

King Milling cements its presence in Lowell while working on new structure

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

King Milling has poured a lot of time, money and concrete into their new flourmill and loadout structure. The new structure is 93 feet tall and pouring its concrete took five days and 16 hours to complete. Concrete poured continuously during the construction, drastically reducing the length of construction.

The amount of concrete used in the construction of the new structure and the buildings last summer is massive. "The total concrete, if laid three foot wide by four inches thick would create a sidewalk from here to downtown Grand Rapids, or almost 20 miles."

The construction day was split into 12-hour shifts with 70 crew members working per shift.

The structure sits on a three-foot concrete base slab. After the base was completed, a basic slip form was placed on the slab and continuously raised as concrete was poured. Heights for basic forms range from three to six feet. When the process began,



The new view of King Milling from across the river.

Photo submitted by Ted Bergin

wall inserts were added to the bottom to leave space for doors and windows. The form is "charged with bottom reinforcing steel and concrete," according to Wayne Henderson, one of the building constructors.

The form was raised manually using a jack

system, which ensured the form was level allowing the structure to be plumb.

As the form was raised, reinforcing steel and inserts were placed into the concrete.

The floors were poured one at a time inside the building and a slip deck

form was used to pour the roof.

There were many aspects of the construction that needed to be monitored. During the construction, there were crew members to install the reinforcing steel and wall inserts. Other crewmembers included

inspectors for steel and insert placements, concrete placement as well as concrete finishers for the interior and exterior of the building. Finally, there was a deck foreman to oversee the construction.

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Prominent local dentist Bob Reagan dies

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

The community of Lowell lost a wonderful and important man Sunday. Robert "Bob" Reagan, a prominent local dentist for a large portion of the twentieth century, passed away from a long battle with cancer at the age of 87.

Reagan was born in Grand Rapids and moved to Lowell with his wife after graduating from dental school. He opened his dental practice in 1953 and earned many accolades within the dental community. Prior to beginning dental school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in WWII.

Reagan was an integral part of the community, serving on many city boards, and earning the Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year in 1991. Reagan also

gave his time to the school district, serving on the school board as a member and president. He also helped create what is now the Lowell City Charter, a document, council member Jim Hall says, "is something we look at on a monthly basis." Suffice it to say, the city will miss his presence.

His wife, Carol, and one daughter preceded him in death. He is survived by nine children and 23 grandchildren. Much of his family still resides in Lowell, a testament to the love of Lowell he instilled in them.

For those that did not know Reagan, they still have a chance to learn about him by reading his recently published memoir "Lucky Breaks and Lots of Grace." The memoir was self-

published in October of last year.

The book's preface perfectly describes his life. "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!" Reading the stories in his book is a great way for his family and community to remember him.

Many are sad to see Reagan go, but everyone will be able to remember him by looking around the city at the wonderful legacy he left.



Robert Reagan is pictured with his book, *Lucky Breaks and Lots of Grace*, for an article that appeared in the Ledger last February.

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Lowell City Council endorses preliminary community vision report and introduces budget

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

The Greater Lowell Community Vision Project has been in the works for quite some time. Mayor Jim Hodges, city manager Mark Howe and mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison represented the city in the process of creating the vision. They worked alongside representatives from Lowell and Vergennes Townships, the Lowell area school district and several community groups.

The city council unanimously endorsed the report Monday night. Other local governments and groups will be approving the report later this month.

According to the preliminary report, over 1,000 people participated via surveys, events and workshops. Five themes emerged from the data: business recruitment and retention, parks/trails/recreation, arts/culture/

historic preservation, local food/agriculture, and collaboration/talent development.

Each theme will have a goal statement, as well as steps to achieve the goals and ways to measure the success. The goals and focus areas will be periodically assessed and changed to fit new needs.

The committee took the themes and information from the surveys and

“refined them into four focus areas.” The four focus areas are economic development, quality of life, infrastructure and planning, and education/talent development.

According to the report, former local projects, and future ideas for land use and population trends helped “provide a framework” for creating a feasible vision report.

All local governments

and community groups are working together to create a community vision that will strengthen, grow and develop the community.

Discussion of the garbage, trash and refuse ordinance, and a budget presentation were also on the agenda Monday night. Public hearings are scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 7 pm for both issues. The city is looking to hear the public’s opinion on whether the city should have one trash collector for the entire city, or let households find their own trash collector.

Howe does not believe having a trash contract with

a local company is cost effective if households can opt out. If one company collected in Lowell, there would be less garbage truck traffic in the city. If everyone opted for their own company, the city would not have to spend money on making a contract with a company.

Howe also discussed several issues he plans to tackle with the upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. He proposed reducing the millage rate to 15.7 because the city has

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FROG WATCH TRAINING AT WWC

FrogWatch USA is the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ flagship citizen science program that allows individuals and families to learn about the wetlands in their communities and help conserve amphibians by reporting the calls of local frogs and toads. It’s a nationwide program where participants learn and practice science while developing a closer relationship with the natural environment. The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center has started its own FrogWatch USA chapter and will host a training on Wed., April 17 at 7 pm. Volunteers with an interest in monitoring frogs in the greater Grand Rapids area are welcomed to attend. For more information, please call 616-987-2565 or email mjohanson@lowellschools.com.

GILDA’S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cancer - New Member Meeting, Tues., April 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! Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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ROYAL BRUNCH

The 2012 Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court will be holding a Royal Brunch on Sat., July 13 at 9 a.m. aboard the Lowell Showboat. All Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court alumni are encouraged to attend. For information contact Cathy Acker, 691-8157 or cacker5@att.net

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Lowell High School April Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School has announced that Keaton Pomper, 11th grade, and Maggie Wissman, 12th grade, are the Lowell High School April 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

Pomper and Wissman. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate. Pomper was nominated

by Chaye Klomprens and she writes, "Keaton has made great strides in Student Leadership class. I can see growth in him already in the few weeks he has been in class. He has added so much to our class discussions and shows great potential. I look forward to watching him continue to grow throughout the trimester."

Heidi Kolp nominated Wissman and she writes, "Everything about Maggie Wissman sings. She just finished a successful run as the lead female role in our production of *The Music Man*, and a director could not have asked for a more talented and together leading lady. Many people

stopped me to tell me that Maggie was the most talented leading lady we have ever had. I am proud to say that she is also the nicest. Maggie conducted herself with poise and great humility. She worked hard and was an inspiration to others to work harder. Maggie's angelic voice caps a premier personality. Maggie was never absent, never late, always happy, and always prepared. It was such a blessing to have her as a role model for future leads."

In addition to juggling such an important role, Wissman also juggles a very full and challenging academic load. She does so

with the same competence and poise that characterizes her time on stage. I have known her since she was a freshman; a smile and sharp intellect are defining features of this talented student. I'm actually quite surprised that she has not received the honor of student of the month already. She is the epitome of all this honor stands for."

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.



Maggie Wissman



Keaton Pomper

DNR reminds anglers of high water safety on rivers

Conservation officers with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are reminding spring anglers to exercise caution and use river etiquette while out steelheading this spring. Many of the state's rivers are experiencing high water due to the significant recent rainfall and spring run-off.

"Spring means anglers are out in search of steelhead, but it also means high and fast-moving water on many of our river systems," said Lt. Dave Shaw, DNR Law Enforcement Division supervisor in Cadillac. "We are asking anglers to use extra caution this spring due to the significant recent rainfall and snow melt."

In the past few years, the DNR has had to perform several water rescues in the spring due to dangerous high water.

Shaw also said that anglers should keep in mind that a slow, "no wake" speed is appropriate river etiquette. Boat operators who cause high wakes that push water over banks and onto private property or

who swamp other boats are responsible for their wake and any damages it causes.

"Water is a force that can cause property damage, particularly bank erosion, for homeowners on rivers," Shaw noted. "It is proper river etiquette to pass private property and other boats at a slow speed, creating less of a wake, to reduce the risk of damage."

Fishing guides on the Muskegon River have developed protocols using hand signals to let other boats know when it is safe to pass, Shaw said. They will give a "thumbs up" sign when it is safe to pass their boat. Knowing the hand signals before you go out is

important. Boat operators who are unsure should slow down when approaching any boat on a river.

"The most important thing is that we want everyone to have a safe and fun experience while out steelhead fishing," Shaw said. "Using caution in high water on the river helps everyone – the angler, the property owner and others out enjoying spring."

