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School board members meet with Obama's education advisor in Washington D.C.

Achieve a budget compromise that will spare children from damaging reductions in special education and title funding for at-risk students was the message delivered to Congress and the White House by Kent County board members in meetings on Capitol Hill.

School board members from across Kent County joined with their colleagues from around the nation in the recent National School Board Association Federal Relations Network to encourage Congress to avoid across-the-board reductions in domestic spending under the sequestration of funds scheduled in March under the Budget Control Act.

Kent County school board members met with Roberto Rodriguez,

education advisor to President Obama, in the executive office building to ask for education to be spared during upcoming budget negotiations. They also recommended the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to be reauthorized with growth models and multiple measures of student achievement instead of reliance on a single test to assess performance as required under No Child Left Behind.

A similar message was conveyed to Speaker John Boehner's office and to staff members of Reps. Justin Amash and Tim Walberg, Michigan's only member on the House Education and Labor Committee.

Kent County school board members attending



the conference were Tony Baker, Senita Lenear and Wendy Falb of Grand Rapids Public Schools;

Brian Ellis of East Grand Rapids Public Schools; Joe Marckini of Cedar Springs Public Schools; Crystal Reidzans of Kelloggsville Public Schools; **Laurie Kuna of Lowell Area Public Schools**; Carol Hillman and Laura Featherston of Rockford Public Schools; Cindy Ordway and Dave Smith of Thornapple Public Schools; and Andrea Haidle and Steve Zinger of Kent ISD.

Zinger, who serves as president of the Michigan Association of School

Boards, said it is important for Congress to hear directly from their constituents. "With the looming reductions in school funding through the Budget Control Act and the urgent need to reauthorize ESEA, it is essential local school board members express their concerns," Zinger said. "Every other group is advocating for their issues and we would be letting our children down if we didn't let our Congress members know how important these programs are for students."

FFA teams advance to regionals

submitted by Kevin Nugent

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, 34 FFA members from Lowell traveled to Saranac to compete in the district leadership contest. The events are designed to help students develop leadership skills and

the top two teams in each event advancing to compete at the regional level.

Lowell had members advance to the regional level in six of the eight contests in which they competed. Finishing in first place in

level in the Creed Speaking contest where he had to memorize and recite the FFA creed along with answering questions on what the creed means to him. Brad Depew was named an alternate.

In the Agricultural



Members of the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings were, front row, left to right: Keana Fahrni, Elise Marshall, Tess Regan, and Lizzie Kuhns; back row, left to right: Keegan Mebert, Jenna Harper, Abigail Kastanek, Conner Nugent, and Samuel Misak.

prepare them for future careers. Students research chosen topics in any area of agriculture and demonstrate their knowledge through speeches and presentations. The contests' areas range from public speaking events to job interview and parliamentary procedure. Students from Lowell competed against students from five area schools, with

the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings contest, middle school members had to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Team members included Keana Fahrni, Jenna Harper, Abigail Kastanek, Lizzie Kuhns, Elise Marshall, Keegan Mebert, Samuel Misak, Conner Nugent, and Tess Regan. Brad Stoffers advanced to the regional

Issues contest, members select a current issue facing agriculture and develop a skit to show the pros and cons of the issue. The team of Maria Blough, Mary Leasure and Anna Reynolds presented on the new changes to the school lunch program. They finished in first place and will also compete in the

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Annual spaghetti dinner raises funds for camp

The fifth-grade students from Murray Lake Elementary School held their annual spaghetti dinner last Saturday. The money raised from the dinner and the silent auction held at the dinner help to offset the cost for fifth-grade camp that these fifth graders will attend in the spring.

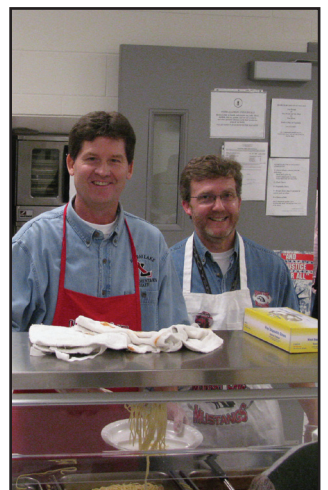
Close to 500 people attended the event, raising over \$4,000 to help with the students' camp costs.

Students were asked to sell tickets, advertise for the event and work one of the many jobs during the dinner. "I had to sell pop and water. People were very generous. One man gave us a twenty dollar bill and told us to keep the change!" commented fifth grader Grace Barber.

"I was also surprised by

how generous people were. Almost everyone who won a silent auction item gave us extra money," added Logan Staley.

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Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus serve up the spaghetti.

LHS football coach Noel Dean, Person of the Year, among those to be honored at chamber dinner

The chamber of commerce annual Winter Gathering of the membership is Thursday February 21 from 6 pm to 9 pm. It is being held at the Grand Volute Ballrooms at 655 Lincoln Lake Ave SE.

The purpose of the gathering is not only to bring everyone together, but also to honor several local businesses and the Person of the Year.

This dinner is not just for the members of the chamber of commerce. It is also open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$390 for a table of eight. The deadline to buy tickets is February 12. They can be purchased by calling the chamber at 897-9161. The event begins with a social hour at 6 pm and the dinner commencing at 6:30 pm.

The 2013 Person of the Year is Noel Dean. The Person of the Year exemplifies the best of Lowell. Criteria for this title are hard to achieve. The person must make the community a better place to live, must promote the community and be an innovator. Dean has been a long-time coach of the high

school football team. He has been a great role model for his players and has coached them to several state championship games. He also started the Pink Arrow Project in 2008. Since its formation, not only has the project raised massive amounts of money, but it has raised awareness of cancer and the need for support. Because of the project, another organization, Gilda's Club, moved into Lowell. Dean has helped make Lowell a better place to live in many facets of his life.

The Brick Award is given out in the categories of industry and retail/service. This award is given to a business that has made capital improvements or built a new facility. The business also demonstrates a commitment to Lowell by making investments on their property, hiring more employees and offering new and improved services to Lowell and the surrounding communities.

The Industry Brick Award was awarded to King Milling. Founded in Lowell in 1890, they have provided jobs and been a supporter

of the community in many ways. King Milling has been constructing new buildings to add more storage space and increase their flour productions capabilities.

The Retail/Service Brick Award was awarded to Green Acres of Lowell, a new retirement community for seniors and retirees that

focuses on independent living. By providing a wonderful environment for seniors and retirees, they are offering a great service

to the community. They also hired many new employees from nurses to pharmacists to receptionists.



along main street

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The next volunteer training for the museum is Tues., Feb. 19 at 7 pm. Please join us as we are always looking for helping hands.

GILDA'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Book Club, Tues., Feb. 19, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk. **Cancer - New Member Meeting**, Tuesdays, Feb. 12 and 26, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:15-8 pm. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. **"Look Good, Feel Better,"** Tues., Feb. 12, 1-3 pm. This program, presented by the American Cancer Society, will help women in treatment for cancer with appearance-related side-effects. Each woman learns to perform her own makeover using complimentary cosmetics and skin care products. Please sign up as class size is limited. **Woodcarving**, Tues., Feb. 19, 4-5 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

PARENTING CLASSES

TOTS Love and Logic Parenting Classes are coming Feb. 28, March 7, 14 and 21, from 6:30-7:45 pm at Bushnell Elementary. Free childcare. For more information or to register, call Lori at TOTS, 987-2532.

NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township is accepting proposals for mowing and maintenance of the Township Hall, Township Park, cemeteries and water tower for the 2013 season.

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LowellArts! and Thebes Players will present the dramedy, Steel Magnolias, at Larkin's Other Place in downtown Lowell, the weekends of April 26-May 11. Director Peter Huschilt is seeking six adult females for roles. Approximate ages needed are two young girls, early 20s; two in their 40s-50s and two in their mid-60s. Auditions will be held at LowellArts!, 149 South Hudson, on Sat., March 9, from 9:30-11:30 am and Tues., March 12, from 6:30-8:30 pm. For a sample script, stop by LowellArts! during regular business hours Mon. through Fri., 10 am-6 pm. Scripts will also be available at the auditions. For more information call or visit LowellArts! at 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the Tuesday, February 26, 2013 Lowell Area Schools Special Election will be conducted on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, Council Chambers, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Charlotte's Web performed at Cherry Creek Elementary

by Sharon Miller
contributing reporter

LowellArts! and Thebes Players put on a fantastic show, acting out E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web" at Cherry Creek Elementary on January 30. Charlotte's Web is a wonderful story about true friendship.

Laura Leasure directed the production which included Thebes Players from several area schools. Students from Cherry Creek, Murray Lake, Lowell Middle School, Alto, Forest Hills Central, and Saranac were involved in the production. "We're very grateful to Lowell Methodist Church for donating a room for our show rehearsals," said Leasure.

Charlotte (Maddi Emelander) is a wise spider that helps her friend, Wilber the pig (Dominik Peplinski) stay alive by weaving flattering words about him into her web. Charlotte gathers the aid of the

entire barnyard, especially Templeton the rat (Ivan Reynolds) to accomplish this goal.

All of the actors really owned their characters and drew the audience in. Emelander had everyone believing in Charlotte's enduring wisdom and compassion and Reynolds perfected the greedy, self-seeking rat that is Templeton.

The audience loved being involved. Addison Eckelbrager's favorite part of the play was "when Wilber ran into the audience." Lizzie Kuhn, who was in the audience, watched her friend Keana Fahrni, who played a reporter in the production. Kuhn was there with her mom, Shali and brother, William.

The entire cast and crew did great work as the audience was drawn into the story by their skillful portrayal of characters.



Wilber gets his picture taken for the paper. Pictured, from left: reporter (Keana Fahrni), Templeton (Ivan Reynolds), Wilber (Dominik Peplinski), and Mr. Arable (Donald Trierweiler).



Everyone in the barnyard is happy for Wilber because he gets to go to the fair. Pictured, from left: Wilber (Dominik Peplinski), Fern (Allison Hamilton), Charlotte (Maddi Emelander), Templeton (Ivan Reynolds), and barnyard animals.



Templeton eats too much at the fair. Pictured, from left: Charlotte (Maddi Emelander), Wilber (Dominik Peplinski), and Templeton (Ivan Reynolds).

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

The Optical Shop has made application for a variance from Section 18.07(d) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for an additional wall sign that would exceed the maximum size allowed for signage on a wall in the commercial zoning district for property located at 11901 Fulton Street, Lowell, MI, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-426-043, in the Meijer store.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

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city update



Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

Fixing streets is a major issue facing the city of Lowell and is something the council has made a priority since my first day here. The real challenge is funding, which is at an all-time low in Michigan. In the next few months you will hear a lot more about transportation funding as the governor announced in his State of the State address that he will make it a top priority. In the meantime, I thought you would appreciate an overview of street funding and the resources available to the city of Lowell.

First, it is important to know that streets are divided into a number of categories depending on usage and importance to the overall statewide transportation system. The category of a street determines which agency has jurisdiction over its repair and maintenance and what funding sources can be used.

As you probably know, M-21 is a state highway and even though we refer to it as Main Street it is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). As a result, MDOT decides how and when repairs occur as well as making decisions about signage, driveways and anything else impacting the road.

Hudson and Jackson (south of M-21) are examples of county roads which are under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Road Commission. Again, repairs and other decisions regarding these streets are made by the road commission.

All other streets in the city of Lowell are

considered local streets and fall under the jurisdiction of city government. These streets are divided into two categories: major and minor. Examples of major streets are Foreman, Gee Drive, Jefferson, Monroe, Broadway, Bowes and smaller sections of Avery, Kent, Washington, Suffolk, and Water. Most of the rest fall into the minor category.

Funding for transportation comes from a variety of federal, state and local sources. Federal and state sources are restricted by the types of projects that can be funded and the categories of streets on which the funding may be used. There are a number of federal and state transportation funding programs and for space and other reasons I will not go into all of them, however, I would like to focus on the Small Urban program and Act 51 funding.

Lowell is the only community in Kent County that qualifies for the Small Urban program. The funding is distributed on a statewide basis and we typically receive \$375,000 every two years. It requires a 10 percent match and can only be used on "federal aid eligible" streets. Our federal aid eligible streets are Foreman, Gee and Bowes Road. I often get asked why these streets seem to be repaired more often than others and the reason is because our federal funding is limited to these streets. I am currently working with state and regional officials to add other major streets, such as Jefferson and Monroe, to the federal aid eligible list.

The major source of state funding is commonly

referred to as Act 51 funding. The money is generated from state gas taxes and is distributed based on a formula adopted by the legislature. Most of the Act 51 funding goes to MDOT for state roads and highways, however, some of it is distributed to local units of government. A majority of the Act 51 funding received by the city of Lowell must be used on major streets.

As the debate over transportation funding heats up in Michigan, local units of government will be asking how much of the increase in transportation funding will go toward fixing city streets. In other words, what will happen to the Act 51 formula?

In the city of Lowell, we supplement Act 51 funding with property tax revenue from the General Fund. For the current budget year, \$175,000 or the equivalent of approximately two mills is used for streets. Keep in mind that Act 51 and local funding are used for all activities relating to streets, not just street projects.

In the current budget that includes Act 51 and local revenue, 26 percent is allocated for capital projects (reconstruction and resurfacing), 21 percent for maintenance (such as potholes and patching), 10 percent for traffic (such as fixing signs and painting lines), 19 percent for winter maintenance (snow plowing), 7 percent for administration (state required paperwork, bookkeeping and engineering for projects) and 16 percent for debt service (payments on debt for prior street projects).

