. Dana Chase, who has been the chairman of the board for the past four years, stepped down from the position in September

2012. If you would like to fill the vacancy, contact city hall or current board

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### help older parents avoid financial "scams"

Here's a disturbing statistic: One out of every five Americans over the age of 65 has been victimized by a financial scheme, according to the Investor Protection Trust, a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. If your parents are in this age group, should you be concerned? And can you help them avoid being "scammed" so that they maintain control over their finances?

The answer to the first question is "yes" — you should be concerned. Of course, as the numbers above show, most aging Americans are not being swindled, which suggests they can take care of themselves quite well. Still, it's no secret that many fraud schemes target seniors because of their concentrated wealth and in many cases, trusting nature. And as much as you'd like to think otherwise, your parents could be susceptible to rip-off artists.

Fortunately, in regard to

the second question above, you can indeed take steps to help prevent your parents from being fleeced. Here are a few suggestions:

- Observe their behavior. If you live close to your parents, listen closely to any new friends, investment deals or sweepstakes they mention during your normal interactions.. If you're in a different city, try to stay abreast of your parents' behavior by communicating with them frequently and by checking in with other family members or friends who have occasion to see your parents.

- Urge them to watch out for suspicious e-mails. You've probably seen them — the e-mails offering to "reward" you with huge amounts of money if you will only contact such-and-such from a distant country and then put up a "small" sum to initiate some ill-defined transaction. You probably "spam" these without a moment's thought

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~ Michel de Montaigne

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— and you should urge your parents to do the same. Remind them that any offer that sounds "too good to be true" is, without question, neither "good" nor "true."

- Encourage them to further their financial education. Law enforcement agencies, health care professionals and reputable financial services providers all offer personal financial management programs designed specifically for seniors. Look for these types of programs in your area, encourage your parents to attend — and even consider going with them.

- Become familiar with their financial situation. Having a serious discussion with your parents about their finances may not be easy — but it's important. The more you know about their investments, retirement accounts and estate plans, the better prepared you'll be to respond helpfully if they mention an action they're considering taking that, to you, just doesn't sound appropriate.

- Suggest professional help. If your parents are already working with a qualified financial professional, they're probably less likely to be victimized by fraud than if they were managing their finances on their own. And it's a good idea for you to know their financial advisor, and for him or her to know you, as you may well be involved in your parents' legacy planning. But if your parents don't already have a financial advisor, you may want to recommend one to them, particularly if it's someone you already know and trust.

It's entirely possible that your parents won't need any assistance in avoiding financial scams. But, just in case, be prepared to act on the above suggestions. Your intervention could help preserve your parent's financial independence.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### no discussion a bunch of hooley

Dear Editor,  
An article in the Dec. 5 Lowell Ledger stated that during a city council meeting a Lowell resident stated he was concerned with the state of the city in regards to the Lowell Light & Power negotiations, saying there is a big difference between dictatorship and democracy and it seems the city manager favors a dictatorship.

The subject wasn't on the council's agenda, so I'm guessing that's the reason why there seemed to be no answer to the allegations.

This is how I see it, the city council makes the final decisions and I have little faith in the council's dictatorial style of governing. I put my faith in a city that is well-informed, something I believe the city council has failed to do.

Negotiations have been going on for a year now and the constituents of Lowell, which are the owners of the Lowell Light & Power have been denied their right to be part of the decision making.

There are some that would like you to believe that the negotiations couldn't be discussed but we all should know by now that's all a bunch of hooley.

I believe if the constituents of Lowell would have been involved in the decision making in the first place, that a contract would have been settled long

ago. It's time for the city council to be the servant for what they were voted into office to be by answering all questions to the best of their knowledge. It's time for a public hearing over the contract negotiations.

A new year is just around the corner and my vision for the community is a Democratic society where everyone in the community is given the opportunity to partake in the decision making.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## city update



Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

December is a month of giving. It's also a good time to reflect on the past year to celebrate what has been accomplished while looking forward with hope and confidence for the future. In city government, what gets accomplished is the result of a large and dedicated group of volunteers and staff who reflect a basic value in this community - giving.

We are led by members of a city council who are elected by the citizens at-large and who drive the agenda of city government through their actions at city council meetings. Their work goes far beyond attending a couple of meetings each month, though. They are in the community each day, listening to concerns, generating ideas and building a consensus and vision for the future of the community.

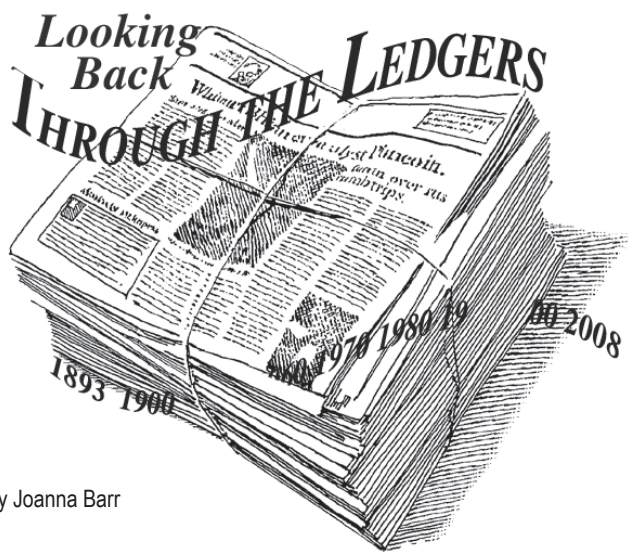
There are also a number of boards and commissions that serve in various roles to provide leadership and direction for city functions. From parks to trees to land use planning and operating public utilities, members of these boards and commissions provide a valuable service by creating a conduit for public engagement in the services that are provided each day. There are more than 50 people involved with the various boards and commissions that serve city government.

In addition, the day-to-day work of city government is accomplished by staff, more than 50 full- and part-time employees, who bring a strong work ethic and a general sense that we are here to do what is best for the citizens we serve. I consider it an honor to be working side-by-side with each and every employee and look forward to our continued efforts to bring a team approach to providing public service.

A number of citizens engage with city government by offering public comment at regular meetings, discussing issues with councilmembers, attending a meeting of a board or commission, or interacting with staff. Public engagement is a key component of a well-functioning community and when that public engagement is encouraged and carried out in a positive and constructive manner the community thrives.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank the many volunteers who bring their time and expertise to city government, the staff who go beyond the call of duty with no expectation of reward because they value the service they provide to the public and the citizens themselves who engage with us to keep moving forward in a positive direction.

Thank you for giving.



By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal December 18, 1872

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### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 12, 1902

Headline: D. G. Look Celebrates Silver Business Anniversary - Our good fellow townsman and enterprising business man, Dexter G. Look, celebrated his silver anniversary of [his] start in business life in Lowell last Saturday as a souvenir gift day to patrons of his store and had an extra busy day in consequence. Twenty-five years in business at one stand is quite a piece of time, for a man who is still young, if he is as young as he Look-s; and you can judge for yourself from his latest photo, which, by the way, doesn't show the thin spot on top. Mr. Look came to Lowell from Lapeer County in 1876 and entered the High school, graduating with the class of

1880. He worked in the drug store of his brother J. Look for four years and then bought a half interest in the store of J. B. Yeiter. After a partnership of six years, he bought Mr. Yeiter's interest and has since conducted the business alone. Notwithstanding the demands of a prosperous business, Mr. Look has found time to be interested in public affairs, having served as village treasurer, trustee and president for several terms in each office; and he is now one of the county's good roads commissioners, to which work he has given much pains taking attention. He has also been a member of the school board for many years, an official of the board of trade since its organization, a director of the City State bank and is vice president and treasurer of the Lowell Specialty Co. THE LEDGER congratulates Mr. Look upon his successful career and hopes that he may continue in all these activities, so necessary to the public welfare, for twenty-five years to come.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 16, 1937

The first zero weather of the winter hit this vicinity late Sunday night, marking a drop of some twenty degrees within a few hours. Early Monday morning, readings as low as six below were reported but by 10:00 a.m. the weather had moderated to twelve above. Monday night the mercury again dropped to zero which has since been followed by a mixture of snow, rain and sleet.

