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The Laramie Project: A powerful play

Students exhibit talent and depth during performance last week

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

The Lowell High School students showed maturity, talent and depth during their performance of The Laramie Project. They portrayed the characters with skill and moved the audience.

The play, written by Moisés Kaufman, ran May 9-11 at 7 pm.

The Laramie Project was a series of snippets from interviews taken over a year-and-a-half, detailing the death of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, and the subsequent arrest and trials for the two men accused for the hate crime of beating Shepard. The play takes place in 1998 and 1999 in Laramie, Wyoming.

The play combats



several controversial topics, including LGBT rights, the death penalty, homophobia HIV/AIDS, religion and hate crimes.

Moving parts included

Shepard's father discussing his son's life, asking that the men who killed his son not go for the death penalty and hearing a Catholic Priest discuss his beliefs and ask

that the truth be told. There were some uncomfortable, but factual aspects, from depictions of the Westboro Baptist Church picketing with hateful signs, to blatant

hateful discussions of Shepard.

Despite the heavy topic, and regardless of one's

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Kolp named Teacher of the Year by KCEA

by Karen Jack

Fellow teacher Jeff Larson thinks the world of Heidi Kolp, and that's

why he nominated her for Kent County Education Association's Teacher of the Year. He's seen her in action

and thought she was the perfect teacher to earn the honor.

In his nomination

letter, Larsen wrote, "There are teachers, and then there are dynamic teachers. Then there is Heidi Kolp. She is a DYNAMIC teacher, and deserves to be honored in this year's Thank a Teacher! campaign. In 19 years of teaching, I've never worked with a more enthusiastic, more engaging, more positive teacher than Heidi. To observe her class is to watch the best of the best practices put into action."

Not only does Kolp teach U.S. literature, speech, debate, and Shakespeare, she is also the director of the high school musical, spending countless hours preparing students to perform in the myriad of high school musicals. She shares her love of teaching with teacher assistants and student teachers as well.

High school principal Amy Pallo thinks the world of Kolp.

"Heidi has an amazing gift for reaching all students and helping them grow as learners during their time

in her class. She has had a great impact, not only on her students, but on many



Teacher of the Year, Heidi Kolp is married to Kurt Kolp, and has three children.

Arbor Board plants a new tree for Arbor Day



Sharon Ellison, Pete Klaver, the owner of Builder's Fireplace, James Reagan, Greg Pierce and Maryalene LaPonsie stand in front of the newly planted tree planted to celebrate Arbor Day. The most recent Arbor Day tree planting came two to three weeks late having been delayed because of the flooding. For this year, a Bradford pear was planted near Builder's Fireplace by Brett Huizenga of H & K Landscaping. "We do it every year by choosing a plant and picking a business downtown," said Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden.

aspects of Lowell High School. She is a dedicated, selfless teacher who puts the success of her students above all else," Pallo said.

Kolp was surprised when she got the letter in the mail from the Kent County Education Association.

"I never thought of myself as a Teacher of the Year, just someone who enjoys teaching. I am honored to represent my colleagues because I work with so many talented and dedicated people."

The Laramie Project, continued

personal views, the students acted with poise and respect, for which the actors should be commended.

The play was followed by a talk back, with four panelists, and the actors to discuss the play and answer any questions the audience had. Panelists included long time resident Nancy Wood,

and her son Ron, Todd Heywood, an investigative journalist, and Nicole Deckrow, a LHS counselor and Gay-Straight Alliance advisor.

The actors discussed other students' reactions to the play, which were not always positive. Nancy Wood talked about having

a gay son and how it never changed her love for him. She talked about her fear that Ron could end up like Shepard.

While the students were too young to remember this incident, many audience members and panelists remembered the news coverage.

Paige Coble said, "This is an eye-opening, powerful story and I hope it touches your heart."

In a small town, located in conservative West Michigan, doing this play was a risk for the high school, but the director, Laurie Summerfield, felt comfortable with it. She

felt the time was right and did not have qualms when choosing this play. She also liked how there were many monologues so the actors could practice and memorize on their own.

Sadly, the turnout was

low, which was a shame because the play was excellent and the students had put so much effort into it.

"Be the change, it starts with us," was included on the play's brochure.

college news

Davenport University has announced that several local students have been named to the dean's list for the winter 2013 semester. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point

average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Students from the Lowell area include: Jaclyn Baker from Alto; Theresa Chrisman from Alto; Patrizia Doezema from Lowell; Samantha

Geldersma from Lowell; Lauren Gurd from Lowell; Jennifer Hartley from Lowell; Julia Hawkins from Lowell; Meghan Hendrick from Alto; Taryn Herrick from Alto; Christen Hickey from Lowell; Jonathan Hoekstra from Alto; Kaitlin

Homan from Alto; Taylor Mankel from Lowell; Joshua Morrison from Lowell; Janeen Ortowski from Lowell; Sarah Phillips from Alto; Amanda Prins from Alto; Amber Waldron from Lowell and Megan Wynsma from Saranac.



along main street

SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES

Free smoking cessation classes begin Thurs., May 16. Tobacco Free For Good class meets for six weeks on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 E. Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. Call 616-446-7058.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., May 16 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

PLANT SALE

The Lowell Women's Club Plant Sale will be held Fri., May 17, 3-6 pm and Sat., May 18, 10 am - 5 pm at 2900 S. Alden Nash SE (next to the Lowell Township Hall). To benefit the Lowell Women's Club Lowell High School Girl's Scholarship Fund.

WILD WINE & BEER SAFARI

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At Your Local Library

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Summer Reading returns

Last year the Kent District Library had the busiest summer reading program of any public library system in Michigan with 28,914 participants. This year's Summer Reading at KDL program runs from Saturday, June 1 to Saturday, Aug. 10.

With activities for babies, kids, teens and adults, Summer Reading at KDL offers something for everyone: *There's Dig Into Reading* for kids at grade 5 and younger, *Beneath the Surface* for teens, grades 6-12, and *Groundbreaking Reads* for adults. Our "Experience Summer Online at KDL" virtual program, *Dig Into KDL*, will encourage participants to learn not only through reading, but also through seeing, doing and exploring. Read and experience for the chance to win great prizes such as gift cards to nearly 20 different stores, a John Ball Zoo membership, iPods, a NOOK eReader and more.

KDL is also offering an exciting line-up of free summer programs, including Dinosaur Dig, Butterfly Bonanza, Get the Dirt on Great Desserts, Underground Music and more.

Studies have shown that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation. Kent District Library's summer reading program is an important step in helping to prevent what's known as summer reading loss by providing programs and activities that encourage learning while children and teens are away from school. It's a great way for families to *Get Grounded in Happiness* this summer.

You can sign up for Summer Reading at KDL starting June 1 at any of KDL's 18 branch locations. For more information, call 784-2007 or visit www.kdl.org.

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New community garden hopes citizens will get involved

By Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

After several years of contemplating the possibility of a community garden, members of the First Congregational Church of Lowell are sponsoring the garden to get citizens more involved.

Long-time church member Jim DeCenzo said they will be accepting \$10 donations in exchange for a 10 X12 foot plot of rich black soil.

“It’s kind of experimental at this time and hasn’t taken shape yet,” DeCenzo said. “But the whole idea is to get everyone in the community involved.”

The community garden will have a total of 42 plots, located on 865 Lincoln Lake, Rd. and is available next Monday on May 20. Those who wish to participate can show up at any time on Monday and mark their plot anyway they can even if it is with a wooden stick with their name on it.

Water hoses will be available with the ground having already been tilled, DeCenzo said. The \$10 donations will be used to cover some of the costs of fencing, meant to keep animals away from the vegetation.

“We are still in the process of constructing a fence, but we are defining this thing as it goes along,” DeCenzo said.

Along with everyone’s portion of land, there will be a communal area, where food will be used to help support the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM).

“Those who come out will be responsible for their own work, and anyone who can pitch in for the communal plot are more than welcome to,” DeCenzo said. “That communal plot will be reserved to donate food to the community.”

For those with kids, a play area is available for parents who would still like

to take part but cannot find a sitter.

DeCenzo said although it is still in the beginning stages, he hopes it proves to be successful and lays a

foundation for more events like this.

“Hopefully this will be something people can look forward to participating

in for years to come,” DeCenzo added.

If any citizens or church members have any questions in regards to the community

garden, they can visit the church’s website at <http://www.ourbigchurch.org/> or reach DeCenzo at 616-540-2702.