As staff, we spend a lot of time working through the patchwork of transportation funding, preserving our street network and keeping our streets safe. In the near future we will be putting the final touches on a draft asset management plan which will prioritize street projects in a way that gets us the best "bang for the buck." If you have any questions on streets or street funding, please feel free to contact me at 897-8457 or by email at mhowe@ci.lowell.mi.us

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viewpoint

to the editor

time for gun lobby to rethink response

To the Editor,
My heart aches for the families in New Town, Conn., not only for the loss of 26 innocents, but also for the ridiculous and insensitive response of the gun lobby to what occurred. Every time I turn on the TV, I become more convinced the right-wing 'gun-toten' lunatics are preparing to take over the asylum.
My background is that of being a combat disabled veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam era "63-66." I suffered a gunshot wound to the left elbow in "66" as a machine gunner and could no longer serve. I also graduated from the Corps armorer school, so I know an assault weapon from a Marlin "22."
I also have the unique perspective of having been an educator for over 30 years. The last 27 as an elementary principal. My last four years were in a K-1 building. Based on my experience, if I'm not an expert on kids, teachers and

guns, I'm pretty close. From my perspective, mixing teachers and guns is a recipe for disaster and I'll tell you why.
Most if not all of the school violence we have witnessed was committed after weeks of planning and preparation. Guns, ammo, target locations, and security were all figured in. Another common denominator among the killers is that they are committed to shooting, no warning, no questions asked.
My experience is that even with the best training and years of practice, when the fecal matter hits the whirly thing, the natural reaction is to hit the dirt and stay low until the situation gets sorted out. In a classroom with 25 kids, a teacher, at the first sign of trouble, would have to choose to head for the gun locker or move kids to a place of safety. The first choice will get the teacher and most likely the kids

killed every time, regardless of training.
In an armed school environment, teachers, admin. or any adult will be targeted first. There are nuts who would consider this a challenge.
The entire issue of armed school staff raises some interesting questions which I'm sure has many lawyers going to bed with visions of multimillion dollar lawsuits dancing in their heads.

- Who buys the guns, ammo? What caliber?
- Who provides training? How often? Teacher compensated? Training required? Teacher insured?
- Will staff be compensated for additional responsibilities?
- Will shooting scores be a criteria for employment or performance reviews? Sound foolish? You can bet it will come up and lawyers will love it.
- Can the board and admin. be held liable for accidents involving guns or alleged insufficient training?
- What will increased insurance premiums in the district be like?
- This last one should be huge to any teacher and administrator. What do

you do with a teacher who actually fires a gun in a classroom?
Right or wrong, it would be my guess that a teacher who fires a gun for any reason in school would never teach again.
And all of this comes down at a time when every state in the country is cutting teacher salaries, health care and pension benefits. As much as I loved my job, it's a wonder to me why anyone would consider a teaching career today.
There is only one way to "begin" reducing mass shootings and that's to get the AKs, AR-15s. Bushmasters and the like, off the streets.
Right-wing legislators and the gun lobby take refuge behind the second amendment. Would the founding fathers have any idea there would be weapons such as we have today? I think not.
My fear is that as long as the National Rifle Association (NRA) and other gun lobbies are able to buy legislators and their votes, nothing will change and the mass killings will go on.

Louie Dudeck
Lowell

what is a leader?

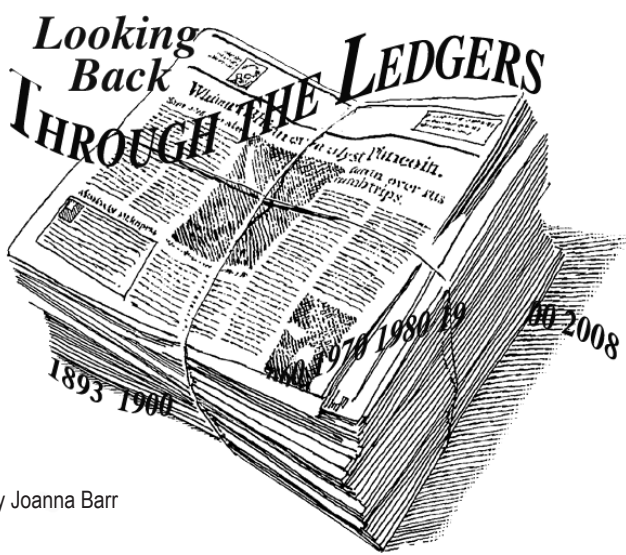
To the Editor,
What is a leader?
A leader is someone whose direction and approach other people are willing to follow.
Honesty, initiative, enthusiasm, promoting teamwork, communication and a willingness to learn are just a few attributes which make a good leader.
Greg Pierce exemplifies these traits of good leadership.
We have worked under different leaders at Lowell Light & Power (LL&P). We have seen the ups and downs and the good and bad. We were not hired by Greg Pierce and have been employed by LL&P between 13 and 24 years. We follow Greg's leadership because of his vision for the future for Lowell Light & Power and the community. The ideas he brings to the table are met with excitement. Sure, there are some who cast doubt on his ideas because he thinks outside the box and that requires people to move out of their comfort zone. However, the vast majority of the public and employees relish a person who is a forward thinker. He continually strives to promote system reliability, safety and workforce

development. Because of his leadership, goals and vision for the future, LL&P and its employees were recognized by the American Public Power Association and awarded Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation in 2010, an award received by only 10 percent of municipals in the nation. This was a tremendous effort put forth by the staff under Greg's leadership to achieve this designation. We are very proud of this accomplishment.
Greg Pierce asks no more from his employees or himself than other successful employers ask of their employees. A good leader wants his employees to be honest, show initiative, show a willingness to learn, be dependable, show enthusiasm about their work, to be team players, show loyalty to the company and to be go-getters.
We are proud and excited to be working for a leader who has these qualities and who strives to continually look toward the future of Lowell Light & Power and the community.
Tom Russo,
Gail Waldron.,
Ron vanOverbeek,
Mark Droog

what is a good manager?

To The Editor,
Dear Mr. Canfield - I felt a response from our concerned members of Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) might help you understand why there is so much chatter and people speaking out regarding the issue of employee relations with LL&P management. And I must say, as concerned members it is quite alarming that the board chair would offer such opinions and defend one individual and question whose best interest you are considering, the members of LL&P or your manager. Also we wonder if the city council is endorsing your advice column in the local media outlets.
First, if Mr. Pierce is such a great manager why did Traverse City Power push him out the door? If you have good people, you try to keep them at all cost, not push them out the door.
Second, being a numbers' guy does not make them a good manager; anyone with simple math skills can make cuts to improve a bottom line of a financial statement.