Burial services were held on Monday at 11:30 at St. Mary's cemetery for John Miller, 51, of Allegan. The burial rites were conducted by the Rev. Father Jewell. Mr. Miller lived here during his early manhood, his father being a Pere Marquette telegraph operator at this point and the family lived in a house that stood on the present site of the Strand Theatre. According to meager information received here, Mr. Miller was robbed and then slain by thugs, the murder taking place in Texas about two weeks ago. It is reported that the body was thrown into a stream following the murder and a ransom demanded. It is said that the victim had several hundred dollars on his person at the time of the slaying.

The Morlock quadruplets of Lansing, prime favorites of the Lowell Showboat, have written their annual letters to Santa Claus after spending more than a week compiling their lists. The 7-year-old girls - Edna A, Wilma B, Sarah C and Helen D - asked for about the same things. They all want dolls, picture books and house sets, although Edna A surprised her parents by asking Santa for a set to construct mechanical gadgets.

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# In The Service

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Michael J. Meyer

Meyer is the son of Robin Soller of Ada.

Air Force Airman Justin P. Kucharczyk graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

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



Justin P. Kucharczyk

earned a bachelor's degree in 2011 from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Kucharczyk is the son of Paul Kucharczyk of Alto. He is a 2007 graduate of Caledonia High School. He

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## head lice

Head lice is a common problem that affects people of all ages, but most commonly occurs in school aged children. Outbreaks are common in schools. Lice are tiny insects that can live in people's hair and cause scalp itching. Infestations can occur in individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds and more commonly occur in those with longer hair.

Lice do not fly or jump. They are spread by person-to-person contact or by sharing clothes or personal items. Most people will have itching on their scalp if they have lice, but some people will have no symptoms at all. Because not everyone has symptoms, it is important to have yourself and loved ones checked regularly when there has

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been a reported exposure or any new symptoms of scalp itching in the house. Typically lice or their eggs (nits) can be spotted on the scalp after careful examination with good lighting and magnification.

There are several over-the-counter shampoo and lotion treatments (RID, NIX) for head lice which can be performed at home. It is important to follow the directions carefully. You should also use a special fine-toothed comb with slight moisture applied to hair to carefully comb out all the remaining lice and nits. This process, called wet combing, should be performed for approximately 30 minutes on any infected individual. Repeating the wet combing every two to three days, for the next two weeks is the most effective means of eliminating the problem. Sometimes a second dose of the shampoo or lotion will need to be applied 10 days after the initial treatment, to destroy any lice that may have hatched from the remaining nits.

If you or your child has lice, all household contacts

should be inspected every two to three days and treated only if infected. It is important to wash all bedding, clothes, coats and towels in hot water and dried in the dryer on the hottest setting. You should also vacuum all your furniture and carpets. Lice can only survive for two days off the host individual, but the nits can survive for two weeks. Items that cannot be washed or vacuumed can be placed in a sealed bag for two weeks. It is not necessary to call an exterminator or use spray insecticides.

Head lice can be an annoying and difficult problem to deal with. When treatment failure occurs, it is usually because the person was not properly and thoroughly "wet combed" every two to three days for two weeks. Treatment failure can also occur when the household is not properly sanitized or household contacts are not inspected or treated. If you have been unsuccessful at eliminating a case of head lice, see your healthcare provider. They will have other second-line options which can be prescribed.



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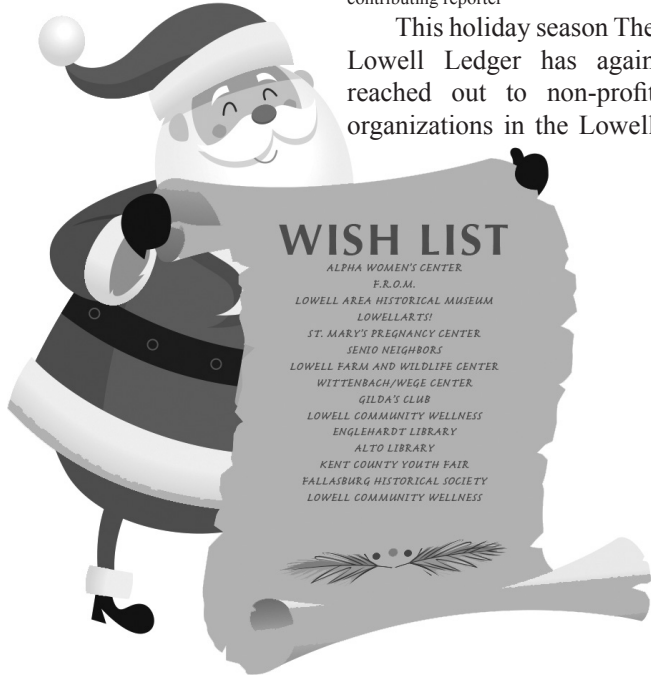
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# Non-profit wish lists: help grant holiday wishes

by Theresa Heethuis  
contributing reporter

This holiday season The Lowell Ledger has again reached out to non-profit organizations in the Lowell



community asking them what is on their Christmas wish list. In this season of giving, here is a chance to donate to the organizations that give so much to the community all year long. If you can grant any of these wishes, please contact the agency directly.

### Alpha Women's Center of Lowell 897-9533

"We service families in our community through a program called 'Earn While You Learn.' Everything in our boutique is donated to us by people and churches in our community. We also offer free pregnancy testing." ~ *Deb Karasiewicz, center director*

The items found on the Alpha Women's Center this Christmas season are perhaps some of the most simple items to purchase, but also the biggest needs of the clients they serve. These items include any size diapers (size 5 and 6 are a high need item), wipes and baby wash and shampoo.

### FROM Flat River Outreach Ministries 897-8260

"We provide assistance to families who are facing hardship." ~ *Tamela Spicer*

In providing assistance to these local families, FROM, on average, utilizes 200 volunteers per month who serve for a combined average of 2,000 hours. Volunteers are an integral part of their success and the sole, vital item on their holiday wish list.

### LowellArts! 897-8545

"LowellArts! began with the enthusiasm of community volunteers and funds raised through a visit to Lowell by Artrain USA in November 1976. Our programs now include the King Gallery art gallery on Hudson Street, Thebes Players - our active community theatre group; Lowell Sizzlin' Summer

Concerts - a concert series collaboration with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce; Sleigh Bells & Holly, A Gallery of Fine Arts and Crafts holiday artists' market; and Fallasburg Fall Festival for the arts." ~ *Kacey Cornwell, project director*

The one and only item on Lowell Arts! wish list this holiday season is a used, electric 4-seater golf cart. This cart would be shared between the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, LowellArts! and the Kent County Fairgrounds for use during events, including the Riverwalk Festival, Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts and the Kent County Youth Fair. A gift of a golf cart would provide transportation for the elderly or handicapped as well as other needs.

### Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688

"We provide educational and cultural opportunities so that individuals can draw connections to their past, their community and their world. The museum and

garden at the Historic Graham building offer a unique environment for making history come alive." ~ *Pat Allchin, executive director*

The museum's biggest wish in this season of giving would be a new elevator. Other dream wishes include a new phone system, five wireless microphones and an amplifier, historical lighting for the garden and porches, a new vacuum, volunteers, and further engagement in their organization.