Dan Kantorowski, left, and Justin Anes, right, stand in the middle of one of the plots that will be sold for the community garden next Monday by the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Photo submitted by Jim DeCenzo

Jazz Night in Lowell to feature The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra

The Lowell middle school and high school jazz bands will be hosting a Jazz Night at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 pm. The sounds of Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Hoagy Carmichael, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and many other jazz musicians will be heard throughout the evening.

The event will feature The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra (TJO) from Hastings. This group is comprised of community members and other regional instrumentalists with an interest in performing music rooted in the Big Band genre. TJO was organized in 1987 and has performed at a variety of venues throughout West Michigan. Performances will include appearances at the County Seat Restaurant, Fall Creek Restaurant, Walldorff Brewpub and at the annual Thornapple Arts Council Jazz Festival.

The evening will begin with the middle school jazz band under the direction of

Dale Latva, followed by the high school jazz band under the direction of Tim Haan, and concluding with The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Joe LaJoye.

Tickets for this event are \$5 for adults, \$3 for

senior citizens, and \$2 for students and will be available starting May 13, at the middle school and high school offices and from any jazz band member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Christopher C. Godbold

Study up on college savings vehicles

Another school year is drawing to a close — so if you have young children, they're one year closer to the day when they head off to college. And both you and your children need to prepare for that day. Your kids can do so by developing good study habits. As for you, it's never too soon to start preparing for the high costs of higher education.

Just how costly is college? According to the College Board's figures for the 2012-13 academic year, the average cost for one year at an in-state four-year public school is \$22,261; for a private school, the comparable expense is \$43,289. And if college costs continue rising faster than the general inflation rate, these figures will

increase substantially in the years ahead.

Of course, it's entirely possible that your kids will receive some scholarships or grants, which can significantly lower your out-of-pocket price tag. Nonetheless, it's probably a good idea not to count on your offspring getting a "full ride" to school — which means that you may want to start exploring college-savings vehicles.

Fortunately, you have some attractive options, one of which is a 529 plan.

When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for

qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. However, 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. Plus, a 529 plan is flexible: if your child, grandchild or other beneficiary decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

While a 529 plan may be a good choice for building resources for college, it's certainly not the only choice. For example, a Coverdell Education Savings Account, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. However, you can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account.

Another college-savings possibility is a custodial account, known as an UGMA or UTMA, which offers some tax benefits, no contribution limits, and may have an impact on financial aid. You might also consider investing in a zero-coupon bond that matures just when your child is ready for college. Unlike other bonds, you won't receive regular interest payments with a zero-coupon bond, but you purchase it at a deep discount, so you might find the affordability factor to be worth considering. (Be aware, though, that even though you don't actually receive the interest payments annually, you'll still be liable for the taxes on them, so before purchasing a zero coupon bond, consult with your tax advisor). Whichever college-savings vehicles you choose, try to put them to work as early as you can. Before you know it, today's first-graders will be tomorrow's college freshmen.


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city update



Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

Character is often defined in the face of adversity. In the greater Lowell community, our character was defined during the record flood that occurred just weeks ago.

For those of us who live and work here on a regular basis, our response to the flood was no surprise. We respond to the needs of others and take great pride in our community and the people who live here. My dad has coined a phrase when we talk about how our family comes together in time of need, great or small ... "it's just what we do," he says.

Well, we did it and we are doing it.

There is no way to begin to list the employees, residents, non-residents, volunteers, business owners and others who took part in our response to the flood.

We were prepared and we minimized the damage as much as we could.

But it's also important to know while the waters have receded, the damage remains and many folks are still trying to figure out what to do.

We are so fortunate in this community to have Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) which has stepped to the plate to coordinate ongoing relief efforts. Within days, volunteers were gathered by FROM to conduct initial damage assessments that were passed on to the county and the state. At the same time, FROM is reaching out to those in need and trying to coordinate clean-up efforts and provide other assistance such as bedding for displaced families.

In some cases, the high water table has made it

difficult to fully empty the water from basements so clean-up can't even begin. Those homeowners will need help in the days and weeks and perhaps even months ahead.

A simple thank you is certainly not enough to fully express the gratitude that we

all share for those who have helped respond to the flood or those who are working through FROM to assist those in need. The reality is, that's all this humble city manager can offer at this time.

Thank you!