Being a good manager is not just making cuts to the operations' budgets but working together with the employees and LL&P board and city council to achieve good working relationships with all parties to keep employee morale and the financials positive. When this is accomplished, then you can say that that person is a good manager.
I think Mr. Canfield, you should stick to being the board chair and spend your time looking for resolution between the manager of LL&P and the employees, rather than offering your opinions as to how good the manager is. If that was the case, you would not have all the turmoil and employee morale problems that you are faced with now. A good manager would have seen these issues coming and addressed them before it went public.
For more information please log onto www.voiceoflowell.org
Randy Halstead,
The OS



By Joanna Barr

115 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 10, 1898

Headline: Sad Accident – Fred O'Harrow Loses His Right Hand. Last Thursday afternoon while operating a power feed cutter propelled by horses, Fred O'Harrow of South Lowell, had his right hand cut off above the wrist. The horses were going too fast to suit him and he was crowding in the feed to slow them down, when the rollers caught his mitten and drew in his hand with the unfortunate result stated. Drs. McDannell and Eaton gave him needed attention and at this (Monday) morning he is doing as well as could be expected. Mr. O'Harrow has a wife and one small child.
A clever rascal, but Lewis Wilder got caught just the same. A fellow giving the name of Lewis Wilder used the stationery of S. A. Watt of Saranac to order a suit of clothes of Schlotf Bros, of Detroit, sent to him at Lowell,

forging Mr. Watt's name to the order. The goods were delivered to Wilder and then he disappeared. R. W. Swayze of Hotel Waverly cashed a \$7.50 check for the fellow signed L. Higer & Son, Grand Rapids, drawn on the People's Savings Bank, and this is alleged to be a forgery. Wilder was captured at Port Huron and taken to Grand Rapids for examination Monday.
Fred Hess gets a year at Ionia. Harvey Gibson and John Clark were called to Ionia Monday to testify in the case of the people vs Fred Hess. It will be remembered that Hess brought a load of wool to Lowell last June

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area births

Fouph



Christopher Lee Fouph II

Proud parents Chris and Kim Fouph of Coopersville joyfully welcomed a baby boy on January 1, 2013. Christopher Lee Fouph II was born at 7:37 am at Butterworth Hospital. He was 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 19.5 inches. Proud grandparents include Randy and Peggy Seaman of Lowell, Jim and Joni Maile of Newaygo and Rich and Rhonda Fouph of Elgin, SC.

college news

Natalie Hewitt was named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

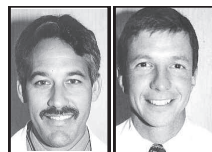
Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Hewitt is majoring in economics and management and minoring in communication studies, with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. She is the daughter of Gregory and Barbara Hewitt of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Alma College has announced the names of those students who earned dean's list honors for outstanding academic performance during the 2012 fall term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Students on the list from this area are Zachary Caverley, Elaine Cunningham, Mallory Simon, Alexandra Woodburne, of Ada; and Elliot Bates and Jennifer Campfield, of Alto.

health



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

aspirin

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 28, 2013 School Election will be conducted Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
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LMS spelling bee winners

The Lowell Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Jan. 15 in the school media center. A record number of 28 students participated and many rounds of intense

competition were held before a winner was declared. This year's first-place winner was Karsten Kirkendoll and runner-up was Trevor Sherman.

Assistant principal Nate Fowler was the moderator and Tom Burradell organized the bee. Kirkendoll and Sherman will both compete at regionals.



Spelling bee champion Trevor Sherman, principal Nate Fowler and runner-up Karsten Kirkendoll.



At Your Local Library

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

Heart To Heart Craft Party –

Roses are red, violets are blue, join our Valentine event, just for you! Celebrate Valentine's Day with snacks and crafts. For families. Thurs., Feb. 14 at 10:30 am.

Moose On The Loose –

Hang on to your antlers! KDL is celebrating the Michigan Reads picture book selection, *Moose on the Loose* by Kathy-Jo Wargin. Hear great moose stories, make your own antlers and more. For young children, ages six and younger. Tues., Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm and Thurs., Feb. 21 at 10:30 am.

Looking Back, continued

and sold it to Chas. McCarty. It proved to be stolen and he was arrested shortly after arriving at his home at Clarksville. His trial has been postponed until Monday when he changed his previous plea of "not guilty" to that of "guilty" and was sentenced to serve a year at Ionia.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 6, 1913

Finding the drowned. Occasionally one reads that, "when human bodies are thought to be in rivers and cannot be found, a loaf of bread has been floated down the stream." But very few people have the least idea what connection there is between bread and the finding of bodies. When the river has been dragged without result, a loaf of bread is cut in two, a place hollowed out in the middle and a quantity of quick silver inserted. The two halves of the loaf are then fastened together again and the bread is thrown into the water in the place where the body is supposed to be. Without fail the loaf floats along until it reaches the vicinity of the body and then revolves quickly, hovering over the spot.

Edwin Fallas has just received word from Buenos Aires, Argentina, of the death of his little three-year-old grandson, Joseph Spight. The child will be remembered here, having with his parents Rev. and Mrs. Thom Spight spent several months here last summer.

Mrs. Viola H. Barr, Mrs. L. H. Hendershot and Chester Snow, a laborer, all of Grand Rapids, have reported to the police that a fortune teller has made off with \$600 worth of diamond rings and \$200 in cash which they gave her in the hope that she could change their poor luck.

At the council meeting Monday night the matter of abuse of privileges at the city hall was thoroughly discussed, after an investigation of conditions and full authority was conferred upon the janitor to enforce a decent respect for the public rights. It is safe to say

that further exhibitions of contempt for authority, public property and privileges accorded, will bring prompt penalties. This is as it should be.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 10, 1938

The waters of Flat and Grand rivers reached quite a high point here the first of the week but fortunately not high enough to give cause for alarm. The flats along Grand river are partially covered with water and a considerable portion of the lowlands of Fallasburg Park have also been under water. Employees of the municipal plant and of the King Milling company spent several hours Sunday breaking up the ice jam which had formed on the north side of Main st. bridge. The 75-year-old covered bridge at Fallasburg was endangered by Sunday's ice jam but workmen succeeded in preventing damage to this now famous landmark.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 7, 1963

"Leens"— new pure-white jeans from Lee—just in at Coons.

A rabid skunk attacked the family dog at the residence of F. J. Koster, sr., Monday, January 28. Around 2:00 p.m. on that date, Mrs. Koster observed a skunk emerge from a coal bin in their yard and attack the dog. A neighbor shot the skunk when it tried to attack him.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a budget hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 followed by a regular meeting of the Lowell Township Board. The hearing will be held at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. At such time, in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours or on the Township's website - www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

Linda S. Regan,
Clerk

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 10, 1988

Headline: Valentines for forgotten hostages. S.J. Bob Furniture, received approximately 500 Valentines from local school children, churches, organizations and local residents in a little more than a week for its "Valentines for the American Hostages" drive. The drive was initiated from a Phil Donahue Show. The show talked about how Americans had forgotten about the hostages. Hearing this, S.J. Bob employee Phyllis Franks, with the backing of the owner, Steve Larkin, contacted local schools and organizations asking if they would make Valentines for the American hostages in Beirut.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CITY OF LOWELL COUNTY OF KENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City of Lowell – Lowell, Michigan, County of Kent will hold a public hearing to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Small Cities Program for Program Year 2012-2013.

Suggestions for potential projects will be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. The expected amount of CDBG funds for this year will be discussed along with the range of projects eligible under this program and a review of previously funded projects.

The hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 and will be held at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Further information can be obtained by contacting Lowell City Offices at 616-897-8457.



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Winter guard competition went off with flying colors

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Right after one of the largest snowfalls of the season, it was only fitting Lowell hosted the "Sights and Sounds of Winter."

Last Saturday, they held their sixth annual Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) competition. This is the competition of the winter guard and drum line. Exit 52, the high school group and Almost Home, the middle school group, performed and helped organize, fundraise and set up the event.

The event ran from 2 pm to 9:30 pm, with the 12 drum lines performing first and the 32 winter guards following.