### Senior Neighbors 897-5949

"Our center is used daily to provide meals, entertainment and socialization for seniors. Senior Neighbors also provide many other services to the seniors of Lowell, including transportation, blood pressure and glucose checks and quarterly podiatrist visits." ~ *Pam Krause, Senior Neighbors coordinator*

Two of the best gifts for Senior Neighbors this year would be a building that would house a shuffle board, pool table, Ping-Pong table, dart board and

also offer a big enough space for everyone to eat in the same room and flooring in the foyer area. The current building only seats a maximum of 40 people and is carpeted, requiring continual cleaning. Also on their wish list are everyday items, including toilet paper, paper towel, coffee, decaf coffee, splenda, creamer and sugar.

### St. Mary's Pregnancy Center 897-9820

"We are committed to offer each person hope in their time of need. We are dedicated to enhancing their quality of life in a discreet and loving manner, to touch the life of others as Christ has touched ours." ~ *Kathy Horsch*

Basic necessities comprise St. Mary's Pregnancy Center's list this Christmas season. Their wishes include infant car seats, diapers ranging in size from newborn to size 5; baby powder, lotion and shampoo; and baby food, including formula, fruit and vegetables.

Non-profit wish list, continued, page 8

## Looking Back, continued

50 years ago

### The Lowell Ledger December 13, 1962

Headline: Shot in back while hunting in Lowell - Kenneth L. Jones, 23, of Grand Rapids, was shot in the back about noon Sunday while hunting north of Lowell, in the state game area off Grindle Rd. Nathan McKenzie, jr., 26, said that he shot Jones accidentally in the back with a 12-gauge shot gun from a distance of about 50 feet when he stepped in front of him, just as he shot at a rabbit. McKenzie came for help to the home of Lewis Phillips, where Clair Phillips Roy (Bud) Myers took a car into the area where he was shot and brought him out to the doctors. He was taken by ambulance to Blodgett hospital where doctors removed 170 shots from his back and bladder. The hospital Tuesday reported Jones' condition as satisfactory. Detective Hiashtutter of the Kent County Sheriff's Department who investigated the shooting has reported it as an accident.

25 years ago

### The Lowell Ledger December 16, 1987

Headline: Superior Furniture Pres. Passes suddenly at 49 - The community was shocked last week to learn of the unexpected death and untimely death of William J. Lee, 49, president of Superior Furniture Co. of Lowell. He was stricken at his East Grand Rapids home and taken to Blodgett Memorial Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Lee succeeded his father as head of Superior Furniture Co. and helped oversee a massive expansion of the business in 1984. The company makes cherry wood furniture for retailers nationwide. Lee grew up in Grand Rapids. He graduated from East Grand Rapids High School and in 1960 from the University of Michigan. Lee returned from Ann Arbor to work at his father's company, which occupies a turn-of-the-century white brick building in Lowell. William S. Lee purchased the building in 1936 as part of a partnership that included the Charlotte Chair Co. and his father acquired full ownership of the company in 1958. Growing demand for the firm's furniture spurred a \$400,000 addition in 1984. The new building was designed to accommodate production and storage space.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City at the City Hall located at 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 until 5:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, December 20, 2012. Bids will be opened at City Hall at 10 a.m. local time on Friday December 21, 2012.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total of the bid price.

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# Non-profit wish list, continued



## Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center 885-4223

"The Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center is a private charitable, non-profit organization certified by the DNR, on a mission to rehabilitate and provide sanctuary for abandoned, sick and injured wild animals in West Michigan. We promote respect for wildlife and the environment. We accept wild, farm, domestic and exotic animals." ~ *Kristin Cowell*

Many small but important items are on this year's wish list for the Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center. If you would like to contribute, they are seeking the following items: paper towels, kleenex, bleach, simple green, goat feed pellets, dawn liquid dish detergent, laundry detergent, cracked and whole corn, duck and chicken feed, sunflower seeds, unsalted peanuts (in or out of the shell), apples, pears, grapes, romaine lettuce, strawberries, carrots, cat litter, baby blankets, fleece, gas cards, firewood, Pedialyte, Esbilic, KMR, syringes, and powder free exam gloves.

## Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center 987-2565

"The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center is a place where school children and the community can experience and learn about nature. Donated materials will be used in our school and community programs and will help us keep our program costs down."

~*Meggan Johnson, director*  
 The Wittenbach/Wege holiday wish list includes craft supplies (yarn, adult and child scissors, glue, crayons, markers), hot glue guns and glue sticks, black

oil sunflower bird seed, thistle seed, suet cakes, shepherd's hook, outdoor thermometers with suction cups, Rubbermaid totes of all sizes, shortening, field guides, old Christmas cards, wrapping paper scraps, children's nature books, garden trowels, hot chocolate, warm beverage paper cups, white board wall calendar, binoculars, tealights and long handled lighters.

## Gilda's Club 897-8600

"Gilda's Club is a place where anybody on a cancer or grief journey can find support. It is a gift brought to the community by the community." ~ *Teresa Beachum*

The top most needed items on the Gilda's Club Christmas wish list are one child booster seat, disinfectant wipes and an outdoor playground. Other items also on their list include colored sand, decorative paper, colored cardstock, Amazon gift cards for curriculum books, washable finger paints, a Creatology Art Set (100 piece set), Model Magic, white envelopes, plastic tablecloths, hand wipes, granola bars and other snacks, iced tea, coffee, juice boxes, lemonade mix and bottled water. In addition, volunteers are always needed.

## Lowell Community Wellness 340-7781

"We are working to help the greater Lowell community to live healthier lives." ~ *Susan Stevens*

The Lowell Community Wellness Center is getting ready to kick off a community weight loss challenge and their biggest wish this holiday season is for volunteers to help with this challenge. They are looking for volunteers to help tally weight loss, write weekly newsletters, contribute recipes and/or

ideas to help participants reach their goals, and help support members of the community in the coming new year.

## Englehardt Public Library 784-2007

"The Englehardt Branch of Kent District Library offers something for everyone, including free books, music, movies, and digital downloads. A variety of free programs are offered for all ages from babies to seniors. The library also has eleven public computers, free wireless internet and free computer classes." ~ *Kristin Meyer, branch manager*

This Christmas season, the Englehardt Public Library's wish list includes youth programming supplies (glue sticks, washable markers, cardstock, construction paper, sealed containers of Play-Doh), gift cards from local

establishments for any amount to be used for Summer Reading prizes, gently used books and volunteers for the Friends of the Library book sale in January, a train table and Brio train set for early literacy play space, outdoor benches and Legos for the Family Block Party program.

## Alto Public Library 784-2007

"At the Alto Branch of Kent District Library, all we want for Christmas are enthusiastic readers." ~ *Sandy Graham, branch manager*

In addition to enthusiastic readers, the Alto Public Library would also like their patrons to know that they work directly with Santa. For all of the shiny, new e-readers that Santa may bring for Christmas, it is on the library's wish list to show you how to get free library books for these new devices.

## Kent County Youth Fair 897-6050

"The Kent County Youth Fair board strives to provide a fun, family-friendly, affordable event for Kent County and surrounding counties, while also promoting agricultural achievements of youth exhibitors." ~ *Jessica Marks*

A variety of items are on the youth fair 2012 wish list, including postage stamps, boxes or reams of paper, ink pens, clipboards, a cordless drill, circular saw, leaf blower, hedge trimmer, push brooms, and an energy efficient window air conditioner. In addition to these physical items they also welcome the time and talents of volunteers.