Support is vital for our guard and reserve families



Sen. Carl Levin

Recently I had the privilege of speaking to the National Research Summit on Reserve Component Families, held at the University of Michigan. This gathering of experts and advocates from around the nation spent two days focused on the citizen soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of our National Guard and military Reserves and their families.

Special focus on our Reserve component

is appropriate because so much of Michigan's contribution to our military comes from our state's National Guard and Reserve units and because of the special challenges that Reserve component families must face.

Because most Reserve component families don't live near major military installations, it's often harder for them to access Defense Department services. That isolation might also form a

barrier that prevents Reserve component troops from seeking help for mental or physical health conditions.

Overcoming those challenges is of tremendous importance because today, the United States cannot go to war without its National Guard and military Reserves. During the Cold War, we planned to call on our Reserve component only in extreme circumstances. Today, we call upon them routinely as part of our military operations around the world.

So we can't do without our Reserve component troops. But as is the case with our active duty troops, we can't recruit, train, deploy and retain skilled troops for our Reserve forces if they, as potential service members, don't feel that they and their families will be properly cared for. So taking care of our troops and families, giving them the support they need to continue serving our nation, is essential to our national security.

But it's even more than that. It's a moral imperative. The men and women who put on our nation's uniform, work so hard, and sacrifice so much for us – we owe them a tremendous debt. If we do not support them and their families, we fail to keep a solemn trust.

But we can't just want to help our troops and their families. We have to learn the best ways to do so and act on them.

It's especially worrisome that suicides, which are an enormous problem across our nation, are taking the lives of far too many of our troops and our veterans. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno recently testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee, which I chair, that the number of suicides in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is rising.

Another major concern is unemployment among Guard and Reserve members. A good job is essential to any family's quality of life, and yet Army Secretary John McHugh told our committee that in the Army Guard and Reserve, unemployment is at 24 percent. That's a crisis.

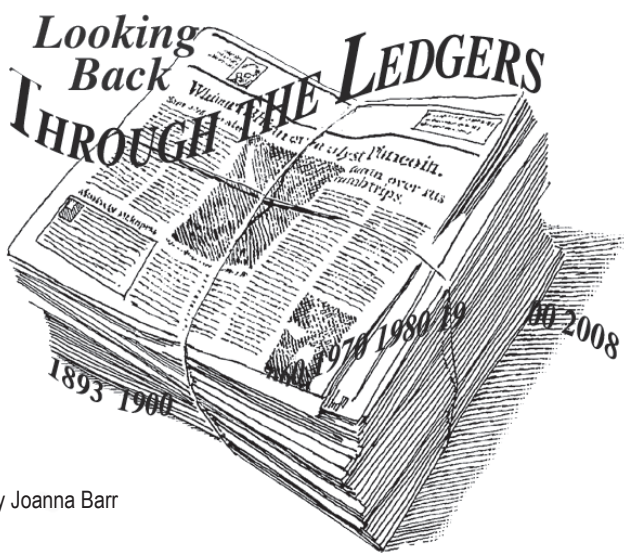
We have taken steps in a number of areas to address the needs of our Guard and Reserve families. On the Armed Services Committee, through our annual defense authorization bills, we have given Reserve component families improved access to the military's TRICARE health coverage; we've closed a gap in health coverage for Reserve component retirees who retire before reaching age 60; we've improved access to mental health assessments and suicide prevention programs for Reserve component members; and we have authorized better access to job training for all troops, including Reserve component members.

In last year's bill we authorized the National Guard to provide "Transition Assistance Advisors" in each state to serve as single points of contact for Guard members seeking access to military and Veterans Affairs benefits. And we required the Pentagon to make sure that its medical practices reflect the best available research on the diagnosis and treatment of mental health conditions.

But we can never be satisfied with our efforts on this front. We should always be on the lookout for ways that we can improve the support we give military families.

That's where researchers like those who gathered in Ann Arbor come in. We have questions that they are helping to answer, such as: What are the best ways to combat the stigma that discourages so many troops who may be at risk for suicide or suffering other mental health issues from seeking assistance? What prevents too many Guard and Reserve members from finding good civilian jobs? How can we meet President Obama's goal of ending homelessness among veterans by 2015?

I'm grateful for the hard work these researchers are doing to help us keep the faith with our Guard and Reserves, and I look forward to hearing new ideas about how we can continue making a difference for our troops and their families.



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Journal May 21, 1873

A juvenile log driver made a big hole in the Flat river last Saturday. He fell in and took the hole in after him. His paper collar was a total wreck. With a firm but elastic step he toddled home to see his mother and learn his Sunday School lesson.

Boys are so fond of innocent amusement. Feeding coach dogs cigar stubs is fun. The chap who tried it on Langley's corner wont try it again. But the dog wasn't to blame. Not one dog in a hundred can tell a cigar stub from a boy's finger.

The dog law was not ordered to take immediate effect, but it would be well for dog owners who desire to continue to own their dogs, to begin to collar 'em. Recollect, they must be registered, and – well call on the Town Clerk and he will tell you how to preserve dogs. The officer may be found at Avery's Meat Market. (joke.)

We had a little earthquake in our office last week while running off the Journal, when about half the edition was worked and were obliged to lay up for repairs. This is why some of our subscribers didn't get their papers on time. The machine is in grinding condition again.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 15, 1913

The foundation wall has been completed on the north lot of D. G. Look's recently acquired residence property, for the accommodation of the Delaney house; after the removal of which, work will begin on the new Look home.

George Thurlby of Pratt Lake was in town on crutches Tuesday, swinging a badly bruised leg, due to the giving away of a woven wire fence he had stretched to the clinching point. The kick of the chain and lever hurled him several yards and it was feared at first the leg was broken.

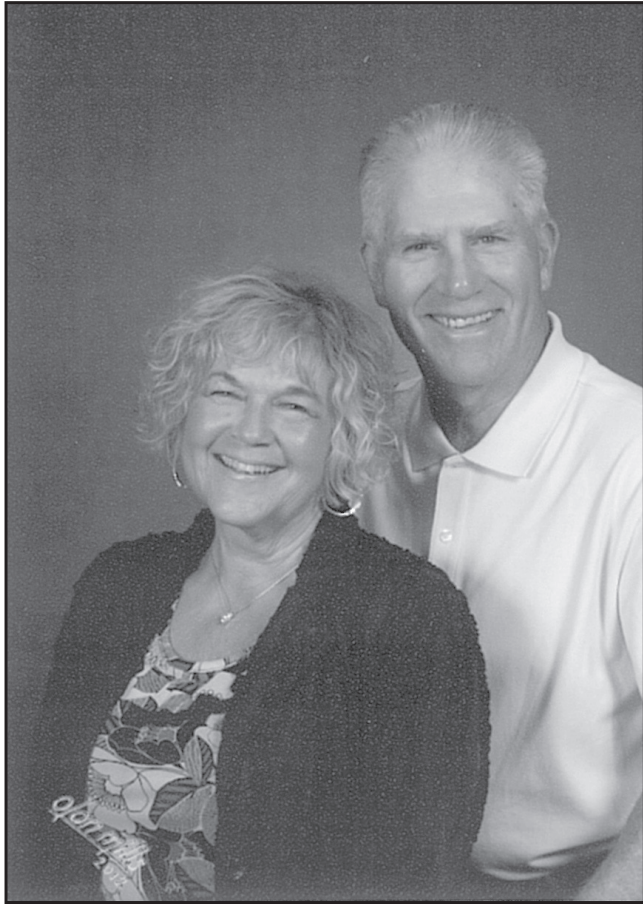
Sheriff Taylor proposes to eliminate the drunk nuisance on Pere Marquette passenger trains coming from Lansing into Ionia county. Two arrests were made Saturday night by Deputy Harry Derrick, who picked up two on the westbound passenger as they were about to leave the train at Lyons.

Grading has begun on the Grand Ledge extension of the Lansing interurban and it is expected that cars will be running on that section by October. The Lansing correspondent of the Grand Rapids Herald intimates that the line may be extended to that city by way of Portland, Ionia and Lowell; but that it will not be done this year.

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anniversaries

Cosgrove



Joan and Hugh Cosgrove

Hugh and Joan Cosgrove will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 18, 2013.

They are the parents of four daughters, Amy (Dave) Wittenbach, Kerry (Kirk) Foley, Jennifer (Mike) Lillie, and Chantel (Tom) Hopping. They have 12 grandchildren, Amanda (Luke) Morgan, Emily, Nathaniel, and Josiah Wittenbach, Zachary (Katie)

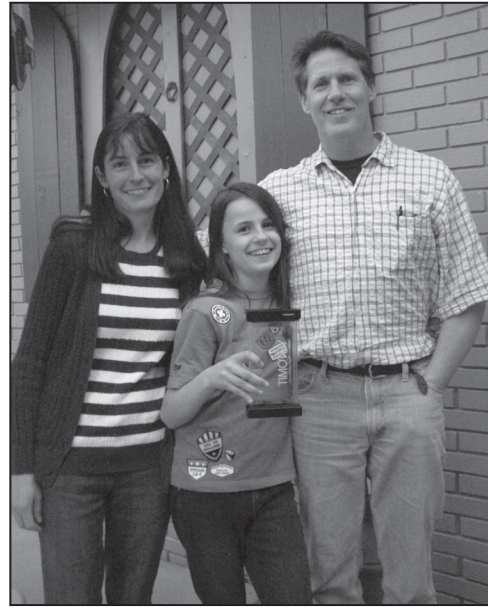
Foley, Brittany and Braydon Foley, Jasmine, Jordan and Isabel Lillie, and Caleb and Annalyse Hopping. They have also been blessed with one great-grandson, Bentley Foley.

They will celebrate the occasion with a mass at St. Patrick's in Parnell with a family dinner following an open house with family and friends.

Awana awards



Ben Ingram, Callie Ingram, Angela Ingram.



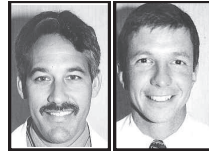
Grace Ostrander with her parents, Joy and Jeff Ostrander.

It was Awana Awards Night at First Baptist Church last Wednesday. The Awana program runs from September through mid-May and offers the children of the Lowell area a chance to study the Bible, apply it to their lives, participate in active game times and become friends with others of their age group.

Receiving the highest award for those in sixth grade were Callie Ingram and Grace Ostrander.

To qualify, Awana Clubbers were required to complete four handbooks and all the related activities.

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tummy time

Parents of newborns are encouraged to keep their babies on their back while sleeping. This has been shown to reduce the incidence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS. Unfortunately, some babies may spend too much time on their back and develop a condition called Positional Plagiocephaly also known as a positional head deformity. This occurs because the

infant develops a preference for laying their head in a certain position. When they lay in one position for too long, they can develop a flat spot on one side of their head. Over time this flat spot may resolve as the child grows older, but there is a chance that it may persist throughout their life, causing a misshapen head.

The best way to prevent infants from developing

this condition is to begin "Tummy Time" exercises early. "Tummy Time" refers to time spent on their tummies when they are awake and alert. This allows them to strengthen their postural muscles as well as neck muscles. By developing these muscles early, they will be able to turn their heads much easier when sleeping on their backs. They will also reach developmental milestones, such as rolling over and sitting up, sooner.

"Tummy Time" should only be performed when the infant is awake, and on the ground or on a parents chest.

The infant must be observed closely to prevent accidental injury from rolling over, or objects blocking their airway. Initially, infants may not tolerate "Tummy Time" for very long, as they may tire easily and cry. However, if you start slowly and gradually increase the time spent on the tummy, they will become stronger and enjoy it more.

For those infants that do develop a positional head deformity, there are treatments available. Those treatments may involve physical therapy and possibly a cranial helmet for a few months.

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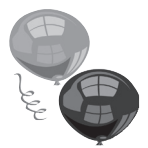
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Lowell High School Students of the Month for May

Lowell High School has announced Ryan Hessler, ninth grade, and Rachel Wittenbach, eventh grade, as the Lowell High School May 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 was quite an accomplishment for Hessler and Wittenbach. The students received a \$20 movie gift card and certificate.

Hessler was nominated by Chaye Klomprens and she wrote, "Ryan is such a great student! He is very mature and positive in class. I can always count on him to participate and be prepared for class. Ryan works well with all of his classmates, freshman through seniors. He is outgoing and confident. Ryan has a great understanding of the Spanish language and is dedicated to his studies."