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one of the higher rates in the area.

The streets in the city are in need of repair and Howe hopes that by making an investment over a five-year period to fix the streets, the city will save money in the long run. He has added a 21 percent increase in street funding into the budget.

Third, Howe posed

a question of whether the small size of the city merits its own police department. Howe believes it does and sees the police department as integral to maintaining a safe and secure city. He did propose a 6 percent decrease in their budget.

Finally, the water treatment plant needs

repairs. Last year was the first time water rates have increased since 2008. Howe is proposing a \$1.92/month increase to every household's water bill. This small increase will help pay for repairs needed and the investment now will reduce future risk and costs associated with a repair.

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Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Our information sharing about bipolar is continuing with this article entitled, "What is the Best Way to Work with Doctors and Medication?" This can be one of the toughest and most confusing parts of helping your child manage a bipolar diagnosis. Because this disorder is so biochemically based, the psychiatrist is the most important member of the team of helpers. A psychiatrist has a medical degree and specializes in disorders of the brain. A child and adolescent psychiatrist has had additional training in diagnosing and treating this illness in children. It is the psychiatrist that prescribes the medications, makes adjustment in treatment, and refers the patient to other supportive care.

Because the psychiatrist is such an important member of the care team, it is important to find one that is appropriate for your situation. One way to find a good psychiatrist is to ask your pediatrician. Quite often he/she will know one in the area. Another good source is local support groups. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Bipolar Support Alliance can also offer information about support groups in your area. The qualities that you want to look for in a psychiatrist are: knowledge, experience in the treatment of bipolar and also experience with children, compassion, skills in psychopharmacology, and competence in knowing how to manage medications.

Another important person on the care team is the therapist. Some of the typical goals of therapy are: 1.) education about bipolar, 2.) the importance of complying with the medication regimen, 3.) brain health, good sleep schedule, healthy eating and exercise, 4.) identification of triggers (i.e. avoiding overstimulation), 5.) provide calming strategies, 6.) give strategies for stress reduction, 7.) facilitate good school/home interface. The medication will stabilize the patient, but the therapist will enhance the quality of life, which impacts the sustainability of treatment.

Next month, the difficulties of managing medication will be discussed and tips on how to get through this challenge will be presented. If you have any questions about this article or any questions in general, please email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Investors can learn from Earth Day's lessons

Next week, we observe Earth Day. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day has grown into an international movement whose goal is to raise awareness of the need to take action to sustain a healthy, sustainable environment. You can do your part through recycling and other measures, but you can also apply some of the lessons of Earth Day to your financial situation — and, in particular, to your approach to investing.

Give these ideas some thought:

- Make the most of your existing resources. One of the most valuable lessons of Earth Day deals with the need to be responsible managers of the natural resources we have available. As an investor, it's important to maximize the benefits of the resources to which you have access. For example, are you contributing as much as you

can afford to your 401(k)? At the very least, you should put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered.

- Take advantage of a favorable environment. Underlying all Earth Day activities is the goal of creating a healthy environment in which to live. You may also benefit from a positive investment environment — and that's what we appear to be experiencing, at least in terms of low interest rates, low inflation and the financial market. So in this favorable atmosphere, look for those investment opportunities

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whole page of sin

To The Editor,

What a shame that the local Lowell Ledger committed a whole page of its paper to sin.

The moral compass of our American society has even deteriorated the minds of so-called "spiritual leaders." Yes, all people are made in the image of God, our Creator but God did not make us robots, He gave us self-will which is how

Adam and Eve's sin in the beginning entered the hearts of mankind.

God does not "accept everyone."

He destroyed whole cities because of the sexual sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sexual sin is not just between "two consenting adults" it is an act of disobedience against God Himself. I don't agree that the "majority of people"

support same-sex marriage, the majority of people are just silent on the issue.

Yes, "religious officials" support same-sex marriage, but the Bible, God's spoken word to us and God Himself does not. The chapter of Leviticus 18 in the Old Testament is all about unlawful sexual relations and specifically says "do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable."

In the New Testament the first chapter of Romans 1 tells of God's wrath against mankind and speaks specifically about men "inflamed with lust for one

another." Pastor Schwab said how it is important to note that Jesus, the primary character of the Bible does not address homosexuality but He speaks of love for one another.

I agree that we are to love one another but we are to first love God and that is expressed in our obedience to His word. I Corinthians 6 specifically says that homosexual offenders will not inherit the Kingdom of God. How sad that churches are changing the very words of God to promote Satan's schemes.

Susan Bomers
Lowell

city update



Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

Spring is the time of renewal, when the trees start to show their leaves and daffodils start to pop through the ground. In city government, it is also the time when we develop and adopt a budget.

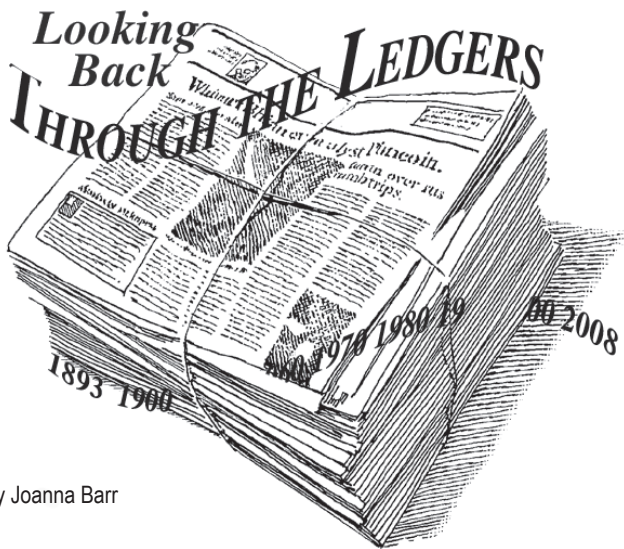
The City of Lowell operates on a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30. A budget must be presented by the city manager to the city council for consideration and the council must adopt a budget in May. This month I would like to talk about four major elements of the budget recommendations that I am giving to the city council.

Last month I discussed the Strategic Plan developed and adopted by the council. The plan serves as our guide for allocating resources and developing our work plans. The budget recommendations for the upcoming year are geared toward implementing the Strategic Plan. While this is good business practice, the reality is that most people want to know what changes will affect them. Following are the major changes that I believe people will want to know.

First, the recommendations include a small reduction in the millage rate. Yes, a reduction. I have written previously that the biggest challenge facing the city is that we have very low property values and a high millage rate compared to the rest of Kent County. Actual tax bills are below the average but the high millage rate creates a perception that taxes are high. That's not good for economic development. I suggest we create a long-term partnership with citizens and business owners to increase property values and bring the millage rate down. My recommendation is that we take the first step by reducing the millage rate.

Second, I have recommended that we increase our commitment from the General Fund to streets by 21 percent to fund an aggressive five-year, \$2 million, plan for street improvements. Currently almost 80 percent of streets are rated as poor. Under the plan, we could reduce

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By Joanna Barr

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 21, 1938

Headline: Swimming pool to be decided by Lowell-tp. voters. The question of deciding the construction of a swimming pool on the east bank of Flat River and adjacent to Lowell High School grounds is to be decided by the qualified, tax-paying voters of Lowell township at a special election to be held in Lowell city hall on Monday, May 2, 1938. The question of the construction of a swimming pool came before the Lowell town meeting on election day. On account of the closeness of the vote at that time a motion was made and carried directing the town board to call a special election in order that all qualified persons would have free opportunity for expressing themselves either for or against the proposition. Later a petition was also circulated as required by law asking the town board to call such an election.

The Ledger is informed that during the past eight years, boys on farms in Kent County have planted and cared for upwards of 200,000 pine trees. There is not much question but that boys who do things like that will continue to be worthwhile citizens when they reach manhood.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 18, 1963

Headline: Local cancer drive now in progress. Nineteen sixty-two marked the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the National Cancer Institute Act and the launching by the ACS of its first nation wide public education campaign out of which was to come a broad program of education, research and service through voluntary support. Twenty-five years ago only one-in-seven cancer victims was being saved. One cancer patient in three is now being saved. These statistics bear out the value of these programs launched in 1937. The local drive is now underway sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lowell and "Lights On," will be held on Monday, April 22. Please be ready to receive the volunteer worker who calls on you.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 20, 1988

Charlie Bernard, owner of Bernard's True Value Hardware Store, has not only changed vocations

140 years ago Lowell Journal April 23, 1873

Pocket Picking — Mrs. Waldo, wife of Rev. L. F. Waldo of this village, started for Tennessee last Friday, on a visit. Mr. W. accompanied her to Grand Rapids, at which place a man accidently (?) caught his sleeve button in the fringe of her cloak. Mr. W. unfastened it and almost immediately discovered that his wife's pocket book, ticket to Nashville, and baggage check were missing. The scoundrel escaped of course.