## Fallsburg Historical Society 682-0785

The Fallsburg Historical Society mission statement: To collect,

preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of this area. "Our historical society has been true to this calling for almost 50 years. The Tower Farmhouse, built in 1850 by Fallsburg settler Orlin Douglass, then modified in the late 1800s when sisters Tower and Steketee had their two houses put together, needs significant work to restore her to her former glory." ~ *Ken Tamke, president*

In order to restore this historical house, the following are on the Fallsburg Historical Society's wish list, an experienced stone mason, a dumpster, exterior primer and paint (20 gallons each, white), skilled tradesmen (carpenters, electricians, plumbers - to help evaluate courses of action), and volunteers for the Tower Farm Preservation Project Labor and the society events.

## To Feel Home on display at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine

*To Feel Home* is a solo art exhibition by Leara Glinzak at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine. The show will be open

November 10, 2012 through February 1, 2013. There will be an artist talk Thursday, December 13 at Ella's at 7

pm. The artist talk is a free event open to the public to come listen to Glinzak's art journey and goes into detail

about the theme of the show. Ella's Coffee and Cuisine is located at 307 East Main Street. The hours are Monday, 6:30 am to 3 pm; Tuesday through Friday, 6:30 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, 7 am to 1 pm.

The works in the show include watercolor paintings. The pieces beg the question, what does it mean to feel home? It is for the audience to truly engage in the appreciation for life's simplicities, the beauty Glinzak sees in the Lowell community and feeling home in your heart. Glinzak will be selling her work and cards of her paintings.

Glinzak graduated from St. Patrick's School in 2004, Lowell High School in 2008 and from Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA with a Bachelor in Arts in art therapy.

She is currently a graduate student at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, WI, getting her master's in art therapy with a concentration in counseling.



This watercolor of the Witt's Inn will be on display.

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# LHS junior wins the 2012 LHS idol contest

by Sharon Miller  
contributing reporter

The winners of the Lowell High School (LHS) Idol contest were LHS juniors, Nick Smith and Sidney Anderson and senior Audrey Pearson.

The crowd cheered for each performer, but they went wild when Smith took the stage.

Smith won first place with his breathtaking performance of Josh Grobin's "You Raise Me Up." Anderson and Pearson tied for second. Anderson performed an Amy Winehouse song, "Valerie." "I love Grace Potter," said Anderson. "She's one of my biggest musical inspirations." Pearson, who sang a song she wrote herself, said, "I haven't named the song I performed, yet."

Each of the 17 contestants chose one song to perform. Sophomore Morgan Ziegler sang Ed Sheeran's "The A Team." "Musically I'm most inspired by my older sister and Demi Lovato," said Ziegler. Senior Maggie Wissman sang an old classic from the 1957 Broadway musical West Side Story, "Somewhere," with a far away look that well matched

her beautiful rendition of the song. Pierce Watson entertained the audience by playing the piano and singing a Frank Ocean mix of "Swim Good" and "Thinking About You." When asked where his inspiration comes from Watson said, "God inspires me."

Contest winners are selected by a combination of four judges and audience vote. The four judges for the 2012 Idol contest were director of LHS choir, Nathan Masterson; New York casting director and founder of Broadway Breakthru, Nick Petro; and two radio personalities from 104.5 WSNX "The Morning After Show," Nicole Huguet and Internio Mike.

The fabulous hosts of the Idol contest were LHS senior, Ethan Sutton and LHS junior, Shelby Antel. Both Sutton and Antel do the daily news at LHS.

LHS English teacher Heidi Kolp really knows how to put on a show. She's the organizer of the LHS Idol contest. "This is the second year the contest was held as an after school event," says Kolp. "Previous Idol contests were held during the school day."



Clockwise, from left to right: Sidney Anderson (second place), Nick Smith (first place) and Audrey Pearson (second place); Contestant Maggie Wissman sings an old classic, "Somewhere." and all 17 contestants on stage with hosts Ethan Sutton and Shelby Antel.

## Luminary hike, continued

two nieces, Jenna and Emily Hillary. At the end of the trail they enjoyed free hot chocolate and crafts, along with several other groups who had ventured into the

cold night to enjoy the candlelit stroll in the forest.

Kyleigh Christians loved it. "It was great," said Kyleigh, "looking down the trail and seeing all those

flickering lights. And the stars!"

The weather was just cold enough to keep a light dusting of snow on the ground but not too frigid.

Director of the Wittenbach/Wege Center, Megan Johnson, agreed, "The weather cooperated, what a great night it was for this event."



Sam Kooiman and Nick Walker were volunteers at the Luminary Hike Saturday evening.



Jenna, Julie, Emily, and Jackson enjoyed hiking on the trail.



Staff and volunteers at the Saturday evening Luminary Hike Don Koshar, Kathy Doyal, Sheryl Helmus; bottom row: Dustin Koshar and his dog Comet.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - BASKETBALL

### Girls fall to Byron Center but triumph over Union 49-35

by Karen Jack  
On Tuesday, the Lowell girls' basketball team lost to Byron Center, 52-41, but then on Friday, turned around and beat Union High School, 49-35.

The girls traveled to Byron Center in the first away game of the season. Aubreigh Steed got a double-double, with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Montgomery was the

high scorer with 15 points, scoring three three-point baskets in that game. Kate Montgomery scored six points, with eight assists.

Lowell hosted Union on Friday, getting the win. The game started off pretty tight, with the first quarter ending with Lowell up 12-10. Lowell managed to outscore Union in the second quarter

by four more points than Union, ending it with a lead at 24-18.

The third quarter is what made a difference in the game. Holding Union to only seven points in the quarter, the Lady Arrows scored 14 points, ending that quarter in the lead, 38-25. The Arrows had several fast breaks throughout

the quarter, with quality passing and using a spread offense that was successful against the Redhawks.

In the fourth quarter, Lowell missed quite a few shots, but they were getting both offensive and defensive rebounds and setting traps, allowing them to come out on top. Union tried the full court press, but were unsuccessful due to Lowell's passing game.

Leading scorers in the Union game were Steed with 14 points and eight rebounds and Jessica Montgomery with ten. Brittany Branagan came off the bench and scored six points and had seven rebounds.

Coach Jake Stroheide said he was happy with the

result, but believes they still have a lot to work on. "We have to work at not playing not to lose," he said. "It seems in the fourth quarter, we start playing not to lose instead of playing to win and we definitely have to work on that."

The coach was very pleased with his bench playing at the game, touting Branagan's performance for the night. "Brittany really worked hard tonight and her game playing really made the difference," he added.

The Lady Arrows' next game is home on Friday against Greenville. The game is scheduled to start at 7:45 pm, but will start 20 minutes after the boys' varsity game is complete, which starts at 6:00 pm..



Danielle Ordway drives the basketball towards the offense.

Brittany Branagan starts to block out after the shot.

Aubreigh Steed gets the rebound

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - Wrestling

# Lowell takes Cedar Springs to the mat 38-36

by Karen Jack

The final score may not look like it, but the Lowell wrestling team started off the season with a strong showing, beating Cedar Springs 38-36. Without using more than half their starting wrestlers that wrestled last year and giving mat time to some of the more inexperienced wrestlers, the Red Arrows managed to still pull off the victory.

Derek Krajewski, Bailey Jack, Jordan Hall, Kanon Dean, Taylor Kornoely, Garrett Stehley, and Josh Colegrove all sat the bench for the meet, while giving other wrestlers a chance to show their talent. Standout freshmen, Lucas Hall and Max Dean, also sat the bench. But the wrestlers who did perform, all did their jobs in getting the victory.