In order to perform in the MCGC championships, groups had to participate in either "Sights and Sounds of Winter" or another event the week prior. In total, 44 groups performed.

These groups were judged by six judges on several aspects of their performance. Among the factors are the drills or the performance on the floor, the use of their props and body and movement.

Exit 52 and Almost Home use this competition as a fundraiser as well. It is their largest fundraiser of the year, although the coach would not disclose how much they raised. Parents and family members of the students worked as guides. They also worked at the merchandise booth, concession stands, bake sale table and entrances. Without the parents, the show could not have happened.

It is believed this year was larger than last year in both turnout and sales.

Overall, Almost Home came in first place in Junior Regional A class. The middle schoolers performed to "Follow the Arrow" by Rosi Golan. The group included Nathan Barrett, Autumn French, Brianna Homrich, Rylee Kovalick, Megan Landgren, Kayleigh Lubbers, Kenzie Madden, Katie Peterson, Mary Richards, Madison Sage, and Emma Stockreef. Their performance included the use of flags and rifles. This is the sixth year they have been performing.

Almost Home is

coached by Sharon MacDermaid as well as several supporting staff.

Exit 52 took third place in the Independent A class. Members included Shelly

Bailey, Paula Barlas, Kayla Blough, Riley Breimayer, Mackenzie Bush, Kayleigh Davies, Abby Green, Hayden Hoffman, Jordan Kazen, Rachel Phelps, Jenna

Saunders, and Rachael Yomtoob.

They performed to "Song for a Winter's Night" by Sarah McLachlan. Exit 52 used flags, rifles and

sabers. This is the seventh year for Exit 52. Their coaches are Nancy and Terry Raymor, as well as several staff.



Exit 52 toss their flags in the air during "Song for a Winter's Night."



Almost Home begins their performance to "Follow the Arrow."

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Nature center workers enjoy spending time in all kinds of weather hiking, exploring and explaining

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

On Sunday, Jan. 20, while most of Lowell camped out in their warm homes, Sheryl Helmus found herself braving the cold and snow in order to change the letters on the sign at the Wittenbach/Wege Environmental Center (WWC). She had originally hoped to work in an afternoon hike with her husband Keith after her shift, but her numb and sometimes burning fingers screamed their opposition.

"I really love being able to show the young students the wonders of the natural world and seeing their excitement," Helmus said.

Helmus is one of four interpretive naturalists who work at the WWC. She teaches mostly science and social studies to children from kindergarten to fifth grade in a classroom funded by the Everett and June Wittenbach family and an Englehardt grant. The building is where these women keep their lesson plans, but the real classroom is outside.

The WWC was founded on Sept. 8, 2000 and dedicated to the notion that students needed more outdoor study and training in agricultural sciences. Kathy Doyle began working there shortly after the center's inception. This school year marks her eleventh year at WWC.

Prior to working at WWC, Doyle had worked in the field of environmental education for over twenty years. Her favorite thing about working for WWC is working with kids.

"Every day brings something to talk about," Doyle said.

In the years that followed, Doyle was joined

by Helmus and colleagues Shelley Winkels and Susan Stanek. Helmus has a degree in biological science from Lake Superior State University and completed educational courses at Grand Valley State. Stanek is the resident artist. She originally went to Aquinas to get a teaching degree, but switched to studio art. She finds that both subjects have guided her in her present position. Winkels has degrees in biology, environmental science and anthropology and worked as an environmental scientist for a local engineering firm.

Each classroom in the Lowell Area School District visits WWC three times per year, where the interpretive naturalists facilitate discovery and learning according to the grade's required curriculum. While the lessons mostly tie into the science and social

studies classes, students also learn language arts, art and whatever other studies fit in. With naturalists specializing in a wide variety of fields, the WWC is able to approach education holistically and in a hands-on manner.

"I still kind of feel like a little kid, catching frogs and what have you," Stanek said. Stanek used to tell her mother stories about the children who come to WWC and share a laugh. Stanek's mother passed recently, so she now shares those stories with her aunt. Both women, along with most of Stanek's family, are former teachers.

There is no shortage of stories to be told at WWC. Helmus remembers a recent kindergartener who decided to lay down on the trail and who wouldn't budge despite her best efforts. Another child told him that if he kept laying there a bear would come and eat him.



From left to right: Kathy Doyle, Susan Stanek, Shelley Winkels and Sheryl Helmus.

"It wasn't true," Helmus said. "But it got the boy decided to start walking again."

Another fun incident happened when Helmus was teaching children how to track animals. She pointed to chew marks low on a tree and asked what type of animal would nibble on bark so low. One of her students answered that it must be an ostrich.

Winkels was leading a kindergarten snow-shoeing expedition when one of the "scientists," as she calls them, complained of a moving stick which she identified as a three-foot-long Eastern garter snake.

"A colleague once commented and this has subsequently become part of my mantra, 'If you see an elephant in the forest, you need to stop and look at it,'" Winkels said. She proceeded to pick up the snake and lead a discussion regarding where the beast must have come from.

The WWC has a greenhouse and a barn and they have received a grant for a hydroponics

greenhouse. The center has partnered with Future Farmers of America, Lowell Community Wellness and the Lowell YMCA. Public events include astronomy, an owl program, a bat program, geocaching, gardening and off-trail running. There is no shortage of things to do at the WWC and yet these four women keep thinking of new things they'd like to see.

Helmus would love to see interpretive signs for casual hikers, a butterfly garden and a prairie ecosystem. Doyle and Stanek are focused mostly on the need to get word out about WWC so people in Lowell and other school districts know what resources are available to them.

The things the ladies at WWC would like to see most, however, can only be provided at the grace of mother nature, but regardless, they hope for more snow and more water.



Susan Stanek shows the kids what to watch for on the hike.



Kathy Doyle talks to one of the young visitors.



Sheryl Helmus wearing her owl hat readies the group.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- WRESTLING

Wrestling team crowns nine champions at conferences

by Karen Jack

The Lowell wrestlers went to Caledonia on Friday for the annual conference tournament, where individual scores are tallied as well as team scores, which declared Lowell the outright conference champ. Lowell led the charge with 260.5 points, followed by Forest Hills Central with 204.5 points. Caledonia, Jenison, Grand Rapids Christian, and East Grand Rapids brought up the rear.

Lowell sent eleven of

the fourteen wrestlers to the finals, with nine of them coming out victorious. All fourteen wrestlers placed in the top four.

In the finals, Lucas Hall (103 lbs.) beat Austin Falbe of Jenison with a pin at 2:22, Zeth Dean (112 lbs.) beat Millo Mayo from Jenison with a technical fall (16-1), Dan Kruse (125 lbs.) beat Jordan Steiner of Caledonia by decision (5-1), Bailey Jack (130 lbs.) beat John Leark of Caledonia with a major decision (15-

5), Jordan Hall (135 lbs.) pinned Matt Mills of Forest Hills Central in 3:40, Max Dean (160 lbs.) won by decision (3-1) against Senad Tukellija of Central, Kanon Dean (171 lbs.) won by decision (12-5) against Dane Gorby of Caledonia, Garrett Stehley pinned Sreten Franovic of Central in 3:49, and Taylor Kornoely pinned David Evens of Central in 4:40.