Mr. Thomas Gray, a freight conductor on the D. & M. R. R. was killed four miles this side of Grand Rapids, on the 17th. He was struck by a bridge and thrown under the train.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 17, 1913

A first edition copy of Poe's "Al Aaraaf," published in 1829, was recently sold for \$2,000, 64 years after the author died in poverty. Many another mortal has died needing the appreciation which is wasted upon his ashes or lavished upon his memory in later years.

Tuesday was the first anniversary of the Titanic horror, the lessons from which will never be forgotten.

Some of the bloated bond holders, who have been sucking the public teat through the tariff straw for lo those many years, are shedding briny tears over a threat to stop their stealings. If they had their way, they would have had a meter on every poor man's nose and charged him two prices for the air he breathes.

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Lydia Faith Ward

Donald Ward and Moriah Rowley, of Lowell, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Faith. She was born on February 21 weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 21 inches. Grandparents are Bob and Pam Rowley and William and Susan Ward, all of Lowell.

Preventing oak wilt disease

April 15, Tax Day, is also the beginning of the yearly window when oak wilt can be transmitted from diseased to healthy red oak trees, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today.

According to Dr. Robert Heyd, forest pest management program manager for the DNR's Forest Resources Division, oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees – mainly red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks often die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant, therefore the disease progresses more slowly.

"The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from April 15 to July 15," Heyd said. Heyd added that the spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks. As warmer weather melts away snow and ice, the beetles that move oak wilt become active.

"Anyone who has lost trees to oak wilt knows not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-June," Heyd explained. He said although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, the need for vigilance is

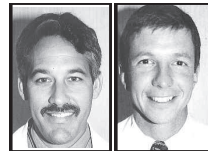
present statewide. "With the transport of firewood and other tree-related activities, you have to assume the risk is present, whether you live in metro Detroit or in the Upper Peninsula."

Oak wilt has already been detected in the following counties: Alcona; Allegan; Alpena; Antrim; Barry; Benzie; Berrien; Calhoun; Cass; Cheboygan; Clinton; Crawford; Dickinson; Genesee; Gladwin; Grand Traverse; Iron; Kalamazoo; Kalkaska; Kent; Lenawee; Livingston; Macomb; Manistee; Menominee; Midland; Missaukee; Monroe; Montcalm; Montmorency; Muskegon; Newaygo; Oakland; Ogemaw; Oscoda; Ottawa; Roscommon; Saginaw; Shiawassee; St. Joseph; Van Buren; Washtenaw; Wayne; and Wexford.

Spring is a popular time for people to move firewood to vacation properties and other locations. During this April-to-July period, Heyd said it's vital not to move wood from oak wilt-killed trees. These trees are often cut into firewood and moved, sometimes many miles from their original locations. Any wounding of oaks in this new area can result in new oak wilt infections as beetles move spores from the diseased firewood to fresh wounds on otherwise healthy trees.

Oak wilt, continued, page 8

health



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

bruxism

Bruxism is a condition on which one grinds or persistently clenches their teeth. It can cause multiple problems.

Symptoms include:

- teeth grinding at night which can wake up a sleep partner;
- fractured teeth or chipped teeth;
- jaw pain;
- tired jaws;
- earaches;
- headaches;
- sores on your cheeks or tongue.

We don't fully understand what causes this condition. We know it can be

associated with stress, anxiety, suppressed anger, aggressive/hyperactivity disorder, malocclusion of teeth, and an uncommon side effect of some antidepressants.

It is common in childhood and usually disappears during teenaged years.

A thorough dental exam by a dentist is needed to diagnose this condition.

Medications are generally not effective. Treatments usually consist of bite splints or mouth guards correcting misaligned teeth and stress management techniques.



APRIL 17

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Financial Focus, continued

that are appropriate for your situation.

• Don't over-consume. Excess consumption has played a big role in causing some of the environmental issues we face. Consequently, many Earth Day programs teach us to get by with less, or at least to avoid acquiring more than we need. To translate this philosophy into your investment habits, take a close look at the number of trades you make. Are you constantly selling old investments and buying

new ones in the hopes of capturing higher returns? This type of trading can result in significant fees and transaction costs — and possibly higher taxes, too. Perhaps just as importantly, this constant activity, with all its starts and stops, may detract from your ability to follow a long-term, consistent investment strategy.

• Avoid "toxic" investment moves. The motivation to create Earth Day developed, in part, by the growing awareness

that industrial toxins were affecting our air and water. And you can find many toxic investment moves, too. To illustrate: Many people chase after "hot" stocks after hearing about them from friends or relatives, or seeing them touted by so-called experts in the media. But by the time these people acquire the hot stocks, the stocks may already have cooled off. Furthermore, these stocks may not have been appropriate for these investors in the first place. Another potentially "toxic"

investment move is to try to time the market — that is, try to buy investments when prices are low and sell when they're high. In theory, this is a good way to invest; in practice, it's almost impossible to predict market highs and lows. Instead, consider buying quality investments and holding them for the long term, or at least until your needs change.

By following these Earth Day-related suggestions, you can help

yourself make progress toward a healthier — and possibly more productive

— investment environment. And that's worth celebrating more than once a year.

Looking Back, continued

within the last year, but has changed his attire. "Corporate life had me in white shirts, ties and suits. It also had me in theatres and going out for dinner," Bernard said. "I enjoyed all three." In his new role as a hardware owner, Bernard attires himself in canvas pants and sweaters. "I grew tired of corporate life and the hardware business allows me to branch out in many different areas," Bernard said. Bernard finds the move exciting. "One minute I'm delving into bikes and the next minute I'm into plumbing," he says. "I like the familiarity of a small town. You know the people and the people know your name. That type of thing is vanishing." The Connecticut native spent one-and-a-half years thinking over the move and canvassing

up and down M-21 looking for the right spot of land to build.

The ever expanding city of Lowell has added Cleaning Products Supply Inc. to its list of area businesses. The new business will sell and service hot and cold high pressure washer and steam cleaning equipment. "They are used mostly by farmers, excavating companies and small truck fleet businesses," said owner and sales representative Dick Dard. "We also plan on manufacturing small home units for general cleaning... "I decided on Lowell because it's centrally located. Not only that, but I have sold some machines in the area," Dard said.

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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

~ Winston Churchill

City Update, continued

that to under 50 percent over five years. In addition, we are seeking grants to supplement our increased commitment to streets.

Third, I have recommended reductions in the police department budget but that we maintain 24/7 coverage. Other communities our size have reduced or eliminated their police departments. Our approach will be to engage our officers with the community to assist with ordinance enforcement, particularly zoning enforcement. The goal is not to write more tickets, but to educate citizens and encourage voluntary ordinance compliance.

Fourth, I am recommending water and wastewater rate adjustments to meet our needs for improvements and repairs to the system. The city charter requires that our rates are

set to cover these costs, including depreciation. Rates have been adjusted only once since 2008. The adjustment will cost the average user \$1.92 per month, less than a three percent increase. It is also interesting to note that we produce water at less than a penny per gallon.

The budget document consists of more than 100 pages and more than 1,000 line items. It is impossible to discuss every single detail in a limited space. Copies of the budget can be viewed on our web site and there will be a hard copy at the public library. As always, please feel free to contact me at city hall with any questions or concerns. In addition, the council will be meeting in an upcoming workshop and the budget will also be discussed at its May 6 meeting and during a public hearing on May 20.

Dear Friends of Alton Cemetery,

It has been years since Alton Cemetery has reached out for financial assistance. Maintenance of the cemetery is crucial for the current family lot owners and potential buyers. Alto Cemetery has no affiliation with Alton Bible Church. The cemetery is open to the public and is maintained through public donations.