The winning wrestlers included junior Garret White, who started the meet at 135 lbs. and pinned

his opponent. Senior Zac Graves (145 lbs.) won with a void. Junior Jacob Garcia pinned his opponent at 152 lbs. Sophomore Logan Wilcox (HWT) pinned his opponent and freshman Kyle Washburn

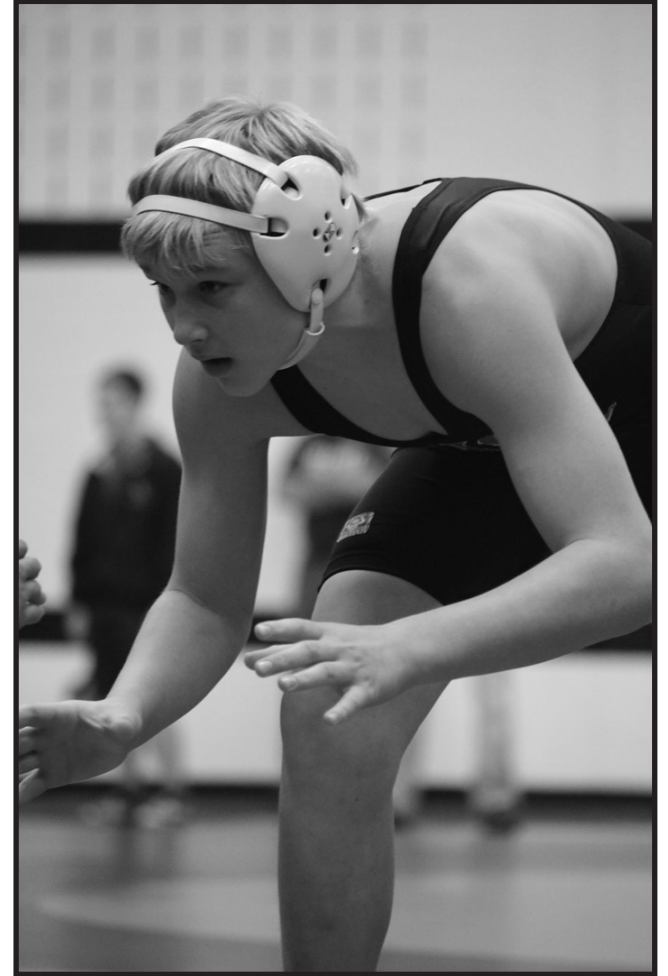
(103 lbs.) won by void. Freshman Zeth Dean teched his opponent (winning by more than 15 points) and sophomore Jason Nagy beat his opponent 9-4.

Going into the last match, the Arrows were

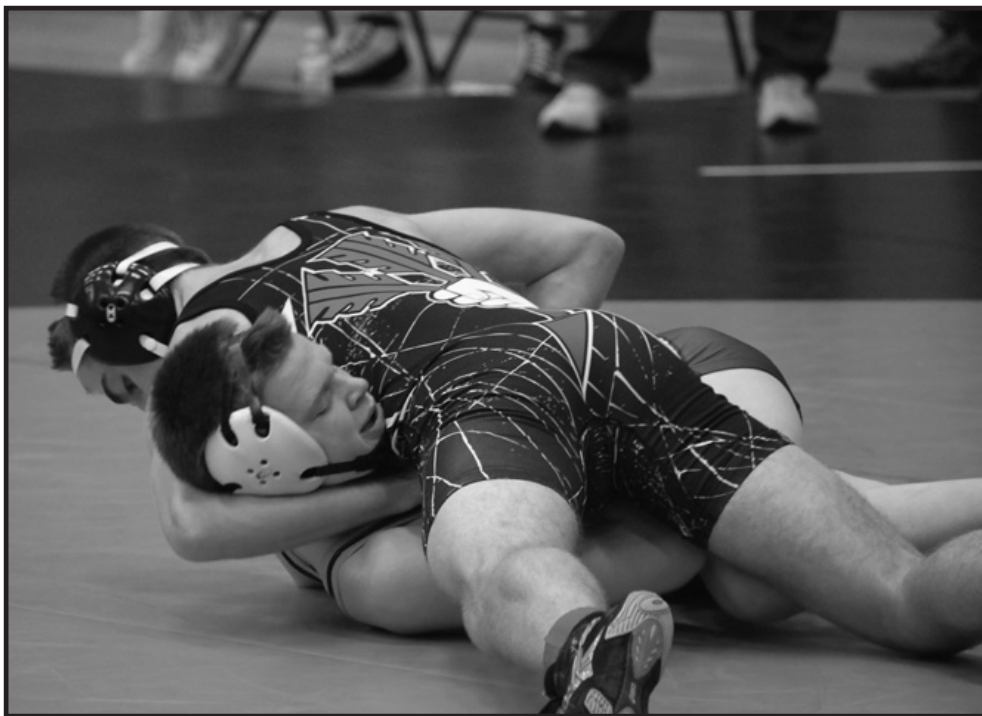
up 38-33 and freshman Danny Kruse had to face sixth ranked Cody Oehme from Cedar Springs, which was a tall order to fill. In order for the Arrows to win, Kruse had to avoid being teched (losing by more than



James Wierenga turns his opponent.



Danny Kruse gets ready to shoot.



Zac Graves gets the pin.



Logan Wilcox makes the pin.

15 points) or being pinned. Kruse got out there and although he lost, he kept the score at 11-6, which gave Cedar Springs only three points for their team score.

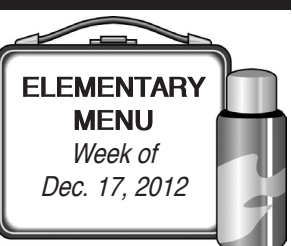
On Saturday, several of the wrestlers went to the Allegan Classic, which is a meet highly touted with several extremely good wrestlers from all over the state. While Lowell couldn't field a full team, due to several of the wrestlers having to take the ACT test, the ones that did go, did very well. With over 14 teams attending the event, Lowell managed to get six placers.

Bailey Jack took second

place at 125 lbs. facing state champ Zach Cooper in the finals. Zeth Dean (112 lbs.) and Lucas Hall (103 lbs.) both took thirds. Kanon Dean (171 lbs.) placed fourth, Zac Graves (145 lbs.) took fifth and Logan Wilcox took sixth place.

The varsity team travels to Chicago this weekend, facing Marist High School which is ranked 19th in the country, on Friday. They then travel a little further south of Chicago to Wilmington High School for a quad meet, facing three other very good teams from the Chicago area on Saturday.

### LUNCH MENU



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

**TUES:** Homemade cheese pizza, 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, fresh baby carrots, strawberries, fresh apple, milk.

**THURS:** Cold popcorn chicken salad (popcorn chicken on a bed of lettuce), (Bosco cheese filled breadsticks offered at Bushnell), mashed potatoes w/gravy, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, cauliflower bites, orange slices, fruit pudding, milk.

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

## Play Lacrosse

Open registration for all grades (1st - 12th) **December 3 - March 1**

Early-bird discount if registered by **January 31, 2013**



Online: [www.lowelllacrosse.com](http://www.lowelllacrosse.com)

In person: January 12 (9am-11am)  
Cherry Creek Elementary

Questions: [llaxboard@gmail.com](mailto:llaxboard@gmail.com)



# obituaries

## CARLON

Harvey F. Carlon, age 79 of Lowell, passed away December 8, 2012 at his residence following an extended illness. A well-respected equine veterinarian throughout Livingston County and surrounding areas, Dr. Carlon spent his professional career as a partner at Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic treating horses, particularly those with lameness problems. In addition to his veterinary prowess, he was an accomplished musician and an avid golfer. He will be sadly missed by his surviving family, his wife of 34 years, Brenda; sons, Brian, Todd (Deborah), Jamie and Chris; step-daughter, Kris Combs (John); step-son, Jon Runquist II (Lisa) and grandchildren, Joshua Carlon, Madison Carlon, Josh Combs, Andrew Combs, Jack Combs and Lucy Jeanne Runquist. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546-5783.