Runners-up included Derek Krajewski (119 lbs.), and Zac Graves (140 lbs), who both dropped very close matches, decided by two and one points respectively.

The team now goes on to team districts on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Ionia, starting after the 6 pm match between Dewitt and Ionia and will face the winner of that match. Individual districts will be held on Sat., Feb. 9 at Hastings High School beginning at 9 am.



Taylor Kornoely gets the pin.



Max Dean takes control on the mat.

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- BASKETBALL

Both teams win against Caledonia

by Karen Jack

The girls' basketball team pulled out another close one this week, beating Caledonia 45-43, while the boys beat the Fighting Scots, 41-37.

The Lady Arrows and the Fighting Scots went toe-to-toe all game with the lead passing back and forth, but going into the fourth quarter, down by two points, they managed to play great defense to keep the Fighting Scots from scoring more

than seven points to win the game. Aubreigh Steed led the scorers with 12 points, but Abby Petroelje, Jessica Montgomery and Sarah Oesch all scored eight points for the team. Oesch also had 14 rebounds for the game.

For the boys, the Arrows and Fighting Scots battled but Lowell never trailed throughout the game, with their stellar defense and ability to score on the offense. Going into the fourth quarter with a 30-24

lead, Caledonia outscored them in that quarter, but the Arrows managed to hold on for the win.

Leading scorers were Grant Noskey with 15 and Jason Malling with 12. Austin Lemke had two blocked shots as well.

Both teams travel to Forest Hills Central on Friday. The boys begin at 6 pm and the girls follow 20 minutes after the end of that game.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

- GYMNASTICS

Lowell Gymnasts fall to Forest Hills

by Karen Jack

The gymnastics team fell to Forest Hills' combined team this week, 138.00-130.55, yet coach Michele DeHaan is pleased with their work and improvement.

She admits they have some work to do on the bars, which continues to be their weakest event. "We continue to work hard at practice to learn new skills that will help fulfill more requirements, but the

regional qualifying score for bars is only a 6.8, while the other events are in the 7s," she commented.

The individual events were led by Kaezi Bladey (7.65) and Meghan Plutschow (7.4) on the bars. Plutschow added a new release move in this event, which made a big difference in her score. Plutschow also led the team in vault with an 8.65, followed by Lauren DeHaan

with an 8.6. DeHaan also led the team for beam (8.7) and floor exercise (8.875). Colleen Cater scored her personal best on the beam with an 8.35 and Bladey scored an 8.6 on the floor exercise.

All-around leaders were DeHaan with 33.15, Bladey with 32.4 and Plutschow with 32.125.

"I am so pleased with how the girls keep improving on vault and floor. For us to be able to throw out the fifth score and still have it be higher than an 8.0, that is definitely a good place to be in at this point in the season," added DeHaan.

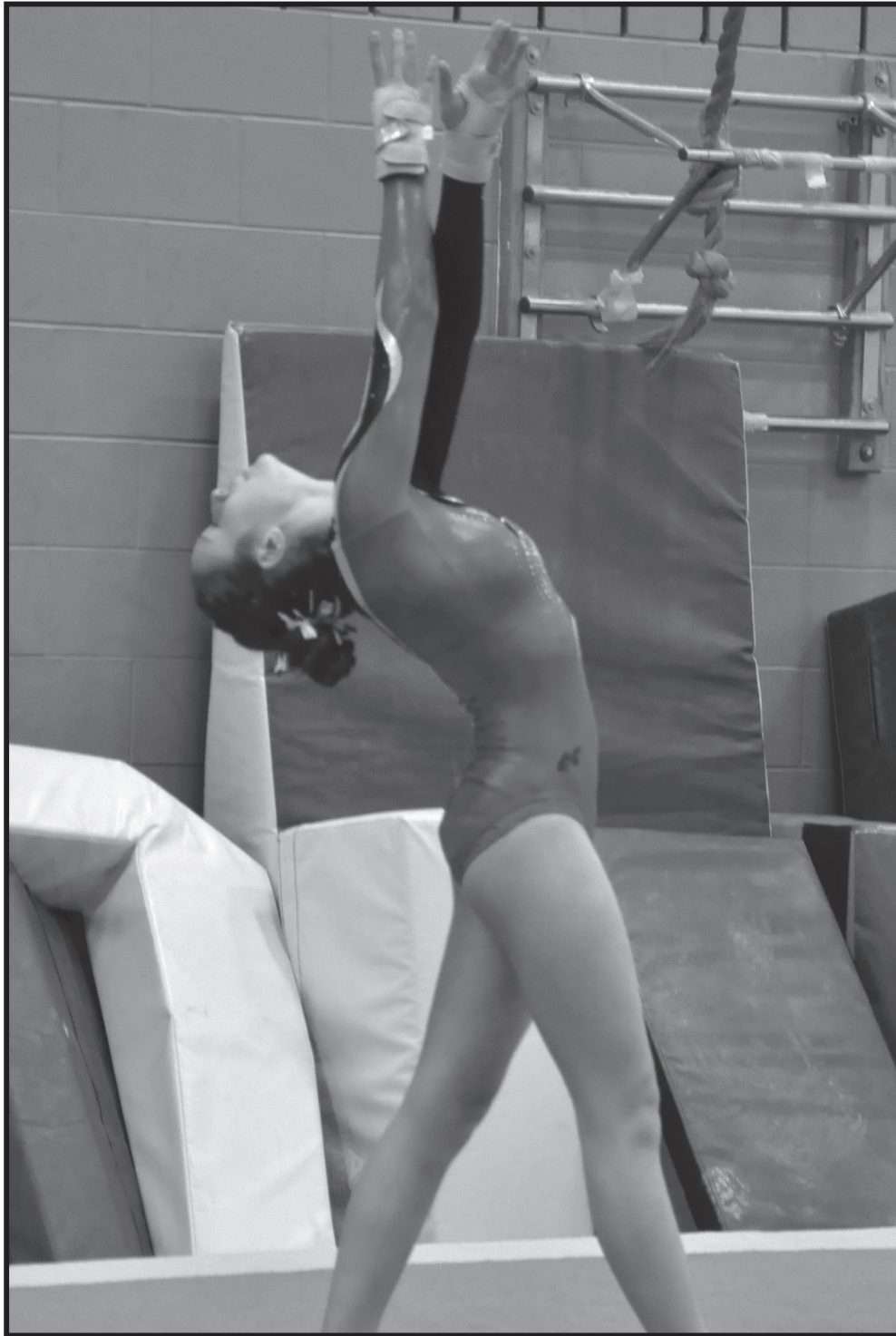
The gymnastics team's next meet is Wednesday, Feb. 6 at home at 7 pm.



Lauren Browning performing a skill called a "strug."



Lauren DeHaan doing her front tuck with a half twist.



Sarena Wilterdink ending her floor routine.

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TUES: Sweet & sour chicken over brown rice, steamed broccoli, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, pears.

WED: Hot ham & cheese on a WG bun (WG mini corn dogs served at Bushnell), steamed carrots, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, watermelon slices, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit.

THURS: Sloppy joe scoops (WG breaded chicken nuggets served at Bushnell), baked beans, fruit & veggie bar: fresh red pepper strips, broccoli florets, applesauce, valentine jello.

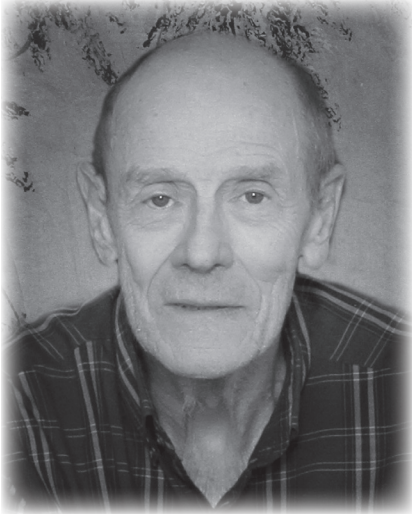
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obituaries

MILLS

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

John Gordon Mills passed away peacefully January 29, 2013 in Grand Rapids, MI at the age of 80 years.



He was born on March 30, 1932 in Detroit, MI to the late Arthur and Violet Mills, and baptized into the Christian faith in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Joan (Lemke), whom he met while attending Western Michigan

University. The couple married on August 18, 1956. They have two sons, Paul (Margaret) of Munger and Neil (Lisa) of Lowell. The family moved from Utica to Antrim County in 1968, where John was employed by Bellaire Log Homes. He went on to teach Industrial Arts for Charlevoix Public Schools for 18 years. A gifted builder, he was always working on projects that ranged from houses and boats, to furniture and wooden toys for his fifteen grandchildren. An active member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Mancelona, John served as an Elder and leader for many years. He also served with the Boy Scouts, and as a volunteer on mission journeys to the Canadian interior. In addition to his wife and sons, John is survived by his sister, Joan Brunett, of Lake Orion and a brother, Norman (Dorothy) Mills, of Davisburg; grandchildren Calina, Ian, Aja, Forrest, Nigel, Matteus, Kateri, Isaac, Malachi, Laurine, Kolbe, Lucia, Levi, Sarah, and Mercedes; and two sisters-in-law, Claudia (Carl) Arko, Port Huron, and Lorna Phillips, Pewaukee, WI. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, on M-21 halfway between Lowell and Saranac. Pastor Joe Fremer officiating. One hour visitation prior to the service. Memorials can be made to Lutheran Indian Ministries www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org



SMITH

Nila Louise Smith, age 78 of Lowell, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. She is survived by her special Christian friends of 56 years Norma Lemmon and Shirley Carroll; sisters Evelyn Jones and Marge (Charles) Simmons; nieces and nephews Cindy (Randy) Britton, Becky (Peter) Lin, Ruth Jones, Glen (Joy) Jones, Paul Jones, Carolyn (Keith) Riley, Linda Simmons, David (RuthAnn) Simmons and many grand nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St., Lowell. Rev. Jon Pickens and Rev. Burland Margesson officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 2-5 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell and Saturday one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada MI 49301.



Fast-tracked disability process now has 200 medical conditions

With the addition of 35 new Compassionate Allowances conditions involving cancers and rare diseases, there are now a total of 200 disabling conditions that qualify for Social Security's expedited disability process. The Compassionate Allowances initiative fast-tracks disability decisions to ensure that Americans with the most serious disabilities receive their benefit decisions within days instead of months or years.

In addition to increasing the list of eligible conditions, the agency has achieved another milestone. Since October 2008, nearly 200,000 people with severe disabilities nationwide have been quickly approved using the expedited process. Compassionate Allowances allow us to quickly identify diseases and other medical conditions that, by definition, meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits. These conditions primarily include certain cancers, adult brain disorders, and a number of rare disorders that affect children. Compassionate Allowances permit Social Security to target the most clearly disabled individuals for medical approvals based on objective medical information that we can obtain quickly. Using the Compassionate Allowances criteria, most cases can be medically approved in less than two weeks. Compassionate Allowances conditions are added as a result of information received at public outreach hearings, comments from the Social Security and Disability Determination Service communities, input from medical and scientific experts, and research from the National Institutes of Health. We also consider which conditions are most likely to meet our current definition of disability.

For more information about Compassionate Allowances, including a full list of qualifying conditions, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

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In
Memory Of
RUTH E. PECKHAM-WESTER
March 13, 1920 - February 11, 1993

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and sisters

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 13-193305-DE Estate of EUNICE DORA SIMON, deceased. Date of birth: 10/05/1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS: January 30, 2013

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eunice Dora Simon, who lived at 2972 Wausaukee Drive NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 10/20/2012. R. John Stephan (P71686) 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Terry R. Simon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Terry R. Simon 2972 Wausaukee NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 616-364-9646

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card of thanks

THANK YOU to our families, friends and neighbors for the kind words, cards, flowers and food at the passing of Burt Copron. The staff at Spectrum Blodgett and staff at Fountain View for the special care of Burt. Lake Funeral Home for the help with the arrangements, Pastor Becky Poor for a beautiful service and Saranac Community Church for the luncheon.

Elsie Copron,
 Steven & Chris Copron,
 Dale & Kari Copron

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 Rumage 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.

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

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

STORYTIME - Tues., Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 10 a.m. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 642-9146.

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

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

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

TOTS PLAYGROUP - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 - 10 a.m. or 10 - 11:30 a.m. Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. ALSO Monday 10-11 a.m. Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto in the new gym. For children birth-5 yrs. & an adult. Join us for play, snacks & music. Contact Lori Buys, 987-2532 with any questions.

FRIDAY FUN - Every Friday, 11-11:45 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, games & a simple craft. For 3-5 year olds. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

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

NA MEETING - Mondays, 6 p.m. at Lowell Serenity Club.

TOTS LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING CLASSES - Thursdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14 & 21, 6:30 - 7:45 pm. at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth. For more info or to register, call Lori at 987-2532.

PURPLE HOCKEY GAME - Fri., Feb. 8, 7 p.m. Lowell/Caledonia hockey teaming up to raise money for cancer research. Kentwood Ice Arena, 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Grand Rapids.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPLIER - at Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell. Tues., Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m. No reservations required. Donations accepted. For more info call 897-7842.

FRANCISCAN LENTEN LUNCH PRAYER EXPERIENCE - held at the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., NE, Lowell. Held on Wednesdays Feb. 20 - March 27 from noon - 1 p.m. There will be a brief prayer experience at 12:45 for those who wish to participate.

IONIA-MONTCALM CHAPTER #6 - of the State Employee Retiree's Association, serving Montcalm & Ionia Counties & the Lowell area will hold its monthly meeting on Wed., Feb. 27, at the administration building of the Ionia Intermediate School District, 2191 Harwood Rd, Ionia. Luncheon reservations are necessary, please call 616-527-1825 by noon Mon., Feb. 25. All State of Michigan retirees & those who are "vested" may attend. If Ionia Public Schools are closed, there will be no meeting.

