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Dr. Bob Reagan to discuss memoir “Lucky Breaks and Lots of Grace” March 5

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Pat Allchin, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum said, “if you’ve lived in Lowell a while, you probably know Dr. Bob Reagan and the contributions he’s made to the city.”

Even if you don’t know Reagan, you have a chance to learn about him by reading his recently published memoir “Lucky Breaks and Lots of Grace,” which was self-published in October of last year.

It is the story of his childhood and his journey to adulthood. The book description says, “With a strong and loving family behind him, loyal friends beside him and a gracious

God leading him, Bob has learned many invaluable lessons throughout the many joys and challenges of his journey. He shares his story in the same way that he has lived his life, with gratitude, humility, enthusiasm...and lots of Irish charm!”

The idea for his book came from his daughter Peggy who knew a woman who had written a memoir for a family member. So about a year ago, Reagan had several sessions with Betty Kuperus Epperly, his co-author, where he discussed his childhood, military service, dental school and life in Lowell. Epperly then wrote the book using his memories

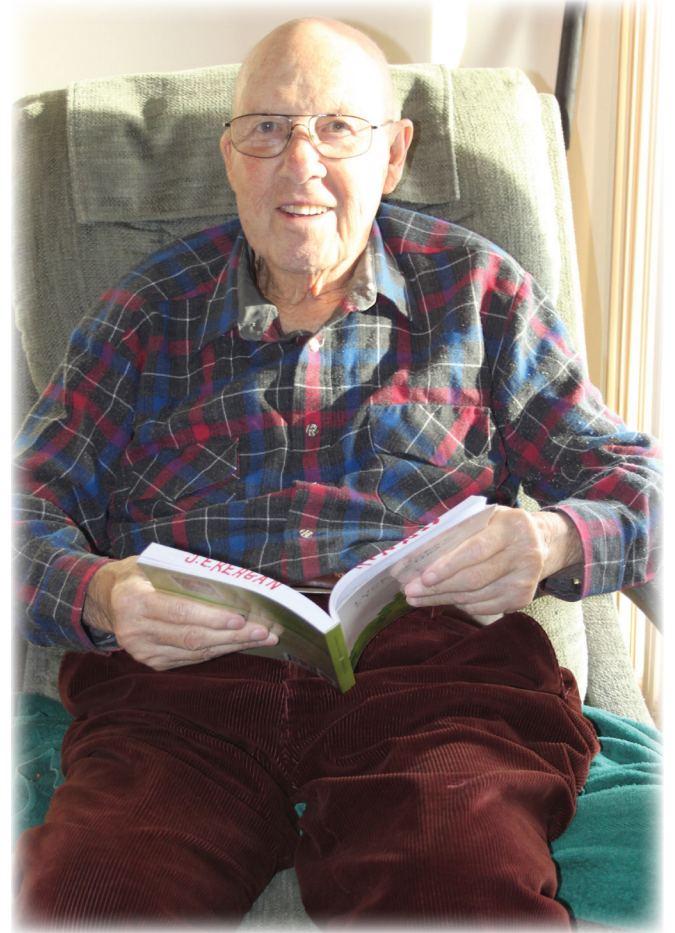
and adding in background information when necessary.

The product is a book that is heartfelt and includes many fascinating stories. Of note are stories about his service in WWII and time in dental school.

One particularly charming tale is how he fell in love with his wife Carol. They met while he was in dental school at Marquette University in Milwaukee and married on Valentine’s Day before he graduated. Reagan said the date “helped me to never forget our anniversary.”

After his graduation in 1953, he moved to Lowell

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Bob Reagan will discuss his self-published memoir at Lowell Township Hall on March 5.

King Milling wins Brick Award for expansion project

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

King Milling started out as one of hundreds of mills in Michigan in 1890. Today, it is one of six. Brian Doyle, president of King Milling, is proud of this and appreciates the chamber of commerce for recognizing the commitment King Milling has made and continues to make, not only to Lowell, but also to Michigan and the U.S.

The project for which King Milling won the Brick Award was several years

in the making. A mill feed load out, which consists of two towers, was built last year although many years of research led up to the building. Mill feed is what remains after the wheat milling process and is used for animal feed.

The next phase of expansion for King Milling is building a flour mill and load out; this will be completed this year. This complete new flour mill and load out will be the first one in Michigan

since the 1950s. Doyle said, “We were running 24/7.” The mill produced about 750,000 pounds of flour per day. With the addition, “the new mill will produce an extra 500,000 pounds per day.”

The extra production will allow the mill to retain old customers and bring in new ones. “When you’re running 24/7, you can’t get new customers and you can’t keep old ones happy if you have a breakdown. You have to

have time for maintenance. It’s hard to do.”

Most of the work required to mill wheat is done by computer, so the mill does not need to hire extra employees right away. Eventually, they will hire more for sanitation and other jobs. Doyle said the companies who bring in wheat would need to hire more employees for additional trucks and trains brought in.

Doyle jokingly said winning the Brick Award meant King Milling “spent a lot of money.”

Liz Baker, executive director at the chamber of commerce, said “King Milling was chosen, not only for the large \$11.37 million investment, but because they are deeply rooted in Lowell. They employ many local people and have given many job opportunities for college kids over the years. They have volunteered and donated to many of our non-profit organizations. It would be hard to imagine Lowell without our steel silos and grain trucks.”

Students make “cents” of sharing

Students and staff from Bushnell Elementary celebrated their 100th day of school on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Students were asked to bring in 100 pennies or coins totaling 100 cents. The coins were then counted by Family Links’ volunteers and at the end of the 100th day of school, a total of \$258.71 was collected to donate to FROM’s Neighbor to Neighbor program. This program works with volunteers to grant wishes to homeowners to provide a safe, more energy efficient living environment.



Be Nice Week held at LHS

by Kelvin Anderson
Lowell Ledger intern

Last week Lowell High School participated in *Be Nice Week*. This event, now in its third year, is organized through the high school leadership class, made up of students seeking to create a better community.

“The kids promoted the idea,” says high school counselor Nicole Deckrow, “they wanted to bring awareness to all the ways you can make someone’s day and what a difference just one act of kindness can make. If just one person did

something kind it can have a profound effect on many people. Teenagers today are bombarded with *do nots* and the kids feel that. They wanted to focus instead on the *dos* and *bes*.”

Each day, different activities were put in place designed to make someone’s day. Monday and Tuesday morning, students were met at the door by fellow students sharing a smile and candy.

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Dean and Boudro named regional coaches of the year

by Karen Jack

At the individual regional wrestling meet, all the regional coaches of 16 teams voted who they thought should be named the coaches of the year. The award goes

to one head coach and one assistant coach. Lowell's head coach, Dave Dean and one of the assistant coaches, RJ Boudro, were the top vote-getters.

Dean has a long history of wrestling, including being an all-American for Minnesota and being named as an alternate to the olympic team. He came to Lowell seven years ago and has one state championship under his belt, in 2009. The team has consistently been in the team state finals for several years and is knocking on the door again this year. Dean is married to Bethny and has three kids – Gabe, Maxwell and Cassie.

Boudro wrestled for the University of Michigan

from 2001-2003 and MSU from 2004-2006. He came to Lowell in 2008, with a Master's degree in school counseling and has been working as a guidance counselor for Lowell High School since 2010. "I am very lucky to coach with an awesome group of guys and have the opportunity to be mentored by Dave and Noel Dean," said Boudro. "Lowell is a great community to live in and I have had the privilege to coach some outstanding athletes since I have been here. Thank you to my wife, Kelli, for giving me the support to be a coach and do what I love." Boudro is married to Kelli and has a daughter, Dani, with one on the way.



Dave Dean, left, and RJ Boudro, right, with their Coach of the Year plaques.



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volunteering opportunities

FROM VOLUTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation February 21, from 1-2 pm. at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thursday, Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

TUTORS NEEDED

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000

adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.



along main street

Lucky Breaks and Lots of Grace, continued

and started his dental practice. He has been an asset to Lowell ever since. Although retired, his son, James, now runs the practice.

His book has helped his family learn about their history and keep the old memories alive. Reagan has ten children and 23 grandchildren. Most of his children and all of his grandchildren live in Lowell, which he loves. The book is another way they can stay connected to him.

Allchin says telling your history in a book is a much better way to tell a story than through talking. It's an excellent way to learn family

genealogy, learn about stories that aren't normally shared and keep memories alive. Allchin noted that the museum does quite a bit of family history research.

Lowell Area Historical Museum is hosting an event for Reagan and his co-author Betty Kuperus Epperly. It will be held March 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Lowell Township Hall and light refreshments will be available. Reagan will share stories and sign copies of the book, which will be for sale that night. There will also be information on writing your own story.

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.

CRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will offer Crafts Around the World on Sat., March 2, at the Wittenbach/Wege Center from 9 am to 2 pm. This workshop will be an international experience with an opportunity to learn about the crafts and foods from around the world. For more information or to register, call 897-7688. Please register by February 27.

LAHM PRESENTS

"LUCKY BREAKS & LOTS OF GRACE"

Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) will present Dr. Bob Reagan and his co-author Betty Kuperus Epperly with his book "Lucky Breaks & Lots of Grace," March 5, at 7 pm at the Lowell Township Hall. Reagan will share his life story in the same way he lived his life, with lots of Irish charm. His book will be available for signing and also information on how you can write your own story. Light refreshments will be served.

CALL FOR ACTORS

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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Governor's budget may not be beneficial to schools

by Theresa Heethuis
contributing reporter

On February 7 Governor Rick Snyder presented his 2014 budget recommendation to the members of the Legislature.

In this proposed plan, Governor Snyder is recommending an increase in state spending on education

from early childhood through higher education.

This plan has yet to pass the House and the Senate and is not typically passed until the months spanning from June to October each year. Although this budget plan is early in the process,

it is outlining a two percent increase per pupil for K-12 school districts which equates to 11.5 billion dollars out of the approximate 11.7 billion dollar plan.

When speaking with Lowell schools' superintendent Greg Pratt

he states, "To say that K-12 school districts would receive a two percent increase is not an accurate depiction of what schools would receive under the governor's current proposal. Lowell Area Schools would actually see a \$2 per student decrease

because the governor's proposed \$34 increase in the student foundation is offset with a \$36 decrease in 'best practice' dollars." The proposal looks good on the outside, but it actually is not the same on the inside.

As it currently stands, Pratt knows there is much to be worked out in the House and the Senate, including the

new best practices' criteria that will guide the 2014 per pupil funding.

When discussing how Lowell Area Schools will plan for this proposed budget Pratt said, "The earlier final decisions are made by legislators on the upcoming budget, the better. Then, we can make better decisions for our district."

Two to be sentenced in rape case

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

A plea deal has been made in the rape case against Jonathon Crandall, 28 and Jillian Lemmink, 18.

The duo were accused of luring a then 15-year-old girl into Crandall's apartment, giving her alcohol and marijuana and then raping her. The victim said she

was passed out while being assaulted.

Crandall owned Lucid Hydroponics, now closed and lived in the apartment above the store, where the incident occurred.

Crandall was originally charged with criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, criminal sexual conduct in

the third degree, accosting a minor for immoral purposes, furnishing a place for consideration, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Lemmink was originally charged with criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, criminal sexual

conduct in the third degree and accosting a minor for immoral purposes.

Most charges were dropped in the plea deal. Crandall and Lemmink pleaded no contest to second-degree criminal sexual conduct - accomplice.

Their sentencing will be March 26.

Library partners with LL&P to offer energy usage monitors

At public libraries around Michigan, cardholders have been able to check out energy usage monitors to gauge their home appliance electricity use. But there were no public libraries in greater Grand Rapids that loan the monitors until now

— and Lowell Light & Power (LLP) is leading the way.

Kent District Library (KDL), which has some 250,000 cardholders at 18 branches representing 26 Kent County communities, is piloting the availability of kill-a-watt monitors for

checkout to LLP's target service area at KDL's Englehardt branch. LLP has generously offered to provide the monitors to KDL. Monitor checkout is expected to be available starting Thursday, February 21.

"Libraries are a perfect connector of information and education," said Michelle Boisvenue Fox, assistant director of KDL.

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The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Monday, March 4th, 11:00 am

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 11th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13th, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule,
contact: City Hall @ ph. 616.897.8457**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2013 assessments
By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 4th 2013

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Commercial.....	52.56	0.9513
Residential	50.04	0.9992
Industrial	51.53	0.9703
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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Can investors learn from yoga followers?

It's probably not on your calendar, but World Yoga Day takes place on Feb. 24. As more people have discovered its healthful benefits, yoga has grown in popularity. But whether or not you practice yoga, you can apply its lessons to other areas of your life — such as investing.

Specifically, consider the following yoga-related themes and how they might translate into investment habits that may be beneficial:

• **Balance** — If you observe advanced yoga practitioners, you will be amazed at the balance they exhibit during certain positions. But for serious yoga students, the idea of “balance” goes beyond physical movements and extends to a concept of life that emphasizes, among other things, an avoidance of extremes. As an investor, you too need to avoid extremes, such as investing too aggressively, too conservatively or too sporadically. By building a

balanced portfolio, and by investing regularly, you can help improve your chances of making progress toward your financial goals.

• **Flexibility** — Among its many benefits, yoga helps people increase their flexibility — and greater flexibility results in fewer injuries and an increased capacity to enjoy many physical activities. As an investor, you need to be flexible enough to adjust your portfolio as needed while still following a long-term strategy that's appropriate for your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

• **Relaxation** — For yoga students, proper relaxation is essential to achieving mental equanimity, emotional balance and inner strength. But relaxation doesn't always come easily — even experienced yoga practitioners need to work at it. As an investor, you also may need to train yourself to relax because, given the ups

and downs of the market, it's not hard to become overwrought and make ill-advised decisions based on short-term events. Staying calm and maintaining a long-term view of things may help you make better investment decisions.

• **Positive thinking** — Our own thoughts and actions are largely responsible for creating our happiness and success, according to yoga teachings. And positive thinking can play a key role in investing, too. For example, if you were to constantly look at negative headlines, you might conclude that it is pointless to invest for the future because external events — economic instability abroad, political squabbles at home, natural disasters and so on — will just disrupt your plans. Consequently, you might decide not to invest, or invest in such a way that can make progress toward your financial goals difficult. But if you maintain a positive attitude, you may be more inclined to invest wisely for your future.

• **Visualization** — In yoga, visualization is often used to reduce stress. At any given time, you might find it difficult to relax, but you can use your imagination to see yourself — and put yourself — in a relaxed state. As an investor, you need to visualize your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, before you can define a strategy to help you work toward them. By seeing yourself where you want to be, you'll be motivated to take the actions necessary to work toward getting there.

Try putting the principles of yoga to work — they may help you become a better investor.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider A Special Land Use to expand the Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park and Zoo:

The applicant has requested a Special Land Use to expand the existing Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park and Zoo by the addition of an expanded parking area, hay barn, and additional animal exhibits and barns. A site plan accompanies the application. Both the site plan and the request for a Special Land Use may be approved by the Bowne Township Planning Commission following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302**

The proposed application and site plan are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

Library partners, continued

“These kinds of partnerships are crucial to strong communities.”

The monitors will eventually be for loan through a partnership with Consumers Energy at all 18 KDL branches about a month after they arrive at the Englehardt branch.

“Working with the Englehardt library increases our ability to reach more customers and helps them understand the energy efficiency measures that they begin today [will] ultimately save them money on their future energy bills,” said Sharon Morris, LLP utility services coordinator.

viewpoint

to the editor

support education

Dear Editor,
 I have been privileged to serve on the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools for 14 years. The board is entrusted by the community to be prudent stewards of their tax dollars. Given the great changes in education and the difficult financial conditions of the past few years, our district has faced great challenges. We have continued to focus, however, on our core mission of achieving academic success for all students. Lowell Area Schools' success has been recognized by outside observers: The Michigan Department of Education has named Lowell

High School a "Beating the Odds" school, meaning that the district has better than expected academic achievement given our funding levels and student demographics; Cenergistic (formerly Energy Education) has awarded Lowell Area Schools its Chairman's Sustainability award for "outstanding environmental and financial resource stewardship." Lowell is currently ranked by this company number one in the Midwest and number four nationally for energy savings. On Tuesday, February 26, Lowell Area Schools is asking the citizens of the district to approve a 1-mill

sinking fund. The money generated through this fund is needed to maintain and improve our facilities. Instead of diverting our state and local operating funds to necessary facility needs, such as replacing aging roofs, repairing parking lots, replacing boilers, and improving building safety, we can use sinking fund money for these projects and keep our existing operating funds focused on the classroom. Lowell Area Schools has a solid track record of making good use of taxpayer dollars and producing results. I urge you to vote "yes" on February 26 to enable the district to continue to have the resources to maintain the facilities needed for academic excellence.

Sincerely, Patrick Nugent
 Ada

vote yes

Dear Editor,
 I would like to encourage the local voters to support our excellent Lowell schools by voting yes on the sinking fund proposal. Passing this proposal will provide funds for capital improvements, safety and security and energy

efficiency, without the added burden of interest from financing. Lowell schools are the reason most people move to this area. The strength of our schools are the strength and the future of our community.

Greg Canfield
 Lowell

Stamp is powerful reminder of Rosa Parks' legacy

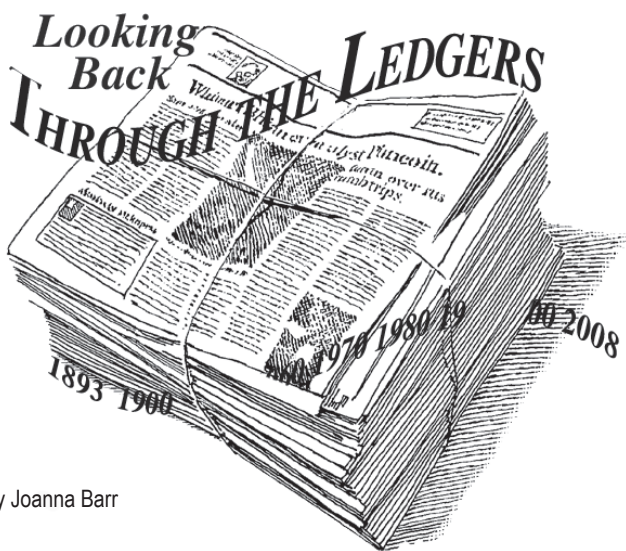


Sen. Carl Levin

On Feb. 4, I was honored to attend a pair of events celebrating the life and legacy of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks with the issue of a U.S. postage stamp on the 100th anniversary of her birth. It was especially appropriate that these events came at the beginning of Black History Month, and that one event was held at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, where visitors today can sit in the bus seat that Rosa Parks refused to give up, and in doing so, changed the world. I'm sure you know the story: On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a city bus in Montgomery, Ala., after a long day's work, and took a seat. When all the seats filled

up, the bus driver, following the city's segregationist practice, demanded that Mrs. Parks give up her seat to a white man. She quietly refused, setting off a chain of events that helped end the Jim Crow era of legal discrimination in the South. Mrs. Parks later moved to Detroit, where she remained active in the civil rights movement and worked for 20 years in the office of Congressman John Conyers. The U.S. Postal Service's decision to honor Mrs. Parks with a stamp was an inspired one, and it has special meaning to me, not only as an admirer of her spirit and a proud Michigianian, but as a stamp collector.

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By Joanna Barr

115 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 24, 1898

George Johnson has been stealing wood from the River road school house and making a trip through the snow Monday night, was easily tracked the next morning. Nails had been driven into the sticks and identification was easy. George was given a day or two in which to settle.

Belding, Feb. 21 - Rutan & Co's flouring mill, one of the finest in the state, and a large warehouse adjoining were destroyed by fire this evening. The blaze which was discovered in the mill at 7:30 is supposed to have started from a defective stove pipe, but there is some uncertainty as to the matter. The loss is estimated tonight at \$40,000 to \$60,000 including a large quantity of wheat and 1,500 barrels of flour in the mill, the contents of the warehouse and five carloads of flour that had been filled for shipment. It is said the loss on the latter will fall on the railroad company.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 20, 1913

Miss Marjorie Lennox entertained eight of her girl friends at a seven o'clock, twelve-course dinner Saturday evening, in honor of her sixteenth birthday. The table was prettily decorated, a candelabrum forming the center-piece and a beautiful birthday cake

with sixteen lighted candles formed part of the final course. An enjoyable time was spent and a flashlight picture of the group taken.

The "anti-treating" bill is another step in the right direction as to regulating the liquor traffic. Undoubtedly, the enforcement of such a law would eliminate one of the saloon's worst abuses. Instead of a man's buying one drink, and going on about his business, a number of men line up at the bar, and all must treat and all must drink. By this method, men go home to their needy families drunk and penniless. By all means, stop this treating evil. It's not all we want; but let us take all the reform we can get when we can get it.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 24, 1938

Main-st. sidewalks were icy and slippery last Thursday and Friday due to a light rain which froze as it fell. Some of the wicked did not stand in slippery places, yet we haven't heard of any broken bones. As we passed along, however, we know of one citizen who broke the Third Commandment as his feet shot out from under him.

High school class visits Ledger office - Mr. Gumser's Special English class visited the Ledger office recently as a part of their study of journalism. At the office we were shown, first the molds by which it is possible to put photographs and cuts in the paper and also how proof is read and marked before it is sent to the press room. In the press room, we saw the machines that make the type and a huge machine that printed auction bills while we were there. All of these machines were explained and put through their various steps for our benefit by their operators. Then we looked at pieces of finished type which we found interesting. All of our questions were courteously answered by the employees and we found our visit both interesting and enlightening.

Main street stores have discontinued the practice of closing on Thursday afternoons, and from now on or until further notice will remain open for the accommodation of the public. The post office will also be open Thursday afternoons.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 21, 1963

Mrs. Trude Schiernitzauer, wife of councilman Richard F. Schiernitzauer, left by plane Monday for New York City where she will make an appearance on the popular TV show "To Tell The Truth." Trude will try to stump a panel of experts along with two other contestants, on guessing which one of the women is the real "sharp shooter." The show will be taped later this week and Trude will let the Lowell residents know when the show is scheduled to be run.

Four Lowell boys made the headlines in the Ionia Sentinel this week when they were picked up by Ionia authorities for drinking (an alcoholic beverage) on Main Street. An unusual sentence of 15-days in jail and a fine of \$50 each was imposed on the offenders, by Ionia officials.

Jokes, jests, jabs, and jibes, just by Jeff: When a Lowell teacher asked little Freddy to define the word "unawares," the lad replied, "It's the last thing I take off when I go to bed at night."

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger February 24, 1988

Headline: 10,000 gallon sewage spill discovered in Alto. Kent County Department of Public Works' officials said frost was responsible for pulling a pipe out of its joint, causing a sewage spill into Denny Hawk's cornfield at 64th and Bancroft Avenue. The 10,000-gallon sewage spill which was reported on Wednesday, Feb. 17, took 4-6 hours to clean up Thursday, Feb. 18. "The pipe separated at the mechanical joint causing the spill, which drained into a low spot of Hawk's cornfield," Kent County Department of Public Works' utility worker James Weimarink said. He adds that no streams, lakes or water tables were affected by the spill. "It (10,000 gallons) sounds worse than it is. It is probably no worse than a farmer dumping manure on the ground."

Renovations are underway at the former Paul's Showboat Restaurant. If work is completed on time, Keiser's Kitchen is scheduled to open its doors at the location come May. The Lowell City Council approved a variance submitted by Keiser's Kitchen allowing the 20-by-60 expansion of the building previously occupied by Paul's Showboat Restaurant. Renovation was then started on Feb. 9, with May 1, the target date for Keiser's opening.

anniversaries

Poll

The family of Mary (Bassett) and Jerry Poll, Sr. are proud to announce their 50th wedding anniversary. Jerry and Mary were married February 17, 1963, in the North Irving Wesleyan Church in Freeport, Michigan. They have lived almost their entire married life on their farm near Alto. Jerry and Mary will be celebrating their anniversary with their children: Jamie (Cheryl) Poll, Michelle Rademacher, and Marylyn (Matt) Uzarski; and their eight grandchildren: Amber, Jerry (Heather), Sean and

Jacob Poll, Dan and Devon Elizabeth Uzarski; with a Rademacher, and Zak and family dinner.



Mary and Jerry Poll, Sr.

health



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

copd

Last week we discussed the importance of quitting smoking. This week we will discuss one of the most common conditions caused by smoking, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). COPD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema. In COPD, the airway passages become inflamed leading to increased phlegm production and blockage of the airways.

In emphysema the alveoli in the lung become damaged. The alveoli are the small sacs that function to release oxygen into the blood stream and remove carbon dioxide waste.

COPD results in shortness of breath, coughing, increased sputum production and wheezing. COPD makes it more difficult to exercise. COPD affects about 24 million people and is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Symptoms of COPD are usually unrecognized at first, but gradually progress over

the years to cause significant disability.

The diagnosis of COPD is fairly straight forward. Your doctor will review your history, examine your chest, check your blood oxygen level, perform a breathing test (spirometry) and usually obtain an x-ray.

There is no cure for COPD. Medications are available that help relieve symptoms. Inhaled medications include bronchodilators, steroids which lessen inflammation and antihistamines that decrease mucous production. Many people with COPD will eventually require oxygen therapy 24 hours a day. Minor infection can cause an exacerbation of COPD symptoms requiring hospitalization.

The most important step you can take to prevent COPD is to stop smoking as this causes about 90 percent of all cases.

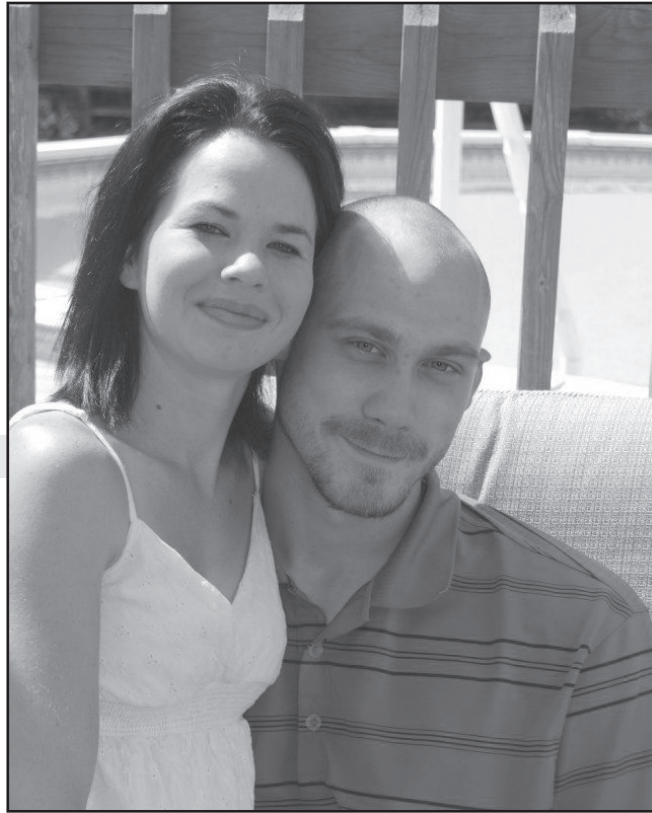
engagements

Bogdanik/Ridder

Tara Lynn Bogdanik, daughter of Mark and Faith Bogdanik of Lowell; and Joshua Troy Ridder, son of Kyle and Debbie Buikema and Glenn Ridder, all of Holland; announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is employed by Salon Centric. The groom-elect is employed by Midwest Installations, Inc. A July 6, 2013 wedding is planned.

Tara Bogdanik and Joshua Ridder



college news

Ian Blodger, a senior philosophy and English major at Hillsdale College, was named to the dean's list for the 2012 fall semester.

Blodger is the son of Mark and Karen Blodger of Lowell and is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:30 a.m.

Rev. Rick Blunt

Levin, continued

Sometimes we collectors are eager to add a stamp to our collection because it's especially valuable, or rare, or old, or in perfect condition. And sometimes, we value a stamp because it reminds us of something or someone we cherish.

The new Rosa Parks stamp honors someone we all cherish. The beauty of honoring Mrs. Parks in this latest way, and the beauty of honoring greatness through a postage stamp, is the way in which it introduces greatness into our everyday lives. They will be reminded of how one person can, through character and conviction and strength, change the world.

Now, generations of Americans will come upon the dignified, forceful portrait on this stamp, see the name "Rosa Parks," and, for a moment, reflect on her truly inspiring example. Indeed, the Postal Service has designated the stamp as

a "forever" stamp, meaning it will cover the cost of first-class postage forever, even if postage rates go up. The stamp is forever, just like Rosa Parks' example.

Rosa Parks helped unleash forces of freedom and equality too powerful for the forces of hatred and anger to contain. In addition to this postage stamp, she has been honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal, and later this year, we will make history by placing a statue of Mrs. Parks in the U.S. Capitol building's Statuary Hall.

No honor, whether it's a stamp or statue or a medal, can do true justice to Rosa Parks' contributions. But they help remind us of the power of ordinary people who are willing to do extraordinary things. They encourage us to try to live up to that example. That is Rosa Parks' lasting legacy.

happy birthday!

- FEBRUARY 20**
Mike Rivers, Gary Kemp, Barbara Carpenter, Sara Soyka, Madison Emelander, Nate Sloan.
- FEBRUARY 21**
Betsy Vezino, Ashton VanDerWarf, Kimberly Sterzick, Robin Martin, Luke Landman.
- FEBRUARY 22**
Kevin Gerard, Lloyd Powell, Rob Tulecki, Julie Shaffer, Jessy Dale Abel, Krista Foster.

- FEBRUARY 23**
Joe Ellis, Heather Essich, Sharon Miles.
- FEBRUARY 24**
Cliff Mulder, Tarah Essich, Lizzy Decker.
- FEBRUARY 25**
Mike Nearing.
- FEBRUARY 26**
Jeremy Goff, Barry Vezino, Bob Ford, Nancy Porter, Leslie Rash.



Be Nice Week, continued

Monday during first hour, students were given the opportunity to fill out an anonymous card to a fellow student caught in a friendly act.

Tuesday, students were encouraged to send a friendly text to a friend. Tuesday during lunch, teachers and students involved in the

program served up hot chocolate. These acts created a friendly atmosphere throughout the building.

On Valentine's Day anonymous cards were passed out during first hour, allowing students to be recognized for being nice.

Throughout the week, teachers had the opportunity to nominate students who they had seen performing random acts of kindness or just being nice, into a drawing. Friday was the official *Be Nice Day*, which was celebrated by having an assembly at the end of the day.

During this assembly, the king and queen were picked for the Sweetheart Swirl court. At the end of the assembly, student nominees were drawn and received prizes. Many students agree that *Be Nice Week* is important.

"Showing someone kindness is a way to improve a community," said junior Joseph Ryder. Many students enjoyed taking part in the activities or simply having someone new in the hallway say hello to them. However, some students had mixed feelings about only having this event once a year.

"It's sad that we need to set aside a week to be nice, I mean, we should just do nice things anyway, but it is important," said junior Zach Bauman.

Still, at the end of the week students went home reminded that just one act of kindness can change a person's day. Lowell High

School continues to be a friendly environment to grow and learn in and is only improved by *Be Nice Week*.



Students placed famous quotes on lockers to give students inspiration.



Students and teachers serve up ice cream during lunch.

...
Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
~ Mark Twain

— LEGAL NOTICE —

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
KENT COUNTY

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-002146-NC

In the matter of **CHERRI LYNN WILKERSON**.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:


TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on **Tuesday, 03/05/2013** at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 before **Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026)** for the following purpose:

on the petition filed by **Cherri Lynn Wilkerson** to change the name of **Cherri Lynn Wilkerson** to **Alora Rae Johnson**.

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2013 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE Lowell, Mi. 49331

2013 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. - Organizational Meeting

**Monday, March 11, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
& 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**&
Thursday, March 14, 2013 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments.

By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural.....	49.44.....	1.0113
Commercial	52.52.....	0.9520
Residential.....	47.47.....	1.0532
Industrial	48.43.....	1.0324
Personal	50.00.....	1.0000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 2 days notice.

Contact: Supervisor Jerry Hale, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE
616-897-7600

Board of Review Members, Barbara Tremblay,
Lisa Reed & James Foerch,
Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review.

FFA members to compete at state

submitted by Kevin Nugent
FFA advisor

On Wednesday, February 13, 14 members from the Lowell FFA Chapter earned the right to compete at the state competitions to be held March 6-9 at the State FFA Convention in East Lansing. The students competed in the regional contests against schools from around the West Michigan area. The top two teams in each contest advanced to the state level.

Jacey Culross finished in first place in the Job Interview contest. Members competing in the Job Interview contest had to prepare a resume and cover letter, complete a job

application and go through a mock job interview.

In the Agricultural Issues contest, the team of Maria Blough, Mary Leasure and Anna Reynolds placed first at the regional contests. They will give their presentation on the pros and cons of the new school lunch program at the state contests.

Emma Blough advanced in the Prepared Public Speaking contest. Her speech comparing conventional versus organic raised beef earned her the right to compete against the best public speakers in the state.

In the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings contest, middle school members show their ability to run an efficient meeting using correct parliamentary procedure. Team members: Keana Fahrni, Jenna Harper, Abigail Kastanek, Lizzie Kuhns, Elise Marshall, Keegan Mebert, Samuel Misak, Connor Nugent, and Tess Reagan, placed second at the regional contests and received a gold award.

Also competing at the regional contests for Lowell were John Mark in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest and Sarah Crosby in Prepared Public Speaking, as well as the team of Levi Churches, Paul Crosby, Kaylee Depew, Kaitlyn Johnson, Olivia Kauffman, Sarah Misak, and Jacob Poll in parliamentary procedure. All received gold awards at the regional contests.

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.



Ag Issues: Maria Blough, Anna Reynolds and Mary Leasure will compete in the Agricultural Issues contest at the State FFA Convention.

Jacey Culross won the regional FFA Job Interview contest and will compete at the State FFA Convention.



BIG RESULTS!

NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP M-100 TABULATOR TESTING

The public accuracy test of the M-100 Tabulator will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for the upcoming Lowell Area Schools Special Election for the purpose of levying 1 mill for 7 years for a sinking fund, to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 in the Historic Bowne Township Hall 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302.

Voters may request absentee ballots in the Township Office on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Monday, February 25, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office number 616 868-6846

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request:

APPLICANT: Darrel Herweyer
5500 Northland Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

REQUEST: A Special Use Permit and Site Plan to construct a restaurant building with a drive-up window on the following described property which is zoned General Commercial.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 11826 and 11840 East Fulton Street which is located between the Creation Kingdom day care facility and Noon's Tire Service & Repair. The property is vacant and consists of one acre. PP#'s 41-20-04-476-001 and 41-20-09-200-002

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission



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15-16 Boys & Girls (May 1st)

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www.llmi.com for more information

Any Questions:
lowelllittleleague@gmail.com

Lowell High School Students of the Month

Lowell High School (LHS) has announced that Tanner Owens, 12th grade; and Jacob Heuker, 12th grade; are the Lowell High School February Students of the Month.

In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based

on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Owens and Heuker. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Owens was nominated by Tony Ellis and he writes, "Tanner has made great improvements to himself. He has become one of the best students that I have now. Tanner now takes

his own initiative to solve problems he faces and often helps others with theirs."



Jacob Heuker

Cari Slot, Jim Fleet and Dee Crowley nominated Heuker and



Tanner Owens

they write, "Starting this fall, Jake has made outstanding improvements academically. Jake's work ethic and willingness to face adversity and rededicate himself to his education became his priority. Education was not always his focus in the past which caused some challenges. However, Jake decided that he was willing to give his best effort and reach his goal[s]: graduating in June 2013. Those of us

that have worked with Jake are extremely proud of his accomplishments and are excited to see him experience this success."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.

Junior women's club members provide February's luncheon surprise

The junior members of the Lowell Women's Club (LWC) wowed the membership with a Chinese New Year/Valentine's Day luncheon on Feb.

13. Lowell High School senior Kris Kargl presided as the club president and junior members assumed other roles as they ran the February meeting.

A buffet luncheon of Asian food, ranging from egg rolls to homemade almond cookies for dessert, was prepared by the girls and their sponsors.

Each table had a student hostess who wore Asian dress and who was

responsible for the table's decoration using a Chinese zodiac theme. The Chinese

dress was provided by Nancy Wood, the club's president.



Pictured, from left to right: Jean Parker, Sherri Olson, Jean Rockwell, Babette Maylone and Karen Corbett.



Pictured, from left to right, front row: Ashley White, Kayleigh Lambert, Madison Hacker, Brianna Steiner, Jacey Culross and Chris Kargl; back row: Jordan Lillie, Skylar Bowne, Rebecca Betts and McKensie Barnes.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP WILL MEET IN THE NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING - 8240 ALDEN NASH SE., ALTO ON:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 1:00 P.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

&

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

(NOTE THE EVENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TAX ROLL AND HEARING ALL CLAIMS. YOU MAY APPEAL YOUR ASSESSED VALUATION ONE OF (2) WAYS: BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED BY HIM PRIOR TO MARCH 5, 2013 OR BY APPEARING IN PERSON ON ONE OF THE DATES THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS.

THE TENTATIVE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT MULTIPLIER REQUIRED BY PA 165 OF 1971 ARE:

Agricultural Ratio	48.84	1.0237	Multiplier
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Red Arrow SPORTS

- GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts beat Kenowa Hills and place third at conference

by Karen Jack

The Lowell gymnastics' team faced Kenowa Hills twice this week. After having lost to them by .15 points earlier in the year, they had a goal of beating them both in the regular meet on Wednesday, but finishing higher than them in the conference meet as well. On Wednesday, they won with a score of 131.925 to 129.325.

Their determination was evident, as four girls achieved their personal best on the vault and two girls had their personal best on the balance beam.

On the vault, Lauren DeHaan scored 9.0, Meghan Plutschouw scored 8.9, Bethany Kaczanowski scored 8.8, and Sarena Wilterdink scored 8.6 – all personal best scores. The top three all changed their vault to a higher degree of difficulty, doing a handspring on with a full twist off, garnering higher scores for each of them.

On the beam, Danielle

Krajewski led the team with 8.25 (personal best), followed by DeHaan (8.2), Plutschouw (7.9 and personal best), and Jorie Bennett with a 7.575. Kaezi Bladey led the team on bars with 8.25, followed by DeHaan (7.75), Wilterdink (7.225), and Plutschouw (7.2). Bladey also led the team on the floor with 8.65, followed by Kaczanowski (8.45), DeHaan (8.425) and Wilterdink (8.375).

At the conference meet, the team finished third behind Rockford and Forest Hills, but beat Kenowa Hills and East Kentwood.

For that meet, DeHaan placed seventh on vault, ninth on beam and tenth on floor. Plutschouw placed ninth on vault and Bladey placed ninth on bars. For all-around, DeHaan placed seventh and Plutschouw placed eleventh.

"It was a great week for the team," said coach Michele DeHaan. "Kaezi Bladey was definitely a standout on bars this week.

She had her best form of the year."

Bennett has also had a stellar year on the beam, not falling off once. "That's unheard of in this sport, at this level, so she got a well-deserved round of applause after her routine," added DeHaan.

Lauren DeHaan was voted all-conference and Meghan Plutschouw was voted all-conference honorable mention.

The girls are now focusing on regionals, which will be held on March 2. They qualified as a team and all twelve girls on the team qualified individually, which is also another record, not having been done before for the Lowell team. "We are not at the point in the season to add anything new, just cleaning up and trying to score higher with what they are doing," said DeHaan.

Regionals will be held at Rockford on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 10 am.



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY
MENU
Week of
Feb. 25, 2013

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

TUES: Beef taco on soft shell tortilla, refried beans, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, applesauce, grapes.

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

THURS: Turkey hot dog on WG bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, cauliflower bites, orange slices, fruit pudding.

FRI: 1/2 day of school - no lunch served.

- BOWLING

Boys win conference meet, girls take fourth

by Karen Jack

The Lowell boys' bowling team had a great week, beating Grand Rapids Christian in their dual meet on Saturday, winning the OK White conference meet, outscoring their closest opponent by over 100 pins.

The team beat Christian 20.5 to 9.5. Justin Everitt shot a 229 to lead the team in game one, followed by Logan Phenix with a 215 and Josh Rocco with a 203.

At the OK White

conference meet, the final scores were Lowell with 3444, Caledonia with 3262, Grand Rapids Christian with 3256, Forest Hills Central with 2989, and East Grand Rapids with 2408.

Everitt, Rocco and Jordan Dennie were all named all-conference as well.

The girls' team had a tougher week, dropping their dual meet to Grand Rapids Christian, 24-6

and then placing fourth at conference, behind Caledonia, Forest Hills Central and Christian. Their dual meet scores were led by Crystal Sheldon with 162 in game one with Paige Rozell shooting a two-game series of 324 and Ally Stockrees with 293.

Both teams host the team regional meet at Lowell Lanes on Saturday, beginning at 9 am.



Boys' basketball splits this week

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrow boys' basketball team beat Cedar Springs this week, 67-50, but fell to East Grand Rapids (EGR) in a close one, 59-51.

In the Cedar Springs' game, the team never trailed, coming out strong and leading at the end of the first half, 33-20. The Redhawks outscored Lowell in the third quarter by one, but Lowell was just too strong for them in the end. Jason Malling

led the team with 29 points, followed by Austin Lemke with 14.

"Cedar was a good win," said coach Kyle Carhart. "We got contributions from a lot of different guys but once again, I felt our seniors did a great job of leading the way. Jason (Malling), Grant (Noskey), Austin (Lemke), and Andrew Potter were all outstanding."

In the East Grand Rapids'

game, East outscored the Arrows by 10 points, but the Arrows came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Pioneers by two points, but just couldn't get over the hump to beat them. Malling again led the team with 31 points, followed by Noksey with 11.

"I felt like we did not match the effort level that EGR had to begin the game and that falls squarely on my

shoulders," added Carhart. "I need to do a better job of preparing the team to be ready to go right from the start. We did a great job of battling back, cutting into a big deficit and had the ball late a couple trips with an opportunity to tie or take the lead."

Malling is the area's fifth leading scorer and is consistently the top scorer for the Arrows. "Jason

obviously had an outstanding week," said Carhart. "He continues to not only doing a great job scoring the basketball but he is doing it in an extremely efficient manner. A lot of credit needs to go to his teammates for finding him and screening to get him great looks."

The boys host Grand Rapids Christian on Friday at Lowell High School. Game time is 6 pm.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- WRESTLING

Wrestlers win Division 2 regional championship

by Karen Jack

The Red Arrow wrestlers won the regional championship on Wednesday against Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg in the finals, after first beating Northview in the regional semifinals, to earn a berth to Battle Creek for the state championship. They then turned around on Saturday and crowned six champions, sending nine to the Palace for the individual state championships.

Six wrestlers pinned their way through Northview, including Lucas Hall (103 lbs.), Derek Krajewski (112 lbs.), Bailey Jack (125 lbs.), Dan Kruse (130 lbs.), Jordan Hall (135 lbs.), and Pierce Watson (189 lbs.). Kanon Dean (171 lbs.) and Taylor Korneoly (215 lbs.) both won by technical fall, while Scott VanOosten (140 lbs.) won by major. Josh Kinsley (119 lbs.) and Logan Wilcox (285 lbs.) both won by decision.

In the regional championship match against Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg, the Red Arrows won 40-18, with an opportune pin by Wilcox, who sealed the win. Besides Wilcox, pinning their opponents were L. Hall (103 lbs.) and J. Hall (135 lbs.). Derek Krajewski (112 lbs.), Jack (130 lbs.), Max Dean (160 lbs.), K. Dean (171 lbs.), and Garret Stehley (189 lbs.) all won by decision. Korneoly (215 lbs.) had a void.

On Saturday, 13 wrestlers ventured to Fruitport for the individual regionals, where the top four placers advanced to the state championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills, in their quest for a state title. Nine of them advanced, with six of those being crowned the

regional champions. Those champions include Zeth Hall (112 lbs.) who beat Chris Poland (Middleville), 7-1; Jack (119 lbs.) who beat Collin Welcher (Hamilton), 7-1; J. Hall (135 lbs.) who beat Joel Rees (Sparta), 4-2; K. Dean who beat Dan Dykstra (Middleville), 3-1; Stehley (189 lbs.) who majored Cameron Stoel (Hamilton), 13-3; and Korneoly who pinned Tom Cheslek (Sparta).

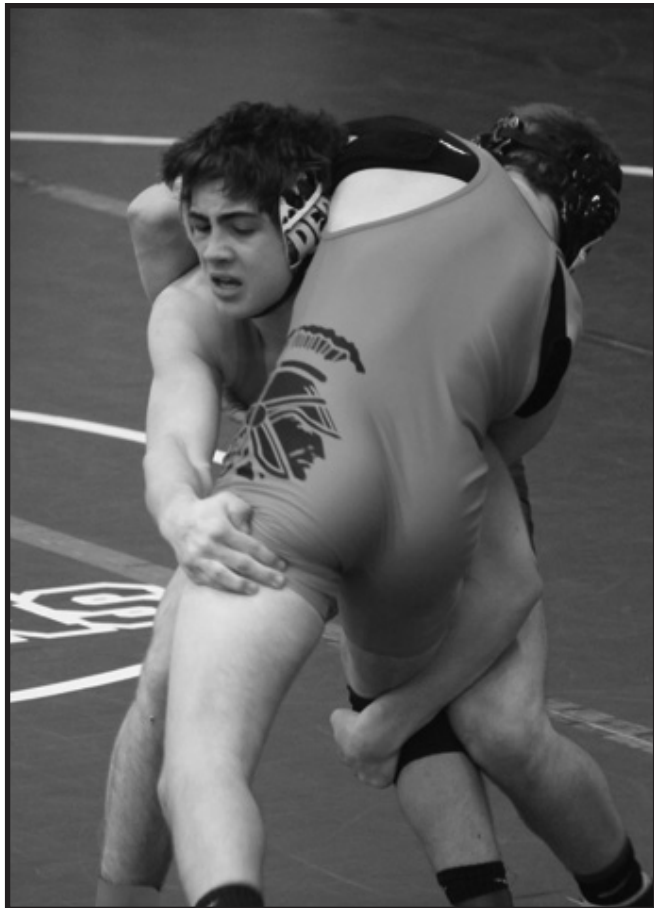
Other state qualifiers include L. Hall (103 lbs.) and M. Dean (160 lbs.) both taking second and Krajewski (112 lbs.) taking third.

"I'm so pleased with the way these kids wrestled this week," said coach Dave Dean. "Their hard work and dedication is paying off. I'm

excited to see how far we can advance as both a team and individually."

The team faces Greenville in the quarterfinals on Friday at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Match time is 7:45 pm. If they win, they will face the winner of Niles v. Tecumseh in the semifinals on Saturday. Winning that match will put them in the finals, where the opponent is likely to be St. Johns, last year's state champions. The finals match will begin at 4 pm on Saturday.

The individual championships begin Thursday, February 28 and continue through March 2 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, with the finals' matches beginning at 4 pm on Saturday, March 2.



Max Dean goes for the lift for a takedown.



Garret Stehley bundles his opponent for the pin.



The wrestling team hoists their trophy after their regional championship win.

Olympic committee has decided to nix wrestling

by Karen Jack

Wrestling has been part of the Olympics since 708 B.C., yet this past week, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided to drop wrestling as one of the core sports.

"This is a process of renewing and renovating the program for the Olympics," explained IOC spokesperson Mark Adams. "In the view of the executive board, this was the best program for the Olympic games in 2020. It's not a case of what's wrong with wrestling, it is what's right with the 25 core sports."

There's a lot of people who beg to differ, not just here in the United States, but all around the world - in places like Iran, where

wrestling is a national sport (think football in the U.S.). People are not happy about the decision and there's much talk about petitioning to include wrestling again in 2020.

When asked about the decision, former Lowell High School standout, Gabe Dean, who now wrestles as a gray-shirted freshman for Cornell University said, "It's disappointing the Olympic committee decided to make this decision without looking at the wrestling community. There are little kids who dream about winning an Olympic gold and now what is there to look forward to after college? There is no professional wrestling to fall back on. Where do wrestlers

go? It's extremely saddening when you take a look at the wrestling community and the passion for the sport being cut out of people. Save Olympic wrestling to save crushed dreams."

Junior Garret Stehley chose to look at it a little differently. "I don't think they should have gotten rid of it. It's one of the toughest sports and I believe they should continue it. But I also believe kids are still going to wrestle. They still have college to look forward to, as wrestling is an asset to get into a better school. A wrestler who loves the sport isn't going to stop wrestling because it's not an Olympic sport," said Stehley.

obituaries

CHRISTIANSEN

Robert C. Christiansen, age 88 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly February 17, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Jacqueline "Jackie"; children, Sandra Seeley, Robert D. Christiansen; grandson, Geoff (Alicia) Andersen and great-granddaughter Bailey Andersen.



Bob was a former mayor of Lowell, a member of the Lowell Lion's Club, the American Legion Post 152, the Moose Lodge and a veteran of Foreign Wars. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell. Rev. Rick Blunt officiating.



LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-175462-GA

In the matter of **MARY KATHERINE STINSON**, deceased. Date of birth: 10/02/1931.

In the matter of **MIRIAM SORIA**.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Elwin Mixo and Tricia Marshall whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 3127 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 died December 5, 2012.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 03/05/2013 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition for the appointment of a guardian for Miriam Soria.

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02/13/2013

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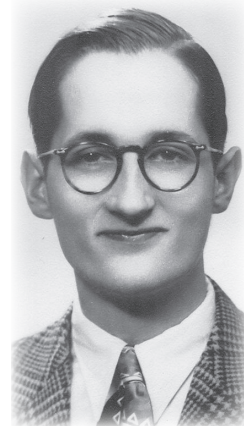
JOHNSON

Rheta Kathleen Johnson, age 78, of Lowell, passed away February 15, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Norman. She is survived by children Dawn (Michael) Riley, Steven (Lori) Johnson and Donald (Robin) Johnson; grandchildren Joshua (Ashley Adams) Riley, Kevin (Ashley) Riley, Erin and William Johnson; great-grandchildren Alexis, Bryce and Bella. A Funeral service was held Tuesday, February 19 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor Ronald Tuinstra of South Boston Bible Church officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to South Boston Bible Church, 10280 W Grand River Ave., Lowell MI 49331.



KRIEKAARD

Ronald Charles Kriekaard, age 83 of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, February 14, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents Anthony and Mary and brother William Kriekaard. He is survived by sisters Joyce Thompson, Marilyn (William) Race, Pearl Elmer; sister-in-law Marge Kriekaard; many nieces and nephews. A Graveside service will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Hill cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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WIEBERDINK

Henry Wieberdink, age 84, of Lowell, formerly of Kentwood, passed away February 14, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife Winifred and son Jon. He is survived by sons, Daniel (Janet) Wieberdink and Bob (Nancy) Wieberdink; brother, Don (Nyla) Wieberdink, sisters, Evelyn (Bill) Sikma and Dorothy (Doug) Bonnema; grandchildren, Sarah, Kelsey, Matthew and Heather Wieberdink; also many nieces and nephews. A Funeral service was held Monday, February 18th at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Rod Galindo of Calvary Christian Reformed Church officiated. Military honors were Under the Auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Interment Pine Hill Cemetery, Kentwood. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Salvation Army, 1235 Fulton St E Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The March board of review of Vergennes Township will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall on:

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

and

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

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SAVVY CAREGIVER TRAINING - Wed., Feb. 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.

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.

CANCER - KIDS TALK - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. - A group for children in first - fourth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

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GRIEF - KIDS GROUP - 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.

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.

GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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

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

JOHN BALL ZOO - Sat., Mar. 2, 10:30 a.m. Kick off "Read Around the World" w/program on animals around the world at Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave. SE, Alto, 616-784-2007.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city council members. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion &

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ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tues., 6-7:15 p.m., for adults diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FREE SENIOR COFFEE - Every fourth Friday, 8 - 9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St.

FOOD PANTRY - First Friday of month at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. Registration 1 p.m., distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 868-6402.

MOMS IN TOUCH GROUP - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

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Fillman named Staff Member of the Month

Murray Lake Elementary (MLE) fifth-grade teacher Mike Fillman was named Staff Member of the Month for January. Fillman has been a teacher in Lowell for 29 years, spending time teaching at Alto, Cherry Creek and the past nine years at MLE.

“Mike is a great teacher. He often goes above and beyond. He spends a lot of time planning the fifth-grade spaghetti dinner fundraiser in January,” commented fourth-grade teacher Bob Titcombe.

Fillman resides in Grand Rapids with his wife Jennifer and daughter Rachael. Their son Jeff married his wife Jenna this past summer and also resides in Grand Rapids.

“Teaching is the most rewarding profession because you have the chance on a daily basis to make a positive impact on kids’ lives. I feel very blessed to be a part of the great staff here at MLE. Mr. Noskey deserves a lot of credit for creating the positive and fun atmosphere at MLE. The parental support at MLE is amazing! The staff, parents and students are all on the same page to make this a successful place to be and learn,” says Fillman.

In Fillman’s spare time he enjoys being with his family (including his dog), biking, playing golf and tennis, and listening to music.



Fifth-grade teacher Mike Fillman surrounded by his students.

Schneider named Volunteer of the Month

Jan Schneider was named Murray Lake’s Volunteer of the Month for January. Schneider, a retired Kentwood Public

School teacher has been volunteering at Murray Lake Elementary (MLE) for the past five years.

She and her husband Phil

have three grown children and six grandchildren and currently reside in Lowell near Murray Lake.

“Jan loves coming in to work with kids. Her patience and understanding of their needs really makes a difference to the kids she helps. She is also very flexible, both in terms of when she comes in and what she is willing to do. She will gladly help with anything that needs doing in my room,” commented MLE third-grade teacher, Diane Titche.

Schneider was both surprised and honored to

learn about her award. “I am so honored to be able to volunteer at Murray Lake. I have been impressed with the staff and children, since the first time I walked in the door. Diane Titche is an excellent, dedicated teacher who works so hard to meet the needs of her students. I have been very impressed with the innovative methods she uses to teach. It is a joy to see her motivate the children to try harder and to achieve more. I learn something new every time I am in her classroom. I love working with the children either individually or in

small groups. I am also very impressed with the students good behavior. Any child who attends Murray Lake is very fortunate!!!”

When she is not volunteering, Schneider loves to travel; she and

her husband Phil have had many wonderful experiences on their trips around the world. She also enjoys sewing, making photo books, reading, gardening, and spending time with her family.

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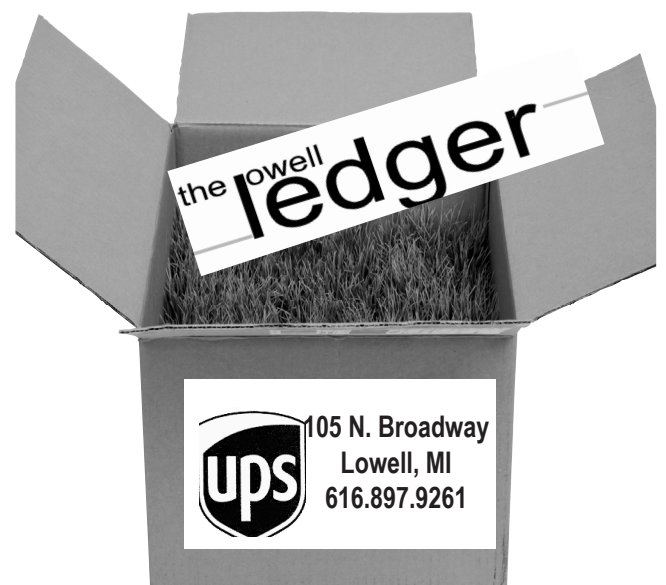


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- 1. *The knight on the Oscar statuette holds one
- 6. *Possible best director
- 9. Sound of passing bullet?
- 13. Taekwondo country
- 14. ___ of Good Feelings
- 15. Twofold
- 16. Relating to Quechuan people
- 17. Energy unit
- 18. To set someone free
- 19. Bruce Wayne's Batman, e.g.
- 21. *Historical drama and Oscar nominee
- 23. Feline cry
- 24. Secretary, e.g.
- 25. a.k.a. American Gas Association
- 28. Cleanse
- 30. Gather, as in courage, e.g.
- 35. Make fun of
- 37. Lord's worker
- 39. *Controversial speech-making director (2003)
- 40. Aware of
- 41. They itch
- 43. *Singing nominee
- 44. Apartments, e.g.
- 46. Bank claim
- 47. "___ in full"
- 48. Petered out
- 50. Put in the hold
- 52. Grazing land
- 53. *Vanity Fair holds a big one on Oscar night
- 55. ___ sheet
- 57. *Western director nominee
- 61. *"Cloud _____," snubbed by the Academy
- 63. Justin Timberlake's "_____ the End of Time"

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FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 19

- Jerry Buss, the Los Angeles Lakers' owner with 10 championships, died Monday. He was 80.
- Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystic" was published 50 years ago this week.
- A Florida python hunt has turned up a giant Burmese python. The two men that caught it collected a \$1,000 prize. The giant snake was released back into the Everglades outfitted with a pair of transmitters. It is hoped that the snake will show wildlife managers where to find the thousands of snakes hiding in the wild. The snake hunt was held because the pythons have multiplied in the Everglades and have become a threat to native species.
- A huge 20,000-pound meteor fell to earth in the city of Chelyabinsk, injured more than 1000 people and blew out windows across the region.
- Carnival Cruise Line's four-day cruise to Mexico, that turned into a week-long nightmare for travelers, ended when the ship was finally towed to port in Alabama.

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- 74. Throat infection
- 1. Often used with "bum"
- 2. *Got an Oscar
- 3. Shamu, e.g.
- 4. King's domain
- 5. *President portrayer
- 6. *Ang and Spike, e.g.
- 7. Get it wrong
- 8. Bald symbol
- 9. Dietary mineral
- 10. Division word
- 11. Nervous biter's victim
- 12. Hidden valley
- 15. Hogwash
- 20. Flooded
- 22. Any doctrine
- 24. Ascetic Muslim monk
- 25. *Love
- 26. Going to
- 27. *Cooper and Lawrence ___
- "Silver Linings Playbook"
- 29. Wedding cover
- 31. Daytime TV offering
- 32. Relating to tone
- 33. Bert's roommate
- 34. High-pitched
- 36 Japanese string instrument
- 38. Three of these in a yard
- 42. Horse or pig sound
- 45. Difficult to detect by the mind
- 49. ___ chi
- 51. *Youngest ever nominee
- 54. Sense an odor
- 56. Colorful spread
- 57. African tea
- 58. Backward arrow command
- 59. Greek H's
- 60. Not far distant in time, space or degree
- 61. Aquatic plant
- 62. *Like most in attendance at the Oscars
- 65. Manhole cover
- 67. WSW opposite
- 68. One in a set

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LHS Sweetheart Swirl king and queen crowned in dramatic fashion

by Kelvin Anderson
Lowell Ledger intern

Classes were cut short last Friday at Lowell High School so students could attend an assembly to see the crowning of the king and queen of the Swirl court. This event is in preparation for the Sweetheart Swirl, a dance that will be held this coming week.

The assembly began with the presentation of the nominees from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes.

With suspense at its peak, students were introduced to their senior nominees. The nominees were Abby Ellis, Emma Tompkins, Sophie Kohtz, Danielle Ordway, Audrey Pearson, Tim Antel, Zach Crawford, Toby Marks, Shannon Massey, and Alex Tobin.

With a rousing drum

roll the students prepared for the announcement. All the nominations for king stepped forward and formed in a circle. Students cheered and suddenly went quiet as all nominees dropped to the ground. The lights went out and then came back on and a student ran onto the gym floor with a defibrillator, dramatically reviving the senior king Zach Crawford.

The student body cheered loudly. It was now the ladies' turn and Abby Ellis was revealed as the Swirl queen.

After a round of applause, the assembly was concluded with a sneak peek of the upcoming Music Man play by Alex Tobin. The assembly then dismissed for a three-day weekend knowing that next week is spirit week, culminating with the Sweetheart Swirl.



Senior Swirl court, left to right: Alex Tobin, Emma Tompkins, Tobias Marks, Sophie Kohtz, Zach Crawford (king), Abby Ellis (queen), Tim Antel, Audrey Rasch, Shannon Massey, and Danielle Ordway.



Junior Swirl court, left to right: Rachel Wittenbach (princess), Jacob North, Kortney Beachler, Kanon Dean, Hannah Fitzpatrick, and Alex Kaminski (prince).



Sophomore Swirl court, left to right: Maria Blough, Nate Kyburz (prince), Katie Bush, Logan Smith, Hannah Briggs (princess), and Dylan Mankel.



Freshman Swirl court, left to right: Kelsey Emmanuel, Hayden Sutton (prince), Sarah Kloosterman (princess), Derek Massey, Marilla Marks, and Max Dean.

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