## SIEGLE

Dr. Richard D. Siegle, age 96, of Alto passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012. He is now reunited with Mabel, his loving wife of 68 years. Dick is survived by his children, Marian Siegle, Judy (Ken) Friedrich, Annette Ujlaky, Dr. Rick (Carla) Siegle; brothers Arnold (Ruth) Siegle of Nashua, New Hampshire and Dr. Harrison (Helen) Siegle of Spring Hill, Florida; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Dick grew up in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to Michigan to attend Michigan State College where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1939. After graduation he moved to Alto, Michigan to start a large animal veterinary practice. During World War II he served our country four years overseas in the Army; being stationed in the Philippine's and New Guinea. In 1955, Dick founded Cascade Hospital for Animals where he worked tirelessly in fulfilling his passion of caring for pets and their people. Besides being remembered for his extraordinary professional skills and compassionate way with pets, Doc Siegle will be remembered for his unusual storytelling ability, wonderful sense of humor and his uncanny way of connecting with people. Dick had a unique way of making people feel special and influenced numerous people's lives. He stressed getting a good education, hard work, always save part of your earnings, enjoy life and make many friends (especially younger friends). The celebration of his life was held at the Metcalf & Jonkhoff chapel on Friday, December 7 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota or Michigan State University - College of Veterinary Medicine in East, Lansing, Michigan. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, 4291 Cascade Rd SE at Kenmoor, E of I-96. www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com



# Social Security cards and numbers

Do you know where your Social Security card is located? Hopefully, it's in a safe place, tucked away securely with your other important papers. It certainly should not be in your purse or wallet and should not be carried with you every day since it can be more valuable than cash to an identity thief.

Do you know your Social Security number? Chances are you have it memorized. If you know your number, you may never need your card again. It is the number, not the card, that is most important.

In the event that you lose your Social Security card and really need a replacement, you can find out all the details on how to obtain a replacement card and what specific documents you need to provide at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber). Each situation is

unique, but in most cases you simply need to print, complete, and either mail or bring the application to Social Security with the appropriate documentation (originals or certified copies only).

If you need to apply for a Social Security card and number for your child, you can do that the same way, and get the specific information at the same website.

As you prepare for tax season, just around the corner, make sure the kids (and all the dependents) that you list on your annual tax return have Social Security numbers. If you want to claim your child as a dependent on your tax return, your child will need a Social Security number.

Learn more about your Social Security card and number at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

ssnumber, where you can print out an application and find out everything you need for your specific situation.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for

West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at [vondavantil@ssa.gov](mailto:vondavantil@ssa.gov)

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF LAKE

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.  
2012-193051-DE

Estate of FOLKERT  
"FRANK" MEINTS. Date  
of birth: 04/12/1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, "Frank" Meints, died October 16, 2012.

presented to Elisabeth Meints Reyneveld, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 4, 2012

Raymond J. Pater (P35812) 704 Michigan Ave. Holland, Michigan 49423 616-396-8883

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

Elisabeth Meints Reyneveld 8752 Chevelle Ct Jenison, Michigan 49428 616-889-3018

He who establishes his argument by noise and command, shows that his reason is weak.

~ Michel de Montaigne

In loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

JOYCE J. STORMZAND

who would have been 83 years old today 12-12-2012  
Passed into glory January 8, 2012



We love and miss you,  
Elizabeth Raab & Jim Momber & families,  
Ken & Elaine Gregersen & family  
Edward & Lisa Stormzand & family

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-192592-DE

Estate of STEPHANIE  
M. FRANCHI. Date of  
birth: 08/08/1914.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stephanie M. Franchi, who lived at 7238 Cascade Road SE, Cascade Township, Michigan died 06/22/2012.

forever barred unless presented to Beatrice L. Doody, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NE, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 5, 2012

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

Beatrice L. Doody 7217 Cascade Road SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-949-1752

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

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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**office hours:**  
**Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Fri. 8 a.m. - noon**  
**closed Sat. & Sun.**

# classifieds

## for sale

**KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET** - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

**FREE AD!** - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, fax 897-4809 or email to: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261.

**BOB'S 15TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRDHOUSE SALE** - Great gifts, great selection, great prices. Bluebird, wren & bat houses, wood duck nesting boxes, bird & squirrel feeders. Bob's Birdhouses, 12279 60th St., Alto, 868-6633.

**PASTIES & SOUP FOR SALE** - Bring a little taste of Northern Michigan to your table. 616-238-3880.

**1998 DODGE CARAVAN** \$2,800. Reliable van, new tires, new brakes & muffler, power windows, locks & air conditioning. Call 616-676-1652 or 616-915-8123.

**QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET** - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

**GREAT DANE FOR SALE** - 1 year old in Dec. Male, fixed, utd on all shots, microchipped & is almost done with advanced classes. We are so very busy, we don't have time anymore. Asking \$1,200 or best offer to best home. 616-889-8384.

**A BED** - A brand new queen pillowtop mattress set in plastic, w/warranty, sacrifice, \$135. Call 989-584-6818.

**SEASONED FIREWOOD** - For sale \$150. per cord, seasoned 18-36 mos. Call Dan at 616-970-3832.

**GUNS FOR SALE** - Stevens, .410/.22, o/u, \$500; High Standard, model GB.22, \$700; Ruger Mark II, Government model .22, \$300. Must have permit for pistols. All are blued & in good condition. 897-2026.

**AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES** - Homemade outfits, \$10 & \$7 & under. Call Mary at 642-6097.

**BED & MATTRESS SET** - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

**ELIMINATE HIGH HEATING BILLS** - with Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

## for sale

**TWIN BED** - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

**MAKE SURE YOUR BUSINESS IS LISTED** - in the 2013 Lowell City Directory! **Deadline is Dec. 14 to be included!** If you run a business out of your home & do not have a business phone number in the Grand Rapids phone book, there is a charge to put your phone number in the Lowell City Directory. The cost is \$15. Your business name & phone number will be listed in the red pages & under 1 category in the yellow pages. Please call Tammy at 897-9560 or email: citydirectory@att.net for further info or to place your order. All orders must be paid by Dec. 31, 2012 to be included in the book.

**2001 DODGE DAKOTA** - 3.9L, good shape, runs good, asking \$3,200. OBO. 616-260-3977.

**200 APPLIANCES** - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

**NEWSPAPER END ROLLS AVAILABLE AT THE BUYERS GUIDE OFFICE** - Many uses! 105 N. Broadway.

## help wanted

**NOW HIRING** - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.

**COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITION** - Janitorial position available in the Cascade/Ada area. Part-time, 12 hrs. per week. Reliable transportation and valid drivers license required. We offer competitive wages. Stop in soon and fill out an application: Metropolitan Building Maintenance, 868 Barnum SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

**BABYSITTER NEEDED** - in my home. Mon. thru Fri. mornings. If interested call 616-558-0417 for more details.

## wanted

**I WANT TO BUY** - refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.

**LAKEFRONT HOME, MURRAY LAKE** - Pre-approved buyers. Ready to purchase & looking for home on Murray Lake. No contingencies on offer our home is already sold. Considering all options under \$300,000. Please contact Tim or Pam at 616-780-1651.

## for rent

**HALL FOR RENT** - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

**PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.**

## services

**BUSINESS CARDS** - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

## services

**HANDY REPAIR SERVICE** - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

**NOTE OUR EARLY DEADLINE** - Our deadline for the Dec. 26 edition of the Lowell Ledger is noon on Thurs., Dec. 20. All early copy is appreciated.

**TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE** - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

**LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE** - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**ASSISTED LIVING** - Email for brochure/pictures: [AssistedLivingAlto@charter.net](mailto:AssistedLivingAlto@charter.net) SE corner Kent County. Modern country home. Cathy 616-891-1840.

## services

**PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS** - for drums, guitar & trumpet. 10 years exp. Affordable. 1st hour lesson is a free trial. Your home or mine. Jake, 881-1535.

**LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY ADVOCATE** - Call today for a free consultation, no fees unless you win. Life Transitions Therapy 238-2116.

**SALON 206 WELCOMES STYLIST ELIZABETH** - New clients 10% off all services. Tues. & Thurs. 1-8 p.m. Sat., 9-3 p.m. (free makeup consultation). Call 897-7206.

**NEED A MEAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS PREPARED?** - We can do anything from finger foods to gourmet meals. Any size party. References available. 616-238-3880.

## services

**PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER NEEDS WORK** - Fully insured. Removals, trims, chipping, stump grinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

**NEW BUSINESS RELOCATING FROM NE MICHIGAN** - Anderson Painting Co. We offer: interior/exterior painting, commercial, remodels & new homes, wood stripping & refinishing, sandblasting, power washing. Neat, clean, very dependable, professional. References, portfolio available. Licensed & insured. Lowell, 616-260-3977.

**LIL' FROGZ DAYCARE** - 2 full time openings. Located in Whispering Hills by Meijer. Please call 616-437-5586 or Facebook Lil' Frogz Daycare.

# Coming Events

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

**GRIEF - ADULT GROUP** - Each **BEYOND MAGIC** - with Tom Plunkard. Thurs., Dec. 27, 11 a.m. Masterful illusions, silly stories & chances to get in on the act for all ages. Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007.

**ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

**V.F.W. POST #8303** - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

**LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB** - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 102** - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372** - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 3188** - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

**QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB** - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731

West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

**LOWELL LIONS CLUB** - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

**LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

**TODDLER THURSDAY** - Every Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & learning. Ages 18 mo. - 36 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

**ALTO COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** - Dec. 17 from 3-7 p.m. at Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th St. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Jen Dougherty at 616-644-6529 with any questions.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** - is open Wed. & Fri. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

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

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

available.

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

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Tues. & Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS** - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 784-2007.

**LOWELL ARTS! GALLERY HOURS** - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org) or call 897-8545.

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

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

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

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

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

invited to attend.

**ORIGAMI** - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**CANCER - TEEN & TWEEN TALK GROUP** - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. - A group for youth in middle or high school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**FROSTY'S WINTER FUN FEST** - Mon., Jan 14, 10:30 a.m. Snowy crafts & frosty fun for ages 6 & younger at Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield, Alto, 784-2007.

**KNITTING** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class by Cathie Richter. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**SUPPER TOGETHER** - Each Tuesday, 5:30-6 p.m. Join in a meal together before group begins. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**PJ STORYTIME** - Fri., Dec. 21, 7 p.m. - Holiday themed & cookie decorating for Santa at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**GRIEF - KIDSGROUP** - Second & fourth Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW & YOU** - Wed., Jan 30, 6:30 p.m. Facts on Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act presented by Lisa Ross, consumer outreach coordinator for the state of Michigan. Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007.

**FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR** - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.



# LAS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Denotes a home game at LHS Main Gym

12/14 at 7:45 p.m. Greenville\*  
 12/18 at 7:45 p.m. FH Northern  
 12/21 at 7:45 p.m. FH Eastern\*  
 1/4 at 7:30 p.m. Lakewood  
 1/11 at 7:45 p.m. Kenowa Hills  
 1/14 at 7:45 p.m. Jenison  
 1/18 at 7:45 p.m. FH Central\*  
 1/22 at 7:30 p.m. East Kentwood  
 1/25 at 7:45 p.m. East GR\*  
 1/29 at 7:45 p.m. Caledonia  
 2/1 at 7:45 p.m. GR Christian  
 2/5 at 7:45 p.m. Jenison\*  
 2/8 at 7:45 p.m. FH Central  
 2/15 at 7:45 p.m. East GR  
 2/19 at 7:45 p.m. Caledonia\*  
 2/22 at 7:45 p.m. GR Christian\*

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

\* Denotes a home game at LHS Main Gym

12/14 at 6 p.m. Greenville\*  
 12/18 at 6 p.m. FH Northern  
 12/21 at 6 p.m. FH Eastern\*  
 12/27 & 12/28 time TBD GR Catholic Central Tournament  
 1/4 at 7:30 p.m. Lakewood\*  
 1/11 at 6 p.m. Kenowa Hills  
 1/15 at 6 p.m. Jenison  
 1/18 at 6 p.m. FH Central\*  
 1/25 at 6 p.m. East GR\*  
 1/29 at 6 p.m. Caledonia  
 2/1 at 6 p.m. GR Christian  
 2/5 at 6 p.m. Jenison\*  
 2/8 at 6 p.m. FH Central  
 2/12 at 7:30 p.m. Cedar Springs  
 2/15 at 6 p.m. East GR  
 2/19 at 6 p.m. Caledonia\*  
 2/22 at 6 p.m. GR Christian\*  
 2/26 at 7:30 p.m. Union

## BOYS' VARSITY ICE HOCKEY

\* Denotes a home meet at E. Kentwood Ice Arena

12/14 at 8:20 p.m. Kettering Tournament at Waterford  
 Kettering HS  
 12/21 at 8 p.m. Jenison\*  
 12/22 at 3 p.m. West Ottawa  
 1/5 at 4 p.m. Jenison  
 1/12 at 5 p.m. Portage Northern  
 1/18 at 8 p.m. Creston\*  
 1/19 at 7 p.m. Northview  
 1/26 at 2 p.m. Bay Area Thunder\*  
 2/1 at 8 p.m. Mattawan\*  
 2/2 at 4 p.m. Manistee\*  
 2/6 at 8 p.m. Creston  
 2/8 at 7 p.m. GR Christian\*  
 2/9 at 2 p.m. Wayland Union\*  
 2/13 at 8 p.m. West Catholic  
 2/15 at 8 p.m. Lanse Creuse\*  
 2/16 at 2 p.m. West Catholic\*  
 2/22 at 8 p.m. Northview\*

## GIRLS' VARSITY GYMNASTICS

\* Denotes a home meet in Auxiliary Gym

1/2 at 6 p.m. Triangular Friendship Meet\*  
 1/9 at 7 p.m. FH Northern\*  
 1/14 at 7 p.m. Rockford  
 1/16 at 6 p.m. East Kentwood  
 1/19 at 10 a.m. Lowell Invitational\*  
 1/21 at 7 p.m. Kenowa Hills\*  
 1/28 at 7 p.m. FH Northern  
 2/4 at 7 p.m. Rockford\*  
 2/6 at 7 p.m. East Kentwood\*  
 2/13 at 7 p.m. Kenowa Hills

## BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING

\* Denotes a home meet at LHS Main Gym

12/15 at 9:30 a.m. Wilmington Quad  
 12/19 at 7 p.m. Jenison  
 12/29 at 10 a.m. Lowell Super Duals\*  
 1/9 at 7 p.m. GR Christian/East GR  
 1/12 at 9 a.m. Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament\*  
 1/18 at 5 p.m. Triangular at Cherry Creek Elementary  
 1/20 at 11 a.m. Detroit CC at MSU  
 1/23 at 7 p.m. Caledonia  
 1/25 at 5 p.m. Triangular at Middle School Gym

## BOYS' & GIRLS' VARSITY SKIING

\* Denotes event held at Cannonsburg Ski Area

1/8 at 4 p.m. Tournament\*  
 1/15 at 4 p.m. Tournament\*  
 1/22 at 4 p.m. Tournament\*  
 1/25 Caberfae  
 1/29 at 4 p.m. Tournament\*  
 2/5 at 4 p.m. Tournament\*  
 2/14 Regionals\*

## GIRLS' VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER

\* Denotes a home meet at LHS

12/22 Gobels Invitational  
 1/5 Belding Invitational  
 1/12 at noon Gull Lake Invitational  
 1/16 at 6:30 p.m. Jamboree at GR Christian  
 1/19 Allendale Invitational  
 1/23 at 6:30 p.m. Jamboree at Northview  
 1/30 at 6:30 p.m. Jamboree\*  
 2/2 at 10 a.m. Kenowa Hills Invitational  
 2/4 Thornapple Kellogg Invitational  
 2/6 at 6:30 p.m. Conference at Cedar Springs

For More Information please visit  
[www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com)  
 Be sure to read the Lowell Ledger for  
 coverage of the LAS Varsity Winter Sports.