HOOKER CHAPTER #73 - of the Royal Arch Masons, serving the Belding, Ionia, Lowell, Lyon,

Muir & Saranac areas, will hold its stated convocation on Wed., Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

CANCER-TEEN & TWEENTALK 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.

MOVIE MATINEE - Mon., Feb. 18, 3p.m., "Hotel Transylvania" FREE movie & popcorn at Clarksville Village Hall. 616-693-1001.

PURPLE HOCKEY GAME T-SHIRTS - for sale in LHS cafeteria during lunch. \$10 is admission to Feb. 8 game, 7 p.m. T-shirts also available at door. Kentwood Ice Arena, 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Grand Rapids.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Wed., Feb 27, 6 p.m. at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding, 616-794-1450.

GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

SAVVY CAREGIVER TRAINING - Wed., Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, Mar. 6 & 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. by Ionia County of Mental Health at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., 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.

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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 - Mon. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; during gallery events open Sat., 1-4 p.m.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit 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.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

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.

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.

BOOKWORM DISCUSSION GROUP - Mon., Feb 18, 6 p.m. "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt" at Saranac Public Library for info, 61 Bridge St., Saranac, 616-642-9146.

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.

Girl Scouts raise funds to help firefighters save pets too

After reading a similar story about the Caledonia Fire Department, the Alto Girl Scouts decided to raise money to purchase a pet oxygen mask for Alto.

Their group leader Eva Carey said the girls raised the money in a variety of ways, including selling eggs, returning pop cans and doing chores around the house.

The girls visited the Alto Fire Department in mid-January. Fire chief

Phil Dougherty explained to the girls that human life is top priority but, the fire department will also take steps to save the lives of family pets and that the pet oxygen mask will be good to have available if there is a need.

Dougherty also gave the girls a tour of the department and demonstrated some tools they use. He also provided fire safety tips for the girls and their families.

Alto fourth-grade Girl Scout troop #3562 pictured with Alto fire chief Phil Dougherty and their leader Eva Carey with her dog Ollie.



FFA, continued

regional contests. In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, John Mark was given 30 minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech. She also will be moving on to the regional contests. Jacey Culross finished second in the Job Interview contest after preparing a resume and cover letter and successfully going through a mock interview. In parliamentary procedure, the team of Levi Churches, Paul Crosby, Kaylee Depew, Kaitlyn Johnson, Olivia Kauffman, Sarah Misak, and Jacob Poll finished in second and will also be representing Lowell at the regional contests. In this contest, high school members had to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary procedure abilities and how to properly use them in a meeting. In the Prepared Public Speaking contest, Emma Blough and Sarah Crosby finished first and second and will both be competing in the regional contests. Each had to prepare a six to eight minute speech and answer questions about their topic. Blough's speech was on the differences between conventional and organic beef; Crosby's speech covered safety issues on a farm. The remaining students were all recognized with either a gold or silver award at the competitions but failed to advance. In the Demonstration contest, the team of Forrest Stoffers and Chad Willet and the team of

Brad Depew and Richard Misak both received gold awards. Brad Stoffers was named the alternate in the creed contest with a gold award. Jess Graves competed in the Prepared Public Speaking contest and was named the second alternate with a gold award. Taylor King received a gold award and was named the alternate to the regional level in the Job Interview contest while Lexie Shaffer also received a gold award in the contest. In Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest, Zac Graves also was named the second alternate with a gold award.

The regional contest will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at Lowell High School. The top teams will advance to compete at the State Convention March 6-8 at Michigan State University.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Lowell FFA has over 80 members in grades 7-12.

Spaghetti dinner, continued



Kaia Zimmerman and Hayden Lenard sell tickets for the dinner.

Many parents also stepped in to help plan the event, secure donations and organize the dinner. "A big thank you goes out to Michelle Dekok, Nicole Gaskin, Cheryl Stayley, Jeff Fuller, Kelly Fuller, Kim Kropf, Carrie Kooistra, Amy Cusack, Brandon

Hamilton, Tara Hamilton, Michelle Tackmann, David Tackmann, Jill DeCator, Theresa Smith, Heidi Barber, Laura Hornik, Michelle Zeck, and Kris

Rickert. These parents did a fantastic job helping to organize this event. We could not do this without our parent support," commented chairperson Mike Fillman.

"I am so thankful to our parents for all of their efforts. I also want to thank staff members: Mike Fillman, Paul Jacobus, Dawn Landis, Ruby Baker, Nancy Brenk, and Larry Wenger who donated many hours of their own time to make this happen," said principal Brent Noskey.

It is estimated that the dinner brought in close to \$2,000 and the auction items also brought in close to \$2,000. This should help cut the camp cost in half for the students.

"It was cool seeing my ticket being used at the dinner. My design was one of the designs chosen to be on the ticket," mentioned Kenny Kropf.

Kaia Zimmerman added, "The best part of the night was the food! The garlic bread was delicious."



Students Aaron and Skylar Young enjoy a delicious meal.

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- 57. *Bella's choice
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- 72. Surf turf
- 73. Motion Picture Association of America, e.g.

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- 1. Bar order
- 2. Sensory input
- 3. Indian princess
- 4. Selected

- 5. Inexpensive inn, especially for youths
- 6. Distinctive flair
- 7. ___ Zeppelin
- 8. Tony Manero's music
- 9. Introduced in Europe in 1999
- 10. One who is "___ it"
- 11. *Most popular Valentine's Day gift?
- 12. Compass reading
- 15. Student's piece
- 20. *Dateless
- 22. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 24. Bartender's soda choice
- 25. *Cupid's mom
- 26. "___ costs"
- 27. Certain buds do this
- 29. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
- 31. Fleur-de-lis
- 32. Type of duck
- 33. Mall stop
- 34. Teletype machine, for short
- 36. Delhi wrap
- 38. "All My Children," e.g.
- 42. Movie trailer, e.g.
- 45. Related on the father's side
- 49. Of a female procession
- 51. Like a funeral procession
- 54. Administrative
- 56. "La Bohème," e.g.
- 57. Fencer's weapon
- 58. Some choose this over truth
- 59. Court order
- 60. Benign lump
- 61. A bunch
- 62. Traveled on
- 63. Water carrier
- 64. Dunce
- 66. Absorbed, as in a cost

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- The organist played "New York, New York" as the pallbearers carried the casket of Ed Koch, former New York mayor, out of the church after the funeral service. Koch was 88.
- The remains of fifteenth century King Richard III were found underneath a parking lot in England.
- Donald Trump says he plans to sue Bill Maher over a joke the comedian made about him over a month ago. Maher joked he would donate \$5 million to the charity of Trump's choice if Trump could prove his father was not an orangutan. Through his lawyer, Trump fired off a copy of his birth certificate to Maher along with a letter demanding the money.
- The Baltimore Ravens, with coach John Harbaugh, won Superbowl XLVII over the San Francisco 49ers with brother Jim Harbaugh coaching. Anheuser-Busch had launched a campaign on Facebook in the weeks leading up to the big game to name a newborn foal featured in its halftime commercial. The now famous Clydesdale foal has been named "Hope."

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