Because we maintain the entire cemetery, we feel it necessary to contact those who have a family member or relative to help with the costs by giving a yearly donation. This donation would be above and beyond the perpetual care. Any donations made would be deeply appreciated.

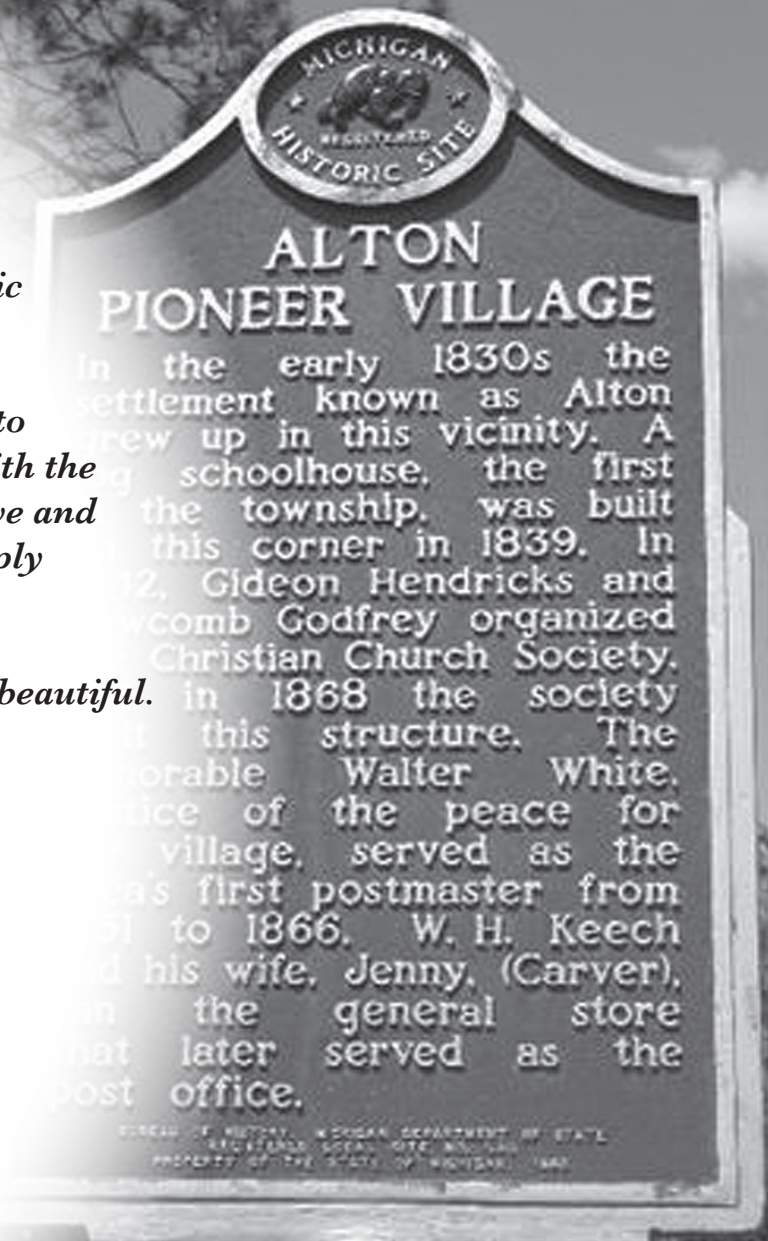
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Red Arrow Robotics FIRST Team 3234 prepares for next year

submitted by Brendan Philo and Sue Huffman

After a great second place finish at Grand Valley State University (GVSU), the Lowell Red Arrow Robotics FIRST team 3234 attended the state competition last weekend ranked 23rd out of 207 teams in the state. Ending the competition ranked 38th in the state ending the season and ready to prepare for next year.

After the competition at GVSU for the first eight matches the team was undefeated and by the end of the qualifying matches had only two losses. They entered the elimination seeded second and formed the second of eight alliances with team 1918 (NC Gears from Fremont) and team 4003 (the TriSonics from Allendale).

Their alliance beat the seventh and sixth alliances without losing a match on the way to the finals to face the first alliance. The first alliance had beaten the eighth and fourth alliances. After a good fight and losing the second match by only three points they ended up in second place.

Last weekend they entered the state

championships in Ypsilanti with 63 other teams, all with great robots and high hopes. With 207 teams in Michigan, the competition was fierce to even make it to the championships, and grueling once they got there. In any other state, Lowell's robot would have been one of the best, with a consistent shooter from almost anywhere on the field, an amazingly quick drive team and the ability to hang from the bottom bar for an extra 10 points at the end. But this is Michigan and the scores were huge. The winning scores outside of Michigan have usually been less than a hundred points. At the championships, the qualifying round scores were often over 150 points with several over 200 points. High score was 247.

When the qualifying matches were over, they were not chosen for an alliance and watched the elimination matches from the sidelines. The winning second alliance of team 469 (Las Guerillas from Bloomfield Hills), team 3539 (the Byting Bulldogs from Washington), and team 217 (the Thunder Chickens from Sterling Heights) beat



Back row, left to right: lead mentor Dave Cherba, mentor Kyle Rokos, mentor Wendy Cherba, Nick Longway, Mentor Roxanne Speck, Josh Zalis, mentor Terry Pratt, mentor and sponsor Pete Odland, mentor Kris Endres, Steven Endres and Brayton Grant; middle row, left to right: Esme Misiak, Brendan Philo, Cameron Philo, Caleb Kaufman, Mentor Sue Huffman, Mentor Evelyn Zalis, Austin Sherrill and Mark Winogrocki; front row, left to right: Dylan Odland, Gavin Palmer, Allison Annable, Andy Hudson, Jenny Huffman, Chloë Johnson, Zach Gibas and JD Speck.

the first alliance of team 2054 (the Tech Vikes from Hopkins), team 67 (the Hot

Team from Milford) and team 2337 (the EngiNERDs from Grand Blanc).

At least 27 teams from Michigan will join the top teams from all over the world for the 2013 World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri in less

than two weeks. The team is funded by sponsors and fundraisers and is currently looking for more sponsors, mentors, and members to start preparing for next year's competition. If you are interested in learning more about the team and

the FIRST program you can visit their website at lowellrobotics.org.

Their first fundraiser will be a plant sale on Memorial Day weekend May 25, 26 and 27 at 520 N. Monroe.

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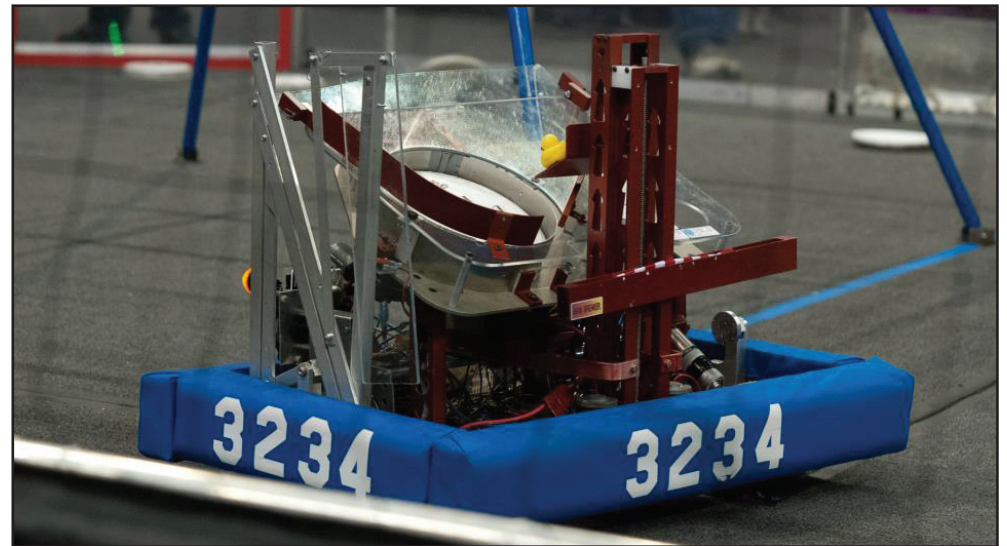
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Oak wilt, continued

The DNR recommends that anyone who suspects they have oak wilt-tainted firewood should cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings. This keeps the beetles away and generates heat inside the tarp, helping to destroy the fungus. Once the bark loosens on the firewood, the disease can no longer be spread.

New oak wilt sites have been traced to spring and early summer wounding from tree-climbing spikes, rights-of-way pruning,

nailing signs on trees and accidental tree-barking. If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep the beetles away.

Once an oak is infected, the fungus moves to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within approximately 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees – have connected or grafted root systems.

Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, progressively killing more red oak over an increasingly larger area. These untreated pockets also serve as a source of inoculum for the overland spread of the disease.

To get more information on the background, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt, as well as other forest health issues, visit www.michigan.gov/foresthealth and take a look at the DNR's 2012 Forest Health Highlights Report.

New King Milling structure, continued

Many local and West Michigan businesses were used during the construction. Site excavation was completed by O.E. Bieri of Lowell, concrete was provided by H.S.V. Redimix Inc of Lake Odessa and the site design and survey was performed by Roosien and Associates of Grand Rapids, just to name a few businesses. Jelsmea Concrete Construction of Kentwood provided the crane and aided in “placing and finishing the concrete for the base slab, elevated floors and roof.”

The concrete slip form used 1,800 cubic yards and 194,000 pounds of reinforcing steel. In

total, 3,100 cubic yards of concrete and 315,000 pounds of reinforcing steel were used.

Construction of this new flourmill and loadout is the first of its kind in Michigan since the 1950s.

Completion of construction and installation of equipment will be completed by the fall. King Milling expects to begin using the flourmill in October.

At right, the view of the building from above.



The beginning stages of the building process, before the concrete walls have been poured.

Conservation officers offer safety tips for spring outdoor recreation

Spring in Michigan means a lot of diverse outdoor recreationalists taking to the woods in search of edible mushrooms, migrating birds, wild turkeys, fishing spots or just some solitude. Michigan’s conservation officers are offering some common sense safety tips for anyone taking to the woods for some fun and adventure.

“In the spring, cabin fever has caught up to a lot of Michiganders and they want to get outdoors,” said Dean Molnar, assistant chief of the Department of Natural Resources’ Law Enforcement Division. “By preparing for your time in the woods with safety in mind, everyone can have a great time before they head into the woods.”

Springtime in Michigan is prime time for bird

watching, mushroom hunting and other outdoor pursuits like hiking, ORV riding and mountain biking. Public lands, such as state forests, state game areas, state parks and recreation areas, are common places for these activities to take place. Spring also brings the start of the new fishing season and the first of Michigan’s two turkey hunting periods.

Molnar offered the following tips for a safe outing in Michigan’s outdoors:

- Always tell someone, such as a family member or friend, where you are going and what time you plan to be back before you leave. That way, if you are running later than your expected return time, it is easier to notify authorities you may be lost, the approximate area you may be and that you need

assistance. Additionally, leave your car where it can easily be found to give searchers a starting point to come look for you.

- Take your cell phone with you. Today’s cell phones have technology that can allow law enforcement to track your phone’s signal if you are lost. Also, many smartphones come with GPS technology. Be familiar with how to use these applications on your smartphone before you venture into the outdoors.

- If you have a smartphone, download flashlight and compass applications – there are a few free ones available at both Google Play (for Android phones) and the App Store on iPhones.
- If you don’t have a cell phone or smartphone, be sure to take a compass and

small flashlight with you.

- Be familiar with any land use rules if you are going out on public land. If the land is open to hunting, be aware of Michigan’s spring turkey season – wear hunter orange and stay on designated trails and pathways.
- Remember that in the spring, Michigan’s weather can be unpredictable. Dress in layers for warmth and comfort. Also remember if you are trout fishing in a cold-water stream that water temperatures will be considerably colder than air temperatures this time of year, making it imperative to dress in layers.

- Take snacks and water. It’s easy to shove a granola bar or snack crackers in your gear so you have some food with you in case you get lost. Take a bottle of water with you, too.

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- Take a whistle. Having a small whistle with you is a good idea because it can create a noise to help search and rescue squads to find you.

“Even the most experienced outdoor recreation enthusiast can get lost in the woods,” said

Molnar. “We encourage those seeking fun in Michigan’s outdoors to consider these safety tips and be familiar with outdoors survival as well. The better prepared you are, the more safe and enjoyable your time in the woods will be.”

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Our Beautiful Secret premieres in Grand Rapids

by Karen Jack

Our Beautiful Secret premiered this past Wednesday, April 10, at Celebration Cinema in Grand Rapids to a crowd of close to 500 people. The movie, written and produced by Angela Peavey, tells the story of her brother Jonathan, of Lowell, who has cerebral palsy.

Filled with people in his life talking about their relationship with Jonathan, splattered with snippets of actors playing it out, it's an eye opener to the challenges that a disabled person faces on a daily basis.

One poignant moment in the film is when Jonathan's mother, Theresa, said that although Jonathan can't physically speak, he does communicate with her and she knows what he's saying. His siblings explain how they just talk to him like normal and even they know what he was saying.

It touches one's heart, as they explained how people never talk to him because they just don't think he understands, when in fact, he does. The Peaveys all express their wish that people would not be afraid of the disabled. They wish that people would just ask questions, instead of staring.

The movie also shows the bright side of Jonathan's life.

He's been "running" in marathons, where he has someone pushing him in his wheelchair. Although when you see the footage of a race, you see the joy in his face and how it touches each of his family members' hearts.

Filled with both humor and heart-wrenching moments, one walks away with a good feeling in their heart, vowing to help someone who is disabled. It brings the moviegoer to a whole new understanding of not only the lives of the disabled, but how the disability affects the entire family. It also shows how much a disabled person gives back to their family and the people they touch in their lives, with laughter and much love. *Our Beautiful Secret* is a story of love.

The Peavey's live in Lowell and their children are home schooled. Angela Peavey is a nationally known performing arts instructor, who has over 15 years of teaching experience and 24 years of performing experience as a Screen Actors Guild Actress. She teaches all over Greater

Grand Rapids and has taught classes in acting, dance and voice nationally. Many of her students are on Broadway, in National Tours, commercials, Hollywood movies and local theatre. Locally, she has worked with Master Arts Theatre, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre and School of Theatre Arts, Actors Grand Rapids, and Aquinas College Theatre. She has created after school programs for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, curriculum for Master Arts Theatre, and classes for Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, home-school groups and Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. In addition she has directed a TV show on ABC and some of her work has been seen on HBO, and she's won a Telly Award for her work on *Our Beautiful Secret*.

She is in her last semester as a graduate student at Grand Valley State University, with a perfect 4.0. She has a BA in theatre from Aquinas College.

The film has been accepted into some film festivals. A festival, right outside London, will be its international debut in the



Angela Peavey, second from right, the writer and producer of the film, smiles with as she awaits the premiere with her brother, Jonathan, and other family members.

summer. Peavey says the film has also caught the eye of some major television networks, so she's working out details for that as well.

Elonzo Peavey, cousin of Jonathan, a freshman at Lowell High School, played Jonathan Peavey in the film. When asked about how this movie affected him, he said,

"I have known Jonathan all my life, but playing Jonathan made me realize what he goes through – not to mention how much his family goes through. It really was an eye opener for me."

"I'm really proud of this film. It's been ten years in the making and having

the support of the whole community for this project has really meant a lot to me," said Peavey.

If you would like to purchase a DVD of the movie, you can purchase them via their website at www.ourbeautifulsecretmovie.com

Youth wrestler wins national championship/four place

by Karen Jack

The National United Wrestling Association for Youth (NUWAY) held its annual national championships this weekend in Battle Creek hosting wrestlers from all over the country. Lowell walked away with a national champion and four placers. While only a handful of Lowell wrestlers attended the event, they represented Lowell in true championship fashion.

The tournament had seven divisions, all based on age. Division 1

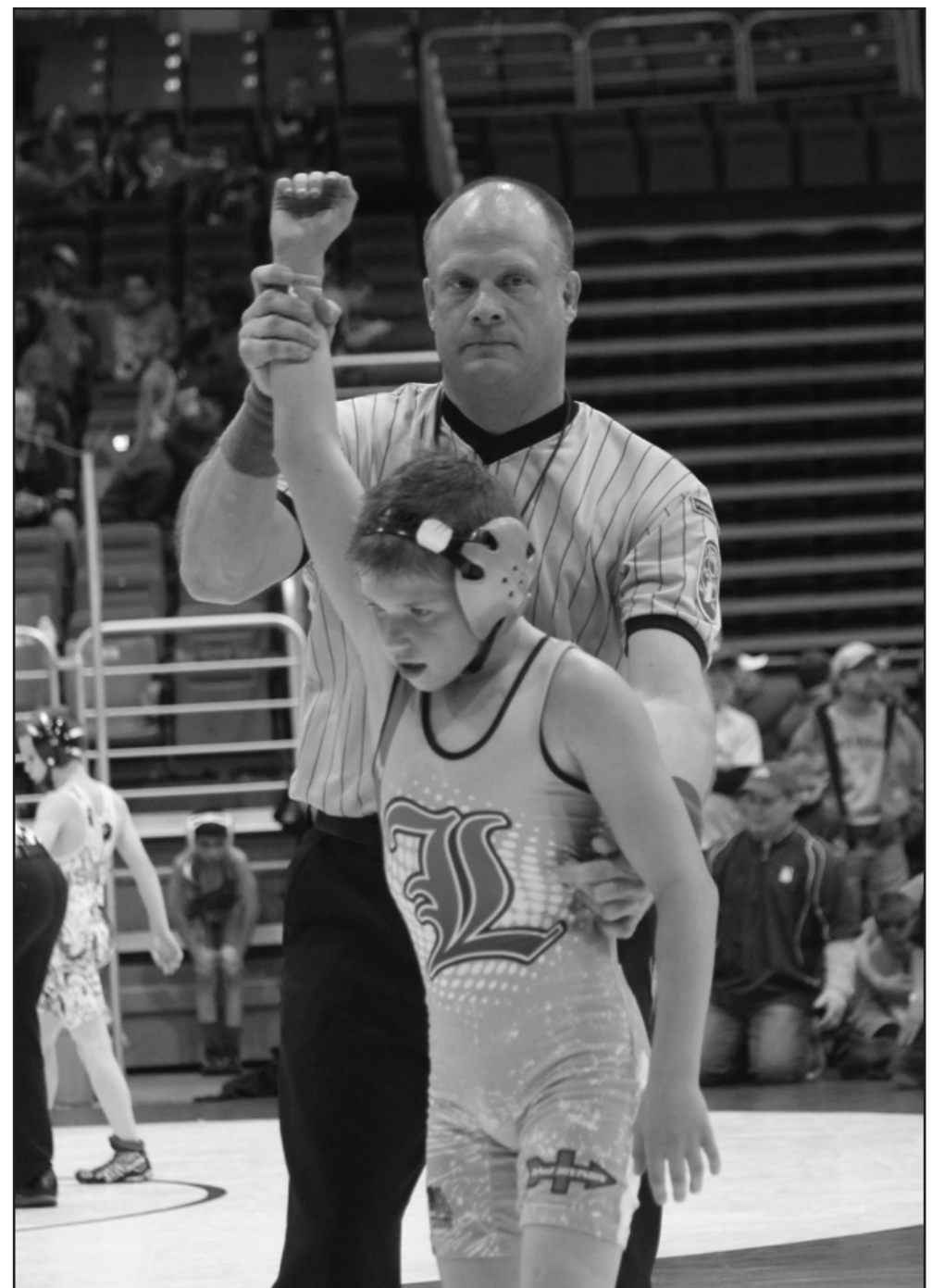
consisted of wrestlers six-years-old and younger. Division 2 included seven- and eight-year-olds. In Division three were nine and ten-year-olds. Division 4 were 11- and 12-year-olds. Division 5 included 13- and 14-year-olds. Division 6 was for 15- and 16-year olds. And Division 7 had 17- through 19-year-olds competing.

Austin Boone, who wrestled in Division 4 at 85 lbs., walked away the champion. In his final

championship match, he won in double overtime against Jacob Dado of Illinois, 3-1.

Avry Mutschler competed in Division 4 at 105 lbs., and made it to the finals but lost in a close match, 4-2, taking second place.

Taking third place was Kanon Dean in Division 7 at 174 lbs. AJ Chertos (Division 3 at 95 lbs.) and Jeff Leach (Division 4 at 76 lbs.) both took fourth place finishes.



The ref raises Austin Boone's arm in victory.

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April 12, 2013

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell's boys' lacrosse wins season opener

by Karen Jack
With weather postponing most of the other sports, the Lowell boys' lacrosse team played through this spring's inclement weather to beat Portage Northern in their season opener, 11-8.

Head coach, Eric Bredin, was quite happy with the team's performance, "We had eight different people score points, including all four of our attackmen that played. That bodes well for our team as a whole."

Jason Nagy led the team with three goals, followed by Derek Bitterman, Dan Dyer and Sawyer Olesko each of whom had two goals. Blake Posthumus and Quinn Summerfield each scored one goal. Bitterman and

Posthumus had two assists each and Dyer, Olesko, Doug Nordman and Cody Selli each had one assist. Sawyer Buck had 17 saves. "We have to work on our penalty minutes, though. We had 16 penalty

minutes, which needs to be improved," added Bredin. After the team started off the season well, they lost to Grand Rapids Christian on Thursday, 9-5, then turned it around and beat Grandville, 8-4 on Saturday.

Lowell lacrosse plays their next game on Thursday, April 18 at Holland Christian High School. Game time is 7:15 pm.

Share your passion for baseball with your kids

As kids, many had the same dream of hitting a walk-off home run to win the World Series. Now baseball season is finally underway, and there is no shortage of opportunities to share your passion of the game with your children.

Getting children involved in baseball at a young age is a great way to commit them to an active lifestyle and form lifelong memories. Many kids fall in love with the game from the moment they first step on the field

As the familiar sounds

of the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd once again fill the air, here are a few ways to introduce your children to America's favorite pastime.

Have a Catch

Having a catch with your child is the quintessential bonding experience. It's also a great way to ease younger kids into the game. All you need is a glove and a ball to get started. After your son or daughter has the basics down, take the next step by going to the batting cages.

Read a Book

Sometimes it's best to familiarize your child with the game before getting on the field. "Who's on First?," the famous 1930s Abbot and Costello comedy routine, is inspiring a love of the sport -- this time in the form of a picture book that carries the same name.

The humorous book, adapted and edited by David Borgenicht, President and Publisher of Quirk Books, and illustrated by John Martz, features the same

witty banter of the original skit.

"This picture book edition of the classic comedy routine is a great introduction to comedy, Abbott and Costello, and the game of baseball," says Borgenicht.

For more information, visit www.QuirkBooks.com.

Play in an Organized League

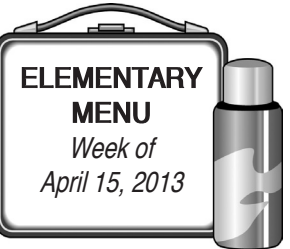
For many kids, the best part about playing baseball is the rush they get from playing in a competitive game. Aside from the health

benefits of being active, organized sports are fun, and a great way to learn teamwork and discipline.

Go to a Game

As a child, the magic of attending a ball game is unmatched. Whether it is a major league, minor league, or even a college game, the sights and sounds of the ballpark will capture your child's imagination. Grab some peanuts and Cracker Jacks for the real authentic experience. A day at the ballpark will be a memory that you both have forever.

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WED: Breaded fish sticks w/WG roll, baked French fries, fruit & veggie bar: fresh baby carrots, fresh cauliflower bites, applesauce, chilled mixed fruit.