**THEME:  
HOLIDAY SONGS**

**ACROSS**

1. Muslim woman's headscarf
6. Found on a keyboard
9. \*What mommy gave Santa
13. Idealized image
14. Beatle bride
15. "Saturday Night Fever" music
16. Yo-Yo Ma with a cello, e.g.
17. Like sashimi
18. Team event in track
19. \*\*"Away in a \_\_\_\_\_"
21. Number of football players on field per team
23. Zeus, e.g.
24. Dog pest
25. Boozer
28. Red Cross supplies
30. Like Tinkerbell
35. Absent soldier
37. Like Civil War reenactment battle
39. \*\*"\_\_\_\_\_ Baby"
40. Down in the dumps
41. Up and about
43. Tranquil scene
44. Officially allowed
46. Hokkaido people
47. Calm by deception
48. Like Thai cuisine, e.g.
50. Eye amorously
52. Bro's sibling
53. Used for drying
55. Inflated feeling
57. Cream cheese on a bagel, e.g.
60. \*Pipe smoker
63. Fictional cemetery dweller
64. Be in the red
66. In an unfriendly manner
68. \*Seen with Santa
69. \*Given name of famous crooner
70. Rane'e's wrap

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**DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11**

- A Florida judge denied George Zimmerman's request to remove his GPS monitoring device and travel freely pending his trial next June in the shooting death of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman was a neighborhood watch volunteer in a gated community in the central Florida city of Sanford at the time of the shooting.
- The Michigan House is in session discussing right-to-work legislation. A crowd of over 12,000 protested outside the Capitol in Lansing. President Barack Obama, while visiting Michigan, criticized the right-to-work effort saying, "What they're really talking about is giving you the right to work for less money." By Tuesday, the legislature approved the so-called "right-to-work" legislation. It awaits the governor's signature.

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71. Blouses  
72. Ottoman officer title  
73. Heavy walk
- DOWN**
1. That guy
  2. Mosque V.I.P.
  3. Cup of Joe
  4. Maturing
  5. Double-drums
  6. Millimeter of mercury
  7. RNs' org.

8. B in IBS
9. Chicken \_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_ of Man
11. PET or CAT
12. \_\_\_\_ sauce
15. \*\*"I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my \_\_\_\_\_"
20. Swelling
22. \*\*"Mele Kalikimaka" wreath
24. Dissenting clique
25. \*\*"Santa Baby, slip a \_\_\_\_ under the tree, for me"
26. Young hooter
27. Often describes luck
29. Parks on a bus
31. Jack and Jill's water jug
32. River in India
33. Credit card reader writing tool, pl.
34. \*They are decked
36. With little fat
38. \*Wenceslas' title
42. Olden days disciplinary tool
45. Probable
49. Jason Bourne's enemy
51. Altruist's opposite
54. Parkinson's drug
56. Grouchy Muppet
57. Used to frighten something away
58. Partner of circumstance
59. Goes with eggnog, pl.
60. Greek salad cheese
61. Novice
62. Original matter
63. Greenwich time
65. Tail move
67. Uh-huh



**We want you to "Sound Off!"**

**BUT...** With the abundance of Internet blogs we feel there is a large enough arena for anonymous comments to be voiced. More often than not, it appears, that when given the option to remain unknown, the writer's opinions are far more vitriolic.

The Ledger would still like to provide a forum for short, impromptu comments, criticisms, compliments and statements -

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*Puzzle Solutions for this week are on page 12*





The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2012**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$ 2,850,192
Contributions	\$ 1,735
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,851,927</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 666,741
Investment Manager Fee	\$ 79,639
Support Services	\$ 66,022
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 812,403</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 2,039,524
Net Assets, Beginning of the year	\$12,962,008
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$15,001,532</b>

**Community Fund Advisory Committee 2011**

- Jeff Bunn, representing Vergennes Township
- John Darling, representing the Englehardt Family
- Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager
- Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Principal, Lowell High School
- David Organek, Huntington Bank
- Gregory Pratt, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools
- David Simmonds, representing Lowell Township

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**Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012**

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
City Trees Program	To assist the Arbor Board with implementation of its annual tree plan.	City of Lowell	\$15,000
Electronic Public Records, Technology Upgrades	To enhance electronic record maintenance and communications to the public.	City of Lowell	\$12,500
Fire Boots and Extrication Coats	To replace outdated boots and buy new extrication coats.	City of Lowell	\$10,000
Critical Needs Financial Assistance Program	To meet the critical needs of area families to prevent evictions and other hardships.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$50,000
River of Hope Capital Campaign	Capital improvements to facility.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$100,000
2012 Community Wide Business Marketing	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$22,500
2012 Kaleidoscope	To publish the Kaleidoscope and online community calendar.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$15,412
2012 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide financial support for the 2012 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$13,500
Greater Lowell Community Vision Project	To create a Community Vision and Implementation Plan for the Greater Lowell Community.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$73,830
Repairs and Renovation	To make repairs and renovations to barns and arena at the Kent County Fair Grounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$16,249
"Real to Reel" History of the Lowell Strand Theater	For special exhibit rooms about the Strand Theater in Lowell.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$9,500
Data entry and artifact information clerk	To enter artifact/donor information into the Museum's Permanent Collection Database.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$7,200
Electronic Signs - Athletic Stadium	To inform the community using technology with current and on demand strategies.	Lowell Area Schools	\$40,000
Lowell Area Schools Robotics Program	To provide further development of the Lowell Robotics Program.	Lowell Area Schools	\$25,000
Lowell Music Boosters	To purchase needed equipment for young musicians of Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools	\$30,178
Tots on Track/PreSchool	To help families prepare their preschoolers to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$54,000
2012 LEF Grant	For innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Organizational Growth and Community Partnerships	To increase awareness and participation in community-based wellness activities and programs.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$10,000
Lowell Ledger Microfilm Digitization Project	To digitize 100+ years of The Lowell Ledger issues and make available online.	Lowell Friends of the Library	\$6,000
LowellArts! 2012	To support the financial cost to provide its programs, events and services for calendar year 2012.	LowellArts!	\$23,000
Magician's Nephew Theatre Performance.	For grades 2-5 at Lowell Area Schools and provide three evening public performances.	LowellArts!	\$2,250
Office Equipment Upgrades	To purchase computers, printer, and upgrade software for the LowellArts! offices.	LowellArts!	\$2,289
Ready, Set, Move Seniors	To educate Lowell Area Seniors in health and wellness practices to increase quality of life.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$13,020
Scholarships	College scholarships awarded to Lowell Area Residents.		\$62,000
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>			<b>\$633,428</b>

Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation