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Artist cooperative settles in familiar gallery space

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

The end of 2012 brought with it the end of a favorite Lowell fixture - Fire and Water Art at 219 West Main. While Fire and Water's owner, Kathleen Mooney, reopened just down the road, many of the resident artists didn't want to leave.

"We just didn't want the gallery to end," Deidre Wingelaar said.

Wingelaar was an artist at Fire and Water for seven years, but today she is the president of the cooperatively owned Flat River Gallery and Framing which took over the space on Jan. 11, 2013.

Flat River charges members a membership fee, a fee for wall space and commission on art. As a result, the community of 20 artists can claim ownership of their gallery.

They are governed by a board of nine members,



Pictured are 11 of the 20 of the gallery owners. From left to right, front row: Patti Sevensma, Jan Johnson, Deidre Wingelaar, Cortney Robson and Cathy Puchala; back row: Bob Gronevelt, Jackson Botsford, Stefano Lassini, Whitney Lassini, Virginia Wieringa, and Richard Muller.

all of whom are former artists of Fire and Water, with an executive board of Wingelaar (president), Marylu Dykstra (vice

president), Bob Gronevelt (treasurer), and Cortney Robson (secretary).

While most of the people in the cooperative

are painters, the artistry of glass making, sewing, beading, metalwork, wood sculpting, furniture refurbishing and pottery are also represented. Wingelaar is the resident framer, and visitors can always come in to see painting, pastelles, and acrylics done on site.

"If we're not talking to customers, we're actively involved with painting," Wingelaar said.

In the near future, Flat River intends to do a series of classes and workshops for the public. The first class will be basic beginners painting. Helga Flower and Mary Ann Beckwith, two artists from the upper peninsula, will also be doing workshops.

Flat River will have a visiting artist each month, including a woman who Wingelaar calls a local legend, Loretta Sailors. Classes will begin this summer, but those interested can sign up now.

On Saturday, April 13, Flat River celebrates its grand opening from 1 to 6 pm. Art lovers can enjoy wine, snacks and hors d'oeuvres, with catering from Ella's of Lowell. There will be a reception and a meet and greet with the artists.

"We love Lowell and we'd like to see it grow," Wingelaar said. "We enjoy the art community."

Lowell High School receives \$10,000 grant



Deborah Wilks, far right, presents the check to Lowell students.

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Tuesday afternoon, Lowell High School received a \$10,000 Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant presented by Deborah Wilks, Lowell's State Farm representative. Tenth and Eleventh graders watched as several student leaders received the check on stage.

Students will use this grant to run a leadership program for high school students. The program is

aimed at making the youth into the leaders of tomorrow by offering interactive simulations and trainings involving social justice and critical thinking. According to a press release, students will "learn, teach and work together."

Student leaders will also be partnering with various groups such as "Student Council, National Honor Society, Interact and

FFA" to reach a wide range of students.

These high school groups will work on eradicating bullying and destructive behaviors, two issues identified by the high school as areas that need to be focused on.

The grant will also fund a mentor program between high school and middle

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Council approves comprehensive tree plan for 2013-2014

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

The Arbor Board was formed in 2007 and charged with creating a yearly tree plan. These plans include locating trees to be removed and finding areas that would benefit from new trees. The Arbor Board's goal is to improve the "Urban Forest Canopy within the city." Many trees have recently been destroyed by disease and must be removed. The Arbor Board will be planting more trees to make up for those trees lost. The 2013 plan includes planting 15 trees on N. Center Street and planting, as needed, trees on the north side of Bowes Road. They are also adding many trees and shrubbery in the amphitheatre area of the riverwalk.

LHS alum spends her break helping others

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Hayley Getzen, a 2007 Lowell High School graduate, spent her spring break in Grenada providing medical assistance to locals.

Getzen is currently a student at The University of Michigan's School of Public Health and will be starting medical school in the fall. She travelled to Grenada with nine other school of public health students and several of its staff to spend their break working to make a difference.

Grenada is a small island in the Caribbean plagued with many diseases and health disparities. Getzen's group was there to work with people who have sickle cell disease.

Sickle cell disease is a genetic disease where the red blood cells are crescent

shaped. This causes blocked blood flow, causing pain, organ damage and fatigue.

The life expectancy of a person with this disease varies by country, but

remains near the 50s. There is no cure, however with proper care, life expectancy can be significantly increased.

According to their blog, they would be providing assistance "through focus groups, health education sessions, interventions, and evaluations."

The group worked with three organizations, Spice Island Project, Sports for Health and Sickle Cell Association. They gave surveys to assess the needs of the communities and the difficulties of living with, or caring for, someone with

sickle cell disease. They also worked on developing a health fair to increase knowledge and awareness of several diseases, including diabetes and sickle cell disease.

Getzen was able to put her public health knowledge to work. By surveying the organizations, she was able to assess the needs of the communities. She could show the organizations how to make healthier choices and cope with sickle cell disease easier. For Getzen, this was a great opportunity to gain hands on experience in the field of public health.



Hayley Getzen, far left, poses with members of the University of Michigan Public Health Action Support Team in St. George's, Grenada.



along main street

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Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Wed., April 3 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

GILDA'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Book Club, Tues., April 16, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. This month's read is "March" by Geraldine Brooks. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk. **Cancer - New Member Meeting**, Tuesdays, April 9 and 23, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:15-8 pm. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. **Laughter Yoga**, Tues., April 23, 4-5 pm. Come exercise your laughter muscles! Join us for this wellbeing workout that encourages laughter for no reason. No yoga mat or experience is required. Please wear comfortable clothes and prepare to leave happy, healthy and energized! **"Look Good, Feel Better,"** Tues., April 9, 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., April 16, 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

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Do you have outgrown infant, toddler or preschool clothing, toys, books and baby essentials? Help area young families by participating in our sale. Stop by if you are looking for items for your family. April 27 from 9 am - 1 pm, setup 8-9 am at Cherry Creek Elementary. Free to participate. Free to shop. Call Lori at 616-987-2532 or email lbuys@lowellschools.com to reserve a space. TOTS is an early childhood project of Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Area Community Fund.

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Woman arrested on child abuse charges

Aimee Lynn Slack, age 27 of Lowell Township was arrested on March 18, 2013 on two counts of child abuse - (leaving a child unattended in a vehicle (MCL 750.135a(2)a).

Slack posted bond at the time of arrest and was arraigned in the 63rd District Court on March 27, 2013. Slack's pre-trial conference is scheduled for 3:00 pm on April 16, 2013 in the 63rd District Court.

The charges stem from an investigation in the 2100 block of W. Main Street, on March 5, 2013 where two children ages three and four were reported to have been left unattended in a running

vehicle. Slack was identified by the investigating officer as the mother of the children and the driver of the vehicle.

The children were alleged to have been left unattended in the unlocked and running vehicle for approximately 30 minutes while Slack attended to personal business in one of the stores.

Leaving a child unattended in a vehicle is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$500.00.

An arrest is not an indication of guilt. All persons are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Bushnell Elementary students are wild about reading

Bushnell Elementary students had a roaring great time celebrating reading during the month of March. The month was kicked off with some Lowell High School baseball players reading a Dr. Seuss story in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Students celebrated during the month with

special activities like crazy sock or slipper day, wearing a spotted and striped shirt and sharing their favorite storybook. They were treated to animal crackers at Rainforest Café (the teacher's lounge decorated as a jungle), a "wild" bookmark and a "wild" bracelet.

A "wildly" favorite activity for students this month was gazing at the showcases in the school filled with animal mounts. The mounts were donated by Bill Wierenga and Kent Conservation Club. Bushnell's Wild about Reading month was culminated by a family fun evening with Joel Tacey; as well as, a school assembly with a special visit from the King of the jungle, the "King" read Judy Sierra's Wild About Books to the students and sang "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with them.



...
Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.

~ Benjamin Franklin

LHS grant, continued

school students. The high school will strive to give confidence and skills to become leaders at school. The mentor program will involve service-learning projects, trainings and mentoring to help build a foundation for great leadership.

One of State Farm's goals through these grants is breaking stereotypes and bringing diverse groups of people together. Through the leadership and mentoring programs, students will be more confident, learn useful skills and break out of their comfort zone.

This grant is given out based on merit. Lowell High School had to stress the importance of building leadership skills, working together to make an impact on difficult issues and making the community a better place. The grant

application was due last summer. Deborah Wilks was advisor for the project. She helped the high school through the grant process and the school is very grateful for the work she put in. She said, "These kids are doing great things. They have just returned from the 24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference, where they received recognition for being a Top 10 National Leader School in Projection Ignition. They will use what they learned to create change right here in Lowell."

Several thefts from vehicles investigated

The Kent County Sheriff's Department is investigating numerous larcenies from automobiles that have occurred from Dec. 2012 through March 2013. These incidents have been throughout Kent and Ottawa Counties. Several occurred during the early morning hours of March 6 on Graphic Industrial Drive in Plainfield Township and in the area of 33rd Street S.E. in Cascade Township.

A black High Point .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol was taken during one of the larcenies and has not yet been recovered.

According to the sheriff's department, the suspects would frequently take purses and wallets and use the victim's credit cards to purchase gift cards and fuel.

They executed several search warrants which resulted in the recovery of some of the stolen property. Based on the investigation, the sheriff's department was able to identify and charge Emmanuel Alfonso Ventura, 21, of Comstock Park with

larceny of a firearm, two counts of breaking into a vehicle causing damage and the illegal use of a financial transaction device. Ventura is currently being held at the Kent County Correctional Facility on a \$35,000 C/S bond.

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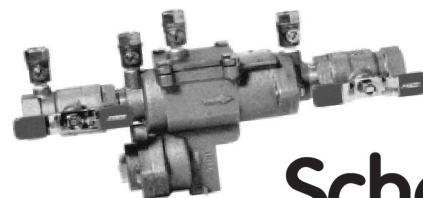
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Help yourself reduce investment stress

You probably aren't too worried about it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Each year, the Health Resource Network sponsors this "month" to inform people about the dangers of stress and to share successful coping strategies. Obviously, it's important to reduce stress in all walks of life — including your investment activities. How can you cut down on the various stresses associated with investing?

Here are a few possible "stress-busters":

- Know your risk tolerance. If you're constantly worrying about the value of your investments, your portfolio may simply be too volatile for your individual risk tolerance. Conversely, if you're always feeling that your investments will never provide you with the growth you need to achieve your long-term goals, you might be investing too conservatively.

- Know what to expect from your investments. Uncertainty

is often a leading cause of stress. So when you purchase investments that are mysterious to you, you shouldn't be surprised if they perform in ways that raise your stress levels. Never invest in something unless you fully understand its characteristics and risk potential.

- Be prepared for market volatility. Over the long term, the financial markets have trended upward, though their past performance can't guarantee future results. Yet for periods of months, and even years, these same markets can sputter and decline. So when you invest, be aware of this volatility; if you're prepared for it, you won't be shocked when it happens, and you should be able to better keep stress at bay.

- Maintain realistic expectations. If you think your investments are going to earn a very high rate of return, year after year, you are more than likely going to be disappointed — and you could easily get "stressed out." You're much better

off, from a stress standpoint, not to expect eye-popping results.

- Diversify your portfolio. If you were only to own one asset class, such as growth stocks, and that particular segment took a big hit during a market drop, your whole portfolio could suffer, and it could take years to recover — causing you no end of stress. But if you spread your investment dollars among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities and so on — your portfolio has a better chance of weathering the ups and downs of the market. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification may help you reduce the effects of volatility, it can't prevent losses or guarantee profits.)

- Think long term. If you only measure your investment success by short-term results, you can feel frustrated and stressed. But when you stop to consider your objectives, you may find that the most important ones, such as a comfortable retirement, are all long-term in nature. Consequently, it makes more sense to measure the progress you're making with your investments in periods of years, or even decades, rather than days or months. Instead of fretting over your monthly investment statements, compare where you are today versus where you were 10 or 15 years ago. The results may well surprise and help "de-stress" you.

Stress Awareness Month will come and go. But by making the right moves, you can help take some of the stress out of investing for a long time to come.

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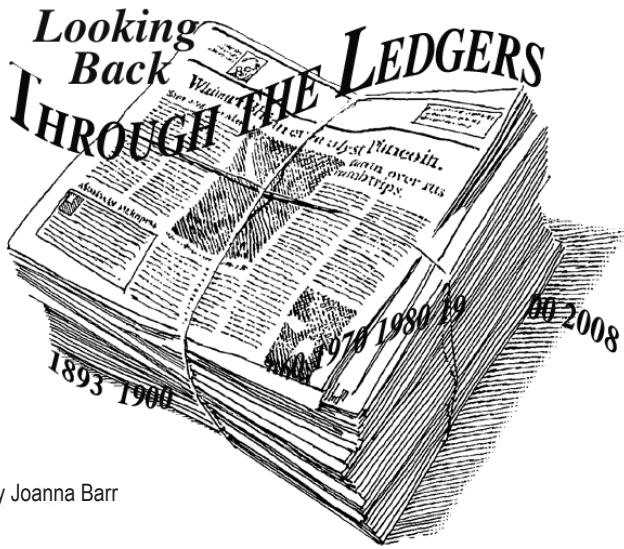
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viewpoint



By Joanna Barr

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 10, 1913

That awful curve again. While a Pere Marquette freight was backing down with half a train from Elmdale to Lowell yesterday, the engine was derailed on the curve between Grand and Flat rivers. The Grand Rapids-Chicago passenger train was held two hours while the engine was being rerailed.

With an explosion which scattered stove lids, doors and hot coals all over the room, a heavily loaded shotgun shell was discharged in a stove in the kitchen of George Winters, of Banfield. When Winters poured coal oil into the stove he did not notice that the shell had rolled from a window sill into the scuttle.

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50 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 11, 1963

In preparation for a stake-out of lots in Lowell Development's Valley Vista plat, a burn off was held Saturday afternoon, under the supervision of the Lowell Fire Department. About 40 acres were burned off under careful control, allowing new grass to present an attractive sight for the grand opening and open house to be held in the new subdivision in the very near future.

Lock your car—Lowell police chief Avery Block urges everyone parking their car on the streets in Lowell to be sure and lock their cars. Several citizens have found articles stolen from their cars. Monday night, John Blottie reported a brief case and note book stolen, while parked at the bowling alley.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 13, 1988

Lowell to be featured in Grand Rapids Magazine - The city of Lowell will be featured in the Main Streets section of the May issue of the Grand Rapids Magazine. Main Streets is a 12-month series of articles probing the history, status and psyche of area communities as a way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the magazine. You can pick up a copy of the May issue for \$2.00 at your favorite newsstand.

At West Central Michigan Historical Society's April 19 meeting, the program will be slide show and demonstration of antique toys by Kaye and Nancy Fish of Grand Rapids. Jim and Lori Bailey are hosting the meeting at their home on Covered Bridge Drive and guests may look over the property the society is buying. The house, actually two houses put together, has long been known as the Tower House, for a family long esteemed in the village of Fallasburg. The three landmark red barns are well over 100 years old, having been the shelters for stagecoaches and teams overnight on the trip between Ionia and Grand Rapids.

140 years ago Lowell Journal April 4, 1873

Etherial mildness came last Saturday with a vengeance. It was a stunner. Thermometers were in an excited position. From 80 degrees to 90 degrees in the shade on the 5th day of April. Write it down in your memoranda or pickle it in your memory. "Things ain't as they used to be anyway."

Mr. Van Ehrencrook, a somewhat antiquated German, and a resident of this village, was arraigned before Justice Eakright last Tuesday, upon the charge of making such threats against his wife as to put her in fear of her life. Mrs. Van Ehrencrook was asked by counsel what his general demeanor was at home. She replied that no language of hers could tell - let the jury look at him and they could tell from his looks how he acts. His threats were fully proved and he was found guilty by the jury and required by the court to find a \$500 bail bond to keep the peace and behave himself. He could not do it and now he is in jail. Mrs. V. has now applied for divorce from him and our greatest surprise is that she ever lived with him at all, even for half a day.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 7, 1938

Headline: Fire destroys farm home built in Civil War period. The Lowell fire department responded to a call early Tuesday morning from the farm home of Earl McDiarmid near the Sweet school in South Lowell. Mrs. McDiarmid was the first to discover the fire at about four o'clock and awakened other members of the household. The fire spread rapidly, destroying the house and most of the furnishings, but the occupants. Earl McDiarmid, his wife and father, escaped safely with minor burns. The local fire department was called at 4:10 am but the call came too late to save the dwelling. The loss was partially covered by insurance. According to residents of the vicinity, the building, which is made of whitewood logs has been standing since Civil War days.

Voter registration deadline nearing for May election

U.S. citizenship affirmation statement, required on ballot applications under new Michigan law, will be used for the first time in May election

Michigan residents have until Monday, April 8, to register in order to vote in the May 7 election, said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"If you are qualified to vote in Michigan but have not yet registered, I encourage you to do so," said Johnson, Michigan's chief election officer. "Voting remains one of our greatest freedoms and I encourage you to participate in all local, state and national elections."

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm. To find out if there is an election in your community, visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years

old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail or in person at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State office. When registering in person, voters must present identification or sign an affidavit stating they do not have identification with them. The mail-in form is available at www.michigan.gov/elections. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

To check their registration status, residents

may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. Residents can also find information on absentee voting, Michigan's voter identification requirement, how to use voting equipment and how to contact their local clerk. In addition, they will find a map to their local polling place and a sample ballot. A mobile version is also available at the same website.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are:

- age 60 or older.
- physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls will be open on Election Day.
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons.
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 pm Saturday, May 4. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 pm on Monday, May 6. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, May 6, must fill out the ballot in the clerk's office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Beginning with this election, voters may notice a slight change to the wording of the affirmation statement that appears above the signature line on applications to vote in the polls and on absent voter

ballot applications. By signing the application, the voter certifies that he or she is a U.S. citizen. The revised application forms also remind voters that they must be citizens in order to vote.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide identification when at the polls on Election Day or when obtaining an absentee

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★ In The Service

Navy Seaman Recruit Lacey R. Craun, daughter of Wendy J. Keller of Alto and James A. Craun, of Alto, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Craun completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle

Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Craun is a 2011 graduate of Olivet High School of Olivet.

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The rotator cuff is a group of muscles in the shoulder that connects your arm to your shoulder blade. This allows for the greatest range of motion of any joint in your body. It also puts it at risk for injury from a number of different areas. Overhead use, repetitive

motion, and falls all can potentially cause harm to this complex. Throwing a baseball is a classic example.

Typical symptoms include a constant ache, loss of motion, weakness in a certain plane, or frank loss of strength. It most

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often is noted when combing hair or putting your jacket on. Injury can range from tendonitis and bursitis, to an actual tear of the tendon.

Risks of injury include age over 40, athletes, construction workers, and generalized weakness of the shoulder muscles.

Treatment initially involves rest, anti-inflammatories (ibuprofen,

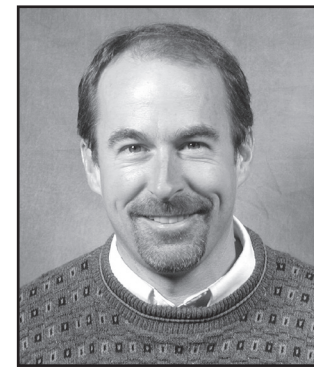
naproxen), and often times physical therapy. If this fails, surgery may be needed to repair the damage or tear. An MRI may be needed to diagnose the specific problem. Surgery most often is arthroscopy, which involves small incisions as opposed to a large open shoulder operation. Recovery times vary depending on the specific injury, but most often is measured in weeks.

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Charles Greyla whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

May 16, 2013 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Michele Boley for the appointment of a guardian and conservator for Esther Nadlski.

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High school students become street smart

by Karen Jack

Last week, Lowell High School sophomores and juniors attended a seminar called "Street Smart." The program consisted of a team of two paramedic/firefighters who walked students through what happens at a trauma scene and demonstrated the medical equipment they employ daily.

Sponsored by Stay Alive From Education (S.A.F.E.), the paramedics talked about real-life drama experienced by firefighters and paramedics as they work to save the lives of those who have made poor choices when it comes to underage drinking, drunk driving, using illegal drugs, or not

wearing a seat belt. S.A.F.E. is a non-profit organization created by firefighters/paramedics in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

From taking a pulse, to loading the victim onto a backboard, to simulating an IV-line being inserted, students were able to see and feel what it's like to try to save a life.

They also saw firsthand what it's like to be the victim. They learned the stories behind the crashes, heard the choices that individuals were given, and they saw the irresponsible actions played out.

The program helps the students come to know the power of making the right choices.

"We hope that through our presentation, teens and adults alike come to know the power that comes from making the right choices," explains Vincent Easevoli, Street Smart presenter and executive director of S.A.F.E. "Whether that's choosing not to engage in underage drinking or using illegal drugs, or choosing to wear a seat belt, we want them to understand the consequences that come with their actions and the importance and value of their own lives."

"After this, I don't think I'll ever not wear a seat belt in the front or back seat and I definitely won't drink and drive or text while I'm behind the wheel," said

junior Paige Perry.

"My son came home and told me about it. He said it was quite graphic, but it impacted him, and quite frankly, freaked him out a

little bit. But if it scared him into wearing his seat belt at all times and showed him the effect of making bad choices, I'm happy," said parent, Sheri Stehley.



Above, and at left, S.A.F.E. volunteers demonstrate emergency procedures during the assembly.

Voting, continued

ballot in person at a clerk's office. They will be asked to present valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballot will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID, as long as they are current:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
- U.S. passport.
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YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE

April 4th and 18th
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July 11th and 25th
August 8th and 22nd
*September 6th and 19th

Yard Waste pickup is always on Thursday, unless there is a holiday that week, then pickup day will be Friday. Yard waste bags are \$20.00 for a bundle of ten (10) and are available at City Hall, Springrove Variety and Meijers.

***PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE A FRIDAY PICKUP DUE TO A HOLIDAY DURING THE WEEK.**

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

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WED: Beef taco on soft shell tortilla, refried beans, fruit & veggie bar: fresh baby carrots, fresh celery sticks, fresh grapes, fresh orange smiles.

THURS: Turkey & gravy over biscuit (WG breaded chicken nuggets offered at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar: romaine side salad, fresh broccoli florets, fresh orange smiles, fresh pear.

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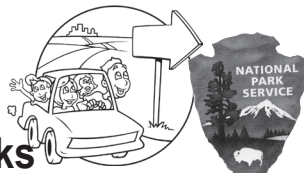
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exploring our national parks



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Bryce Canyon National Park is about 50 miles northeast of Zion National Park as the crow flies. By car it is a 90 mile twisting, turning, switchback filled drive that includes a mile long tunnel, the Zion-Mt. Carmel tunnel. This amazing route from the bottom of Zion Canyon was built in the twenties to allow easier access to the east and the north rim of the Grand Canyon.

The short distance between these two national parks allowed us to arrive

at Bryce Canyon before 11:00 in the morning. This made finding a campsite and setting our tent up quite an easy task. All campsites at Bryce are first come first serve. Getting there early gives you a much better selection of sites. We now had the rest of the day to explore Bryce Canyon.

Bryce Canyon is just the opposite of Zion. At Zion you are on the valley floor looking up to the rim. At Bryce you are on the rim looking down into the valley. Unlike the Grand



The Hoodoo rock formations.

Canyon, which was created by the Colorado River, Bryce was created by wind and rain. It is not really a canyon by definition, since there is only one rim. You can't stand and look over to the other side because all you will see is an expanse of strange looking rock formations.

Miles and miles of trails lead down into this canyon but the best way to see most of it is by horse and we were just in time to book the afternoon trip. We were in for a three hour ride deep into and around Bryce Canyon. When you are on a horse for three hours, one would think that your bottom side would get quite sore. Personally, I could only have wished that my butt

hurt. While going downhill on a horse for about an hour to reach the bottom most of the stress was on my knees. The knee I injured on my Zion hike was only getting worse. By the time we rode back up and into the stables, I could hardly walk.

I should also tell you that three hours on a horse at the bottom of Bryce Canyon brings new meaning to the phrase "dusty trail." This dust was in every orifice of our bodies. It was in our mouth, ears, eyes and even our underwear. After the ride, the four of us were in desperate need of a shower which fortunately were

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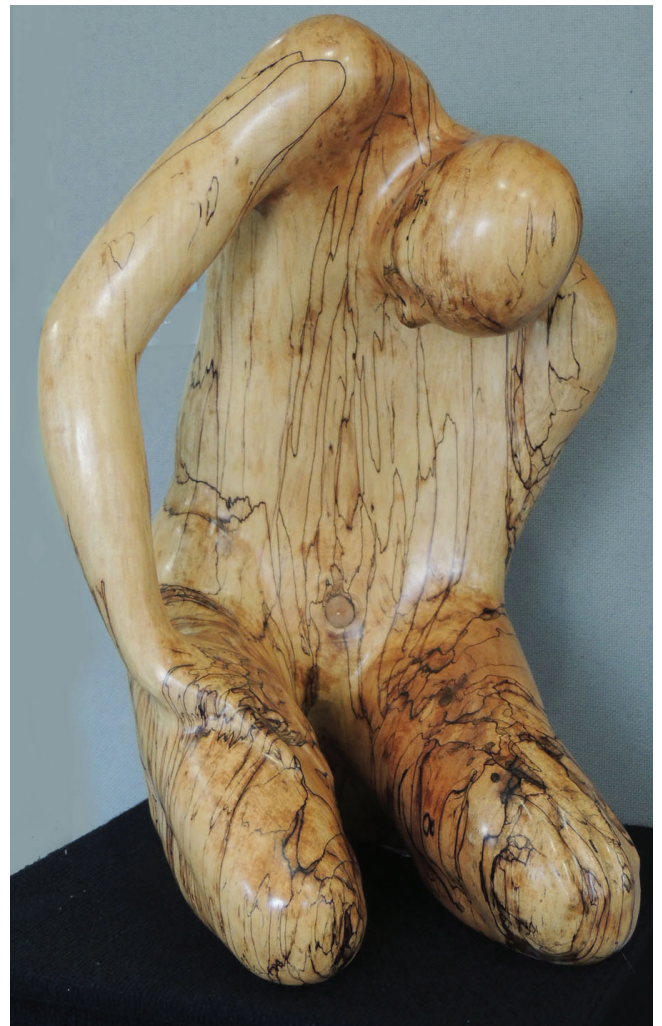
WMRC art award winners announced

LowellArts! has announced this year's winners in the 27th West Michigan Regional Art Competition currently on display through April 25. The awards will be presented at the public reception on Sunday, April 7 from 2- 4 pm by guest juror Dianne Wolter. Wolter selected five artworks for monetary awards totaling \$2,000 plus eight special recognition awards. This year's juror

is a figurative painter and sculptor based in Williamston, MI. She received her BFA from Michigan State University and taught art in the Lansing area for many years. In her juror's statement, Wolter's stated, "It was a wonderful opportunity to jury the 27th West Michigan Regional Art Competition. The inclusion of multiple medias creates a show that has something for everyone to enjoy."

The 2013 West Michigan Regional Art Competition Award Winners are: First place, Jerry Ward of Delton; second place, Maureen Carmud of Marne; third place, Taylor Overbey of Muskegon; fourth place, Mary Myszka of Rockford and fifth place, Jan Lucking of Kalamazoo. Juror's Recognition Awards went to: Sam Brower of Ada; Lori Hough of Fremont; and

Kathleen Ford, Sandi Lummen, Randall Nyhoff, Colleen O'Rourke, E. Lynn O'Rourke and Beth Purdy all of Grand Rapids. Wolter went on to say, "It takes courage to put your work out there to be juried and exhibited. Such enthusiastic participation of so many fine artists in the region makes a good argument for an expansion of LowellArts! Unfortunately, the limits of the current exhibition space will always require the elimination of many excellent entries. I congratulate all of the talented artists, included or not, who chose to participate in this exhibit. Together you have shared something very special and valuable with your community." The gallery is located at 149 South Hudson in downtown Lowell. Hours are Monday - Friday from 10 am - 6 pm and Saturday from 1- 4 pm.



Jerry Ward's first-place entry.



Jan Lucking's work entitled, "Benign Neglect."

Contest winners, continued, page 16

Help needed to identify object



This item was found in a house on Avery Street in Lowell when the current owner moved in in 1952. Over the years many of their friends and family have been asked what the item might be. No one, to date, has had an answer. If you think you know what this object is, please email the Ledger at ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com and tell us. Put "mystery" in subject line.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Three new coaches on board for spring sports

by Karen Jack

Girls' lacrosse, softball, and tennis all have new coaches this spring. Mackenzie Vanderwarf, Kim Griffith, and Chris Phillips have all taken on the job of leading the teams.

Vanderwarf is the new coach for girls' lacrosse. She played lacrosse throughout high school, and currently plays for Davenport University. Although she helped coach last year, she

wasn't the head coach and this is her first chance at the helm. She's quite athletic, as she also plays soccer for Davenport, while getting her degree in medical case management. She also works as a valet and a server at Cannonsburg Ski area.

"I have played on a sports team all my life, so I know the dynamics of being on a team and the commitment required," said Vanderwarf. "I hope to help the girls understand how fun and exciting being on a team can be, and also hope to develop the program and make it bigger with more girls every year."

The new softball coach is Kim Griffith, who has years of playing experience, through high school, as well as playing for Saginaw Valley State University. A math teacher at Lowell High School, she said she wanted to coach because she loves the game. She previously coached freshmen softball and basketball, but walked away from it to focus on her own kids. Now that they're

older, she's ready to get back in the saddle. "We discussed it as a family, knowing the time commitment, and my family is 100 percent supportive," said Griffith. Griffith is married to Michael Griffith, and has two children – Taylor, 12, who is a competitive gymnast and Justin, 9, who plays soccer and is in the Olympic development program.

"I absolutely love this community and when I tell people I teach at Lowell, I say it with pride," she added. "I'm looking forward to continuing on with the Lowell tradition, and making this team the best it can be."

Chris Phillips is the new tennis coach, and although he's been the assistant coach for seven years, he's looking forward to working at the varsity level, with more intense competition. Phillips teaches digital photography, computers, architecture, and video productions at the high school. He and his wife, Cassandra, have one-



Lowell's new softball coach Kim Griffith.

year-old Camden, and live here in Lowell.

"I'm looking forward to a great year with the girls, and am excited about our new transfer student from

Indiana, who will be playing number one singles for us," said Phillips. "I hope to bring excitement to the team, and get them prepared for some tough matches."



Mackenzie Vanderwarf is the new girl's lacrosse coach.

When kids go wild at John Ball Zoo

Zoobilee gets kids outside after a long winter!

John Ball Zoo will be hosting their annual spring break promotion, ZOOBILEE, Monday – April 1 thru Friday – April 5. It's a full five days of

kids activities, and special animal demonstrations and experiences.

Every day of ZOOBILEE will be a little different. On Wednesday and Thursday, guests will be able to watch scuba divers in

the aquarium. Other days, they may find a Zookeeper in front of an exhibit talking about animal care or doing a live feeding. Each day visitors can count on a live penguin feeding at 10:30am and 3:30pm – a live pelican feeding at 3:00pm - make-and-take crafts and chances to get up-close with an animal or two. Visitors will find the day's specific

activities and times posted on a sign as they enter the zoo.

Guests attending ZOOBILEE will notice that the new Meijer BEARS exhibit is still under construction and on the ridge behind the bears, they'll see the makings of the new Jandernoa TreeTops Outpost, an elevated climbing/exploring

structure on the Idema Forest Realm. Both of these new Zoo features will open in mid-May, but it's exciting to see the progress.

All ZOOBILEE special activities are free with spring discounted admission price of only \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 3-13. 2 and under are free. Indoor animal viewing in Treasure of the Tropics, Aquarium,

Chimpanzees, and Frogs. Outdoor include the otters, snow leopard, mountain lion and, weather permitting, the lions. John Ball Zoo is now open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily. John Ball Zoo is located at 1300 W. Fulton – one mile west of downtown Grand Rapids. For more information www.johnballzoosociety.org or (616)336-4300

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Chess Champ

Twenty four sixth through eighth grade students from Lowell Middle School competed in a double elimination tournament over a three week period.

Emerging undefeated and taking first place was Mitchell Haff. Second place was Hunter Krzysik and in third was Dakota Hemry.

At right, Lowell Middle School principal Dan VanderMeulen presents Mitchell Haff with his first-place plaque.



Red Arrow SPORTS



Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Lauren Blanchard
Team: Soccer
Grade: Senior

Zach Dawson
Team: Baseball
Grade: Senior

Lauren Blanchard

How long have you been playing soccer?

I've been playing soccer for ten years.

What other sports do you play?

I just play soccer year-round.

What is your favorite sport?

Soccer.

Have you received any awards?

All-district 2012 and Super Y ODP (Olympic development program) nomination.

Have you broken any records?

No, I haven't.

Do you have siblings?

I have a brother, Kevin, who is a senior.

What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy stargazing, watching classic Disney movies, especially The Emperor's New Groove and singing very loudly and poorly.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

Receiving ODP nominations this past summer in Indiana, with one of my best friends and teammate, Skylar Bowne.

What's the best thing about playing sports?

The best thing about playing sports is the ability to be competitive and attain major goals with girls that are like family.

Do you plan on playing any sport in college, if so, where?

Yes, I plan on playing soccer in college. I'm pretty interested in the University of Chicago, Vassar College, and Carnegie Mellon for their great engineering and soccer programs.



Zach Dawson

How long have you been playing baseball?

I've been playing baseball since t-ball when I was five years old.

What other sports do you play?

I also play football, which I've been doing since I was eight.

What is your favorite sport?

Whatever sport I'm in at the time.

Have you received any awards for any of them?

No, I haven't.

Have you broken any records?

No.

Do you have siblings?

My sister, Kailee, is in tenth grade, my sister, Emma, is in third grade, and my brother, Loagan, is in kindergarten.

What do you like to do for fun?

For fun, I like to be with my friends or family.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

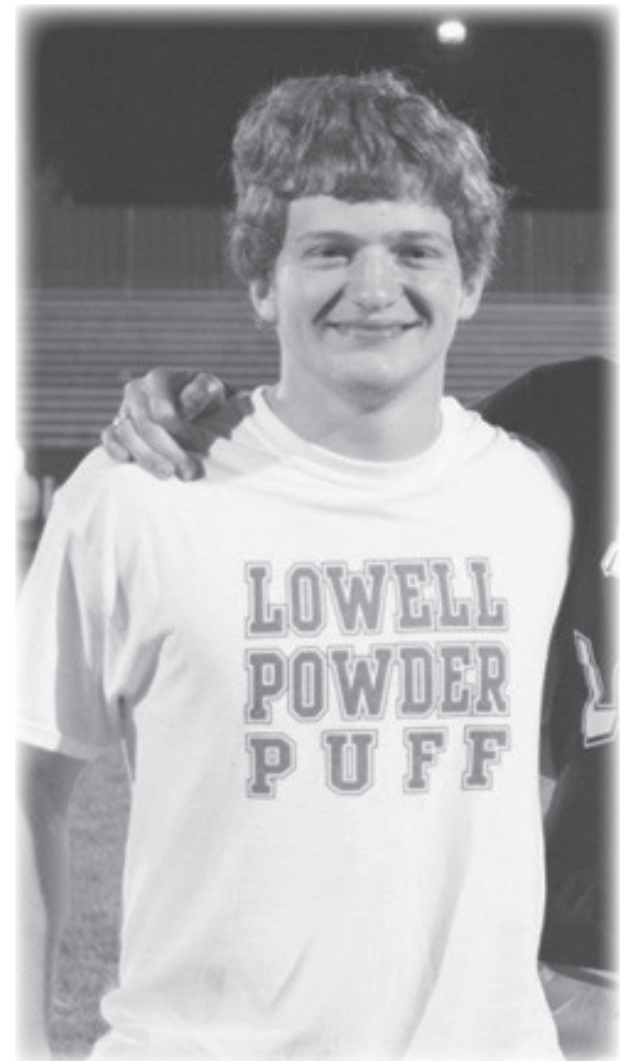
All the baseball tournaments our baseball team won when we were younger.