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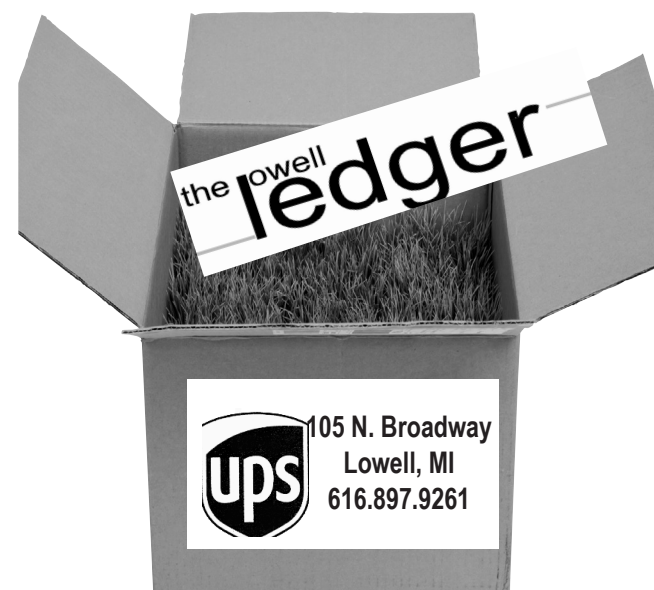


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obituaries

REAGAN

Robert Emmett Reagan, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, golf partner, friend and dentist, died after a 21-month battle with cancer, on April 14, 2013 at age 87, surrounded by his family. Not only did Bob 'Doc' live a long, full and active life enjoying every moment with those dear to him, he was a community leader, business owner and active in the dental profession as well. Bob was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Frank and Tess Reagan, the oldest of 7, and graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. He entered WWII by enlisting in the Army Air Force where he served as a B-29 gunner and was stationed in the South Pacific, mostly on the island of Tinian until the war ended. He discovered there were periodic national reunions of his 6th Bomb Group in 1989. After attending one, he soon was elected to board positions, editor, served as President several times and continued to attend



reunions, including the latest in Charlotte, SC in September 2012. Bob met the love of his life Carol Callan while they were students at Marquette University in Milwaukee. After graduation in 1953, he from dental school and she from nursing, the newlyweds chose to start a family and establish a dental practice in Lowell, Michigan. They wasted no time succeeding at both, and their family kept growing and making a mark in Lowell. Dr. Reagan was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, and was invited to affiliate with several prestigious professional organizations. In 1984, he was selected as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, and the nominating endorsement cited his "family and community contributions, his professional competence, his quiet leadership, friendliness and kindly manners". In 1993 his dental colleagues also awarded him the Distinguished Service Award, which states, in part, "...an overview of his private, family, civic and professional life might serve as a guide for how to apply family values so that America would be enriched throughout all the land if his example were followed". He was a Life Member of the Michigan Dental Association, Past President of the Kent County Dental Society, and member of the West Michigan Dental Society for over forty years. In 1991, he was selected Lowell Area "Person of the Year", an honor that recognized his service to the city through the: Lions Club (charter member, 1954); United Way Community Fund Secretary/treasurer for 40 years; the Lowell Showboat; member and President, Lowell Area School Board, and many others. Dr. Reagan was predeceased by his infant brother Gerald and sister, Mary Gire, as well as his wife of 54 years, Carol and daughter Mary (1979). He is survived by three brothers, Patrick and Mike of Grand Rapids, and Tom of Holland, and one sister, Patty of Houghton Lake. He is also survived by nine children: Jane of Williamston, MI; Karen Myers, Kathy (Jim) Ormiston; Jim (Becky); Patty (Rich) Wade

all of Lowell; Peggy (Bill) LaPenna of Ada; Ruth (Steve) Thomet of Alto; Don (Michele) of Tampa, FL; and Ed (Colleen) of Portland, OR. He also leaves behind his precious 23 grandchildren, each of whom brought him limitless joy: Emily (Matthew) Myers Thuja, Colleen and Lorri Myers, Becky (Lee) Myers Dickerman, Tara and Evan Ormiston, Jacob, Tess and Judi Reagan, Caroline, Sam, Spencer and Annie Thomet, Joey, Frankie and Vinnie LaPenna, Marie (Gary) Wade Pihlaja, Stephanie, Cole, Erin, Lucy, Molly and Melanie Wade. He also leaves dozens of nieces and nephews, former patients, many golf and euchre partners, as well as downhill skiing (The Silver Streakers) and hunting (OCHC) buddies. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 17 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm, at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell Chapel, with recitation of the rosary at 7:30pm. A requiem traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18th at 11am at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 11352 Brown Ave., Allendale, MI, 49401, with Fr. Timothy Sick officiating. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell, following Mass. A luncheon celebrating Doc's life will be from 2-4pm at St. Mary's Parish, 402 Amity St., Lowell. The family wishes to thank all his friends, neighbors, relatives and clergy who have shared their time with Bob during his rich and spirit-filled life and contacted him during his illness. To honor the memory of Bob you may contribute, in lieu of flowers, to: Gilda's Club of Lowell, 314 South Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 www.GildasClubGR.org or Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan www.DSAWM.org or to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, or to the charity of your choice.



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note that benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

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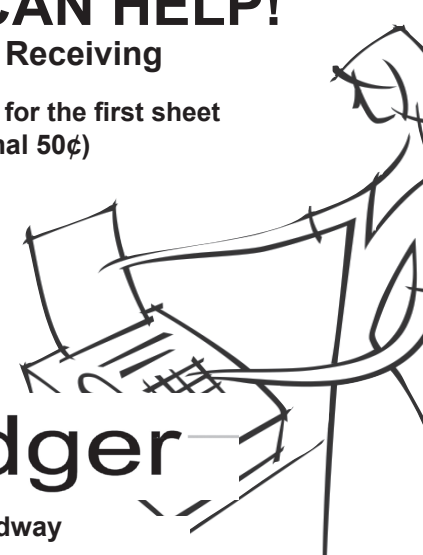
At Social Security, we honor all those who served in the military and we remember those who died for their country.

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

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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.

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.

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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>

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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.

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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 WOMEN'S CLUB - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impact-church.org or www.celebraterecovery.com

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st - 8th; GEMS for girls 3rd - 8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060, email: lowellcalvarycyr@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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Dear EarthTalk: My kids just want to play videos games and watch TV all day. Do you have any tips for getting them outside to appreciate nature more? - Sue Levinson, Bowie, MD

Getting kids away from computer and TV screens and outside into the fresh air is an increasing challenge for parents everywhere. Researchers have found that U.S. children today spend about half as much time outdoors as their counterparts did 20 years ago. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that kids aged eight to 18 spend on average more than seven and a half hours a day—or some 53+ hours per week—engaging with so-called entertainment media. Meanwhile, the Children & Nature Network (C&NN), a non-profit founded by writers and educators concerned about “nature deficit disorder,” finds that, in a typical week, only six percent of American kids aged nine to 13 plays outside on their own.

According to Richard Louv, a founding board member of C&NN and author of the book, *Last Child in the Woods*, kids who stay inside too much can suffer from “nature deficit disorder” which can contribute to a range of behavioral problems including attention disorders, depression and declining creativity as well as physical problems like obesity. Louv blames parental paranoia about potential dangers lurking outdoors and restricted access to natural areas—combined with the lure of video games, websites and TV.

Of course, one of the keys to getting kids to appreciate nature is for parents to lead by example by getting off the couch and into the outdoors themselves. Since kids love being with their parents, why not take the fun outside? For those kids who need a little extra prodding beyond following a parent’s good example, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), a leading national non-profit dedicated to preserving and appreciating wildlife, offers lots of suggestions and other resources through its *Be Out There* campaign.

One tip is to pack an “explorer’s kit”—complete with a magnifying glass, binoculars, containers for collecting, field guides, a notebook, bug repellent and band-aids—into a backpack and leave it by the door to facilitate spontaneous outdoor adventures. Another idea is to set aside one hour each day as “green hour,” during which kids go outside exploring, discovering and learning about the natural world.

NWF’s online Activity Finder helps parents discover fun outdoor activities segmented by age. Examples include going on a Conifer Quest and making a board displaying the different types of evergreen trees in the neighborhood, turning an old soda bottle into a terrarium and building a wildlife brush shelter.

Another great source of inspiration is C&NN which, during the month of April, is encouraging people of all ages to spend more time outdoors at various family-friendly events as part of its nationwide *Let’s Get Outside* initiative. Visitors to the C&NN website can scroll through dozens of events within driving distance of most Americans—and anyone can register an appropriate event there as well.

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outside more are in better shape, more creative, less aggressive and show better concentration than their couch potato counterparts—and that the most direct route to environmental awareness for adults is participating in wild nature activities as kids. So do yourself and your kid(s) a favor, and take a hike!

CONTACTS: Richard Louv, www.richardlouv.com; NWF *Be Out There*, www.nwf.org/Be-Out-There.aspx; C&NN, www.childrenandnature.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: How are populations of

African elephants faring these days? What conservation efforts are underway and are they working? - Libby Broulette, Salem, MA

A century ago some five millions wild elephants roamed Africa. Today fewer than 500,000 remain, a result of poaching for meat and ivory as well as habitat loss due to expanding human development. A worldwide ban on ivory sales in 1990 under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) allowed some

populations to recover briefly, but a recent resurgence in illegal poaching means the iconic species is still in hot water.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) reported recently that African elephants are “under severe threat” with double the number killed and triple the amount of ivory seized in recent years over previous decades. And the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which maintains the international “Red List of Threatened Species,” categorizes African elephants as “vulnerable” and warns that conservation initiatives are not working to stem declining population numbers.

According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), poachers kill tens of thousands of African elephants each year to meet the growing demand for ivory products across the Far East. “Asia stands behind a steadily increasing trend in illegal ivory and there are still thriving domestic ivory markets in Africa,” says WWF.

In addition to the demand for ivory, war and natural resource exploitation across Africa contribute to poaching as increasingly larger numbers of hungry people turn to wild elephant meat as a source of food. WWF reports that limited resources, along with the remoteness and inaccessibility of so much elephant habitat, make it difficult for governments and agencies to monitor and protect elephant herds.

Beyond poaching, habitat loss looms larger and larger over Africa’s diverse fauna, especially elephants as they require large ranges and dine on copious amounts of tree and plant life. “African elephants’ natural habitat is also shrinking as human populations grow and forest and savannas are cleared for infrastructure development and agriculture,” says WWF. Researchers estimate that elephants’ range across Africa has been reduced from three million to just one million square miles in the last three decades.

“Commercial logging, plantations for biofuels and extractive industries like logging and mining not only destroy habitat but also open access to remote elephant forests for poachers,” adds WWF. “In addition, extensive logging of forests leaves elephants with a very limited food supply, which results in high levels of human-elephant conflict when hungry elephants enter villages and destroy local farmers’ crops.”

In 2011, U.S. Congress reauthorized the long dormant African Elephant Conservation Act, putting \$1.7 million into rescue efforts. Green groups raised another \$3.6 million and now 29 on-the-ground projects are working to help restore elephant herds across Africa. Efforts include promoting partnerships between African and Far East wildlife and law enforcement agencies to detect and intercept illegally trafficked wildlife and improve prosecution rates, installing radio networks to improve communication between wildlife protection personnel, and aerial surveillance to rapidly detect and respond to poaching. Let’s just hope efforts like these will bear fruit in the face of rapidly continuing habitat loss.

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9. Pack down
13. *Coat used by army starting in Korean War
14. It can be electric
15. Of the kidneys
16. E.T., e.g.
17. *Progressive or Victorian one
18. O. Henry's specialty
19. *a.k.a. "Father of U.S. Constitution"
21. *Underground Railroad conductor
23. Presidential election mo.
24. Arizona city
25. Auction call
28. Poet _____ Angelou
30. *George W. Bush is the _____ son of George H.W. Bush
35. Keats' works, e.g.
37. Magnifying glass
39. Eastwood's _____ Harry
40. Hippocrates' promise
41. Monument to Buddha
43. Steam engine fuel
44. Of them
46. Prayer leader in mosque
47. Upper hand
48. "The Green _____"
50. Any thing
52. Ever, to a poet
53. Chapter 11 issue
55. Cranberry habitat
57. *Site of first shot of Civil War
60. New Hebrides
64. Something unusual, perhaps worthy of collecting
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APRIL 10 - APRIL 16

- At least 140 people are injured and three dead after two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon Monday afternoon.
- Former President George Bush is now a grandfather. His daughter, Jenna Bush Hager has given birth to a daughter, Margaret Laura Hager (Mila).
- A Chinese boat that ran into a coral reef in the southwestern Philippines held more than 22,000 pounds of meat from a protected species - the pangolin or scaly anteater. The boat's 12 Chinese crewmen are being detained on charges of poaching and attempted bribery.

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 3. Desert-like
 4. Coil of yarn
 5. Type of horse-drawn carriage
 6. Espied
 7. "_____ the fields we go"
 8. List of candidates

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10. Dwarf buffalo
11. *Father of American Education, _____ Horace
12. Layer _____
15. Like risqué entertainment
20. Stretched circles
22. "It's no _____!"
24. Free from slavery

25. *Lincoln's assassin
26. *Known for potatoes, it achieved statehood in 1890
27. Block
29. Supposed giant Himalayan _____
31. Vegas cube
32. Wear away
33. "All the world's a _____"
34. *Tippecanoe's running mate

36. Leg bone
38. Quarrel or argument
42. _____ Single-cell protozoan
45. Grass valued for hay for cattle
49. Driver's aid
51. *Non-interference doctrine creator, 1823
54. *1954 Board of Education opponent
56. Tropical fruit

57. Voiceless consonant
58. _____ Europe/Asia mountain divide
59. _____ en scene
60. *15th Amendment subject
61. Gulf V.I.P.
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63. CPO in auto industry
64. _____ Computer-generated imagery, acr.
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Five things to never say in a job interview

Are you having trouble landing a job and you're not sure why? The right skills and an impressive resume may get you an interview, but getting hired is another story.

Experts say it's all about presenting your character, personality, abilities and values in a positive, relatable light that is attractive to employers.

"There's no such thing as the perfect response to any question in a job interview," says Andrea Kay, career columnist and consultant, and author of the new book, "This is How to Get Your Next Job: An Inside Look at What Employers Really Want," (AMACOM). "But what you talk about in the interview could cost you the job offer if you aren't careful.

These are the top five things Kay says you should

never talk about or say in a job interview:

- Don't talk about things you can't back up. Before you state your claim to a quality that sets you apart, think it through. Just saying you're a great team player or terrific problem solver doesn't make it so, even if it's true.
- Discuss where, how, and exactly what you did that made you so effective. Be ready to cite one or two examples of how you've done what you say you can do.
- Never say "I have good people skills." The words are so overused they mean nothing. Consider what it is you do that makes you effective when dealing with others. Are you good at working through difficult issues with co-workers? Do you have a knack for writing and talking to customers in

a way that explains things? Tell interviewers about that instead.

- Never say "I just want to learn." Employers aren't in business to teach, but rather to deliver a service or product.
- An interview is an opportunity to show an employer how you can apply what you know to the business. So rather than focus solely on your eagerness to learn, tell an interviewer how you will use the skills you have begun to develop to solve problems.
- Avoid too much personal information that has nothing to do with your qualifications. Don't talk about why you need the job (even if you do have a hard-luck story about sick children or a spouse whose been laid off). Don't talk about politics, religion or

sexual preferences.

When a person can't leave personal issues at home, it makes an employer wonder: does he lack the necessary maturity and good judgment? Is her personal life such a wreck that she may not be dependable?

- Don't talk about irrelevant things that pop into your head. To be less impulsive, literally practice interviewing. Slow down, count to five, and give yourself a chance to consider how your comment will sound.
- More job search tips and information from Kay can be found at www.AndreaKay.com.
- If your search for employment has been frustrating, consider your interviewing technique. A few tweaks to your approach could mean a fantastic job offer.



Maureen Kissinger from Cherry Creek Elementary received the Kent County Education Association support person of the year award for 2013.

Kissinger receives top county award

Cherry Creek Administrative Assistants/ Secretarial and Food Service and Transportation.

Elementary administrative assistant Maureen Kissinger has received the top support staff award from the Kent County Education Association (KCEA).

This annual award is presented to the top support staff member in the Kent Intermediate School District within each of the five major support classifications: Aides/Paraprofessionals; Food Service; Custodial/Maintenance;

Kissinger began her career as an administrative assistant at Bushnell Elementary in 1986 and transferred to Cherry Creek when it was changed from a middle school to an elementary school.

Her nomination was submitted by second-grade teacher Kim Lum. Lum cited Kissinger's 27 years of service and her ability to grow her skills as a professional from the time of using typewriters to today's computers. In addition, she has learned to work with the many medical and health needs of today's student population.

She was notified when a letter from the Kent County Education Association last week and said, "I feel so honored and humbled to have been nominated for this award. It's such a blessing to have a job that I love working with students, teachers, parents and the community." She added, "To be recognized for my efforts is icing on the cake."

Kissinger will receive her award at the KCEA spring banquet on May 7.

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