What's the best thing about playing sports?

The best part about playing sports is being with all of your friends, the competition, and the fun of each game.

Do you plan on playing any sport in college, if so, which one?

No, I just plan on going to school. I am going to Ferris State University to go into optometry.



obituaries

KAZEMIER

George Kazimier age 73, of Lowell, MI, passed away March 14th 2013. George died suddenly, while wintering in Brownsville, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents Theodorus and Trintje, brother Jella, and grand children Meridith and Alisabeth Kelly. George was born in Friesland, The Netherlands in 1939 and after serving in the Dutch Army, immigrated to the US in 1963. He worked as a brick layer then over the road trucker until starting his own business, Kazimier and Sons Trucking. He was known for his charity



to others and sense of humor. George is survived by his wife, Connie (Wouters) Kazimier; children, Ted Kazimier; Oranda May (Jay), Cathy Kazimier-Rodgers (Jim), and Sheila Kelly (Doug); grand children, Tara May Tesimu, Tabitha Lyon, Justin Kazimier, Tad and Madison Rodgers, Fiona, Gavin and Gwynneth Kelly; 6 great grand children; and his siblings, Harmke Bruggeman and Sjoerd Kazimier. There will be a memorial service at St. Patrick's Church, 4351 Parnell NE, Ada, MI 49301 on April 6 at 11:00 a.m., with a Celebration of Life immediately following in the Church Multi-Purpose Room.



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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

~ Doug Larson

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-193804-CA

In the matter of JANICE BAKER.

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

on May 7, 2013 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition for the appointment of a conservator for Janice Baker.

04/02/2013

John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632

Carole Hockeborn
P.O. Box 6741
Grand Rapids, MI 49516
616-460-8056

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
(Trust)

FILE NO. N/A

Estate of CORNELIUS DEYOUNG, JR. Date of birth: 02/09/1925.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cornelius DeYoung, Jr. died 02/27/2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gordon DeYoung, Trustee, personal representative, at 6091 E. Fulton, Ada within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 28, 2013

Eric E. Brandt (P52007)
2228 Alpine Ave., N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49514
616-784-3443

Gordon DeYoung,
Trustee
6091 E. Fulton
Ada, MI 49301
616-676-9843

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 13-193590-DE

Estate of CHARLES A. MERVAU, deceased.
Date of birth: 10/14/1925.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles A. Mervau, who lived at 1160 Birdie Drive NW, Walker, Michigan died 02/20/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael A. Van Rosmalen, 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.

March 26, 2013

R. John Stephan
(P71686)
3875 W. River Dr.
P.O. Box 327
Comstock Park, MI 49321
616-784-5080

Michael A. Van Rosmalen
1438 Perkins NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
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KNITTING - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class by Cathie Richter. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

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

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.

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.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

STORYTIME - Thurs., Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts w/Ms. Nikki at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

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

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

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - begins Apr. 14 Amnesty on fines up to \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Replace lost or stolen card for free at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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 & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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.

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH - Community Crisis Fund meeting at 7 p.m. at Poppa C's in Clarksville.

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

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

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

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

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

FIT CLUB - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

GAME/WII DAY - Thurs., Apr. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. New board games & Wii games to play at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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.

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Exploring our National Parks, continued

available at the little general store...for a price. For two dollars you are given five minutes of water. After getting change, we found the showers and the line waiting to get in. Apparently a group of about 20 girl scouts had just hiked up from the canyon and found the showers before us, or should I say before Stephanie and Sierra. However, no line at the mens showers. I was able to hobble in, take a 10 minute shower and get back to the store for a much deserved cold beer before Stephanie could get her five minutes and even though it was one of Utah's famous 3.2 beers, it was one of the best tasting beers of the trip so far. There was even a great porch with rocking chairs to sit in to drink it.

With showers behind us and two ibuprofen washed down with a couple Wasatch Polygamy Porters, it was time for Stephanie to drive us over to the visitors center and local store. The visitors center for the junior ranger books and a refrigerator magnet; and the store so we could get something to eat.

If there is ever any doubt about how much money a National Park returns to the area that it is located in, one should just visit Bryce Canyon. Bryce is located a long way from any populated area, yet located just outside the entrance

is a place called Ruby's. Ruby's has it all. Motel, gas, RV park, western tourist village and a grocery store to rival Meijer. If you need something, Ruby's has it. I even found a can of dust blaster to blow the dust out of my camera. You could rent an ORV or watch a rodeo. Fill up your car or wash your car. And, with a constant flow of visitors coming and going, this place was a madhouse. Just look up Ruby's Inn General Store on the internet and you will be amazed.

After picking up something to grill and a ten dollar bag of firewood, it was back to the campground to try and relax with a knee that just wouldn't quit throbbing. I had to get ready for a cold night at almost 8,000 feet above sea level with a bad knee, all while sleeping on the ground. I was wishing for our trailer about this time and another Polygamy Porter!

Morning came early after a restless, cold night. I was able to crawl out of my sleeping bag and out of the tent without waking anyone. With coffee in one hand and a walking stick in the other, I made my way out to sunrise point, to well, watch the sun rise. As I followed the bus load of kids wrapped in blankets and sleeping bags up the trail (it was only 40 degrees out), I thought

to myself if this was really worth it. Sunrise Point is positioned at a place that allows visitors to see the first light of day shine down into an area known as the Amphitheater.

It wasn't long before I got my answer...This truly was a site to behold. The first rays of sunshine hit the tops of the Ponderosa pine trees that hug the canyon

rim. Slowly the rays make their way down. First to the light pinkish hues of the rim. Then down to the darker reds and pinks of the inner spires and hoodoos. It was well worth the painful hike out to the overlook.

With my coffee gone and the sun finally warming me, it was time to limp back to the tent. It was hard to convince the rest of the

family to get out of their sleeping bags and face the morning light. I had to promise that once the car was packed up we could stop at Ruby's on our way to Capital Reef National Park for breakfast.

Our original plan was to get to Capital Reef and find a campsite early just like we did at Bryce. However, after sleeping on the ground with

this knee, I already knew we were on our way to the closest motel to the park with a hot tub.

Next time I will cover Capital Reef and the beginning of our trip to Lake Powell. It was at Powell that things started to get interesting. It pains me to think about it again, stay tuned!



The Hieshetter family at the base of Bryce Canyon.

Flat River Outreach Ministries to host town hall meeting

To identify new ideas for serving families facing hardship, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) is hosting two town hall meetings on April 11. Two identical sessions will be held at FROM's facility

at 11535 Fulton Street East, the first at 11:30 am and the second at 6:00 pm.

Each session will provide an opportunity for community members to share their ideas on how FROM can continue

serving the greater Lowell community more effectively. A mix of small group brainstorming and large group discussion will be used during the ninety-minute sessions.

"We are reaching out to the families we serve as well as the broader community," said Tamela Spicer, FROM executive director. "Needs for families have changed. We're inviting the

community to help shape our continued programs as we seek to meet those changing needs."

A meal will be provided at each session and space is limited, so a reservation

is recommended for the town hall meeting. You can reserve your spot for either the luncheon or the dinner session by calling Diane at 897-8260 ext. 9.

Lowell student to travel to Orlando to participate in the BPA National Leadership Conference

Ethan Sutton, a senior at Lowell High School will be attending the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2013 National Leadership Conference, "Uncover Your Magic," in Orlando, FL on May 8.

Sutton will join over 5,000 other conference delegates from across the nation to participate in national level business skills competitions, workshops and general sessions. He placed first in Extemporaneous Speech to earn his spot at the national competition. He also placed seventh in the state for Economic Research Project.

Lauren Baker, Kevin Blanchard, Kensie Barnes, Molly Denison, Zach Fotis, Alex Tobin and Ashley White also competed at the state competition March 22-24 at Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

Group members at the BPA State Leadership Conference this at Amway Grand Plaza.



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21. **"Lean on me... I'll help you _____"**
23. Hit the slopes
24. **"I read the _____ today oh boy"**
25. It makes a guitar louder
28. Small ornamental case
30. **"Hey, I just met you... but here's my _____"**
35. Like beef with little fat
37. Aphrodite's son
39. Artillery burst
40. Doing nothing
41. Puzzle combining pictures and letters
43. Hula feast
44. Opinions from Barbara, Elisabeth and Joy
46. **"_____ no mountain high enough"**
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50. ***Now you're just somebody that I _____ to know"**
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MARCH 27 - APRIL 2

- Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty if James Holmes, is convicted in the Colorado movie theater attack that killed 12 people.
- The University of Michigan men's basketball team has had a phenomenal run and after defeating both Kansas and Florida State they are headed for the final four this weekend.
- The recently installed Pope Francis presided over his first Easter service.
- GM is recalling a small number of 2013 Buick Encores because the steering wheel could come loose or separate from the steering column. Subaru of America is recalling about 200,000 Legacy and Outback sedans and wagons from model years 2005-2009 to check for corroded brake lines.
- The city of Nelson, a small north Georgia town, has a new ordinance that requires its citizens to own a gun.
- With an announcement of sweeping proposals to curb gun violence, Connecticut lawmakers said they are hoping to send a message to Congress and other state legislators across the country: A bipartisan agreement on gun control is possible.

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55. Surfer's turf
57. **"Killing me softly with _____"**
61. **"I'm puttin' on my _____"**
64. Bye to Edith Piaf
65. Frigid
67. Impulses
69. Rubber-_____ boots
70. And not
71. High-pitched laugh sound

72. Walk, as through mud
73. _____ Goo Dolls
74. Brewer's staple

DOWN

1. Reggae precursor
2. Ancient Peruvian
3. Bleacher feature
4. Rounded hairdos
5. Chastise
6. Popular newspaper page
7. Variable, abbr.
8. Quickly or rapidly
9. Dutch settler in South Africa
10. Breezy
11. The Muse of history
12. Razor-sharp
15. Sometimes denoted as a "v"
20. Fertilizer ingredient
22. Barley bristle
24. Nb on Mendeleev's table
25. **"I will survive... I know I'll stay _____"**
26. The press
27. A whiter shade of pale?
29. Carbamide

31. Scotch ingredient
32. **"Lady sings the _____"**
33. Some do this with taxes
34. Awaken
36. Former Speaker of the House
38. Phoenix' team
42. Dictation taker
45. Corpse's garb
49. Asian capital
51. **"I didn't shoot no _____"**
54. **"I'm sitting here, doing nothing but _____"**
56. **"You and me and the devil makes _____"**
57. Door fastener
58. "White Wedding" singer
59. Fodder holder
60. Start of something big?
61. Apprentice
62. Turkish honorific
63. Found in a caddie's pocket
66. Dove's sound
68. Part of tennis match

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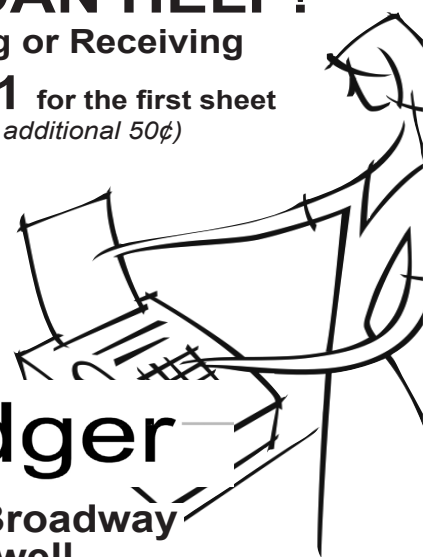


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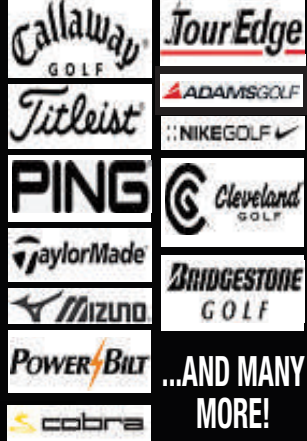


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