Heidi Kolp and Susan Langford nominated

Wittenbach. Kolp wrote, "Once in a blue moon you meet a student of Rachel Wittenbach's caliber. I would be surprised to encounter another student like her in my entire career. I have had the pleasure of watching her organize everything she can get her hands on since she was a freshman. She is uniquely talented and driven. This is the second year Rachel has served as student producer for our high school musical. Her position is a huge undertaking, and I have come to depend upon her a great deal. If it needs coordinating, ask Rachel to do it. If it requires time, thought and effort, Rachel's

your best bet. She pulled together pictures and biographies for our program, created order in our dressing room, managed props, organized the microphone chart and procured a team to work in the dressing rooms. Rachel also notices and anticipates upcoming needs. Repeatedly, I have said, 'Rachel could you...' only to be told it was already done. In addition to her extra curricular activities, Rachel is a particularly stellar student. She took tenth grade English with me as a freshman and has continued to excel in her classes. Rachel is kind, ambitious, selfless, smart and organized and we are very lucky to have her as a member of our student body."

Langford wrote, "Rachel Wittenbach is an exceptional person exceedingly worthy of Student of the Month. Many of you know Rachel as a quiet, hard working student in school, but I would like to share just a few of the many leadership roles Rachel has assumed quietly and without boast out of school. First, the art department was

asked to decorate a bench with the 'Be Nice' theme. Rachel stepped up to this challenge, coordinating student volunteers and working long hours during and after school until the bench was executed with great thought and creativity. Her leadership drive and vision is the reason the bench was completed and turned out beautifully. In addition to her leadership role during the bench project, she has also worked many hard hours after school executing her vision for the prom dance's decorations. Again, her leadership skills and quiet poise has brought students together to accomplish a creative vision for a beautiful prom. But, the most amazing thing that Rachel has accomplished is that she balances all these activities while maintaining her high grades at school, participation on the girl's lacrosse team and volunteer work at the church, Eucharistic Minister. Rachel's strong leadership roles and hard work both in and out of school make her an exceptional candidate for Student of the Month.



Ryan Hessler



Rachel Wittenbach

Looking Back, continued

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 19, 1938

One of the village's oldest landmarks was completely leveled this week when the Lee block, on the corner of Main and Riverside Dr., was taken down by wreckers to make way for the new Frank's building. More than 70-years-old the building showed ravages of time and had twice been partially destroyed by fire. The building was originally built by Solomon Lee, grandfather of Dr. S. S. Lee. Almost every kind of business has occupied the corner building and the adjoining stores including some of the most popular saloons. Around the corner was the "Farmers' Home," a two-story hotel, run by George Lane, who is still remembered by his noonday habit of standing out in front of the hotel and ringing a big dinner bell.

Deputy Frank Stephens and Marshall Fred Gramer have succeeded in recovering several articles stolen from parked automobiles in Lowell and are holding same for identification by the owners. Two youngsters admit the theft. The articles taken include one kodak, one pair field glasses with carrying case and two flashlights. The articles were stolen along about the first of March. Owners of the articles should get in touch with the officers mentioned and prove property.

Residents of Hudson St. north, the only unpaved through street in the village, will be sorry to hear that the state highway department does not intend to pave M-66 North through the village. According to Ionia County road officials who have maintenance of the street, the only thing that will be done is to chloride it for the summer.

urge any resident who observes a dangerous violation of the law to take advantage of this "Citizen's Arrest."

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 18, 1988

Headline: Senior Neighbors Center looking for new home. Lowell's Senior Neighbors Center has been located at 214 E. Main for 15 years. Following the sale of the Rebekah Lodge Organization owned building, to Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppes owner, Helen Schaefer, the Senior Neighbors Center will be without a permanent home after June 15. "The Center has gotten the permission of the First Congregational Church in Lowell to use its basement for the two summer months," Senior Center coordinator, Marj Snyder said. The Rebekah Lodge Organization is a nationwide branch of the Independent Organization of Odd Fellows. The organization which was started years ago, has just five members left. In order for the organization to stay viable in the Lowell area it must have five members. "If a member dies then all the club's assets are assumed by the state organization," Snyder said. "The state then disposes of the organization's property." The Center did not pursue purchasing the building, according to Snyder, because it wasn't sure it's allowed to own. "Anyhow, this building would not allow us to take on a bigger case load," Snyder said. The Center has already lost a couple of groups that used the building because the Center wasn't big enough." Snyder added that the Senior Neighbors Center destination after its two month stay in the Congregational Church is unknown, but they continue to inquire about possibilities.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 16, 1963

Sam Myers, clerk at Gee's Hardware on West Main Street, has the distinction of being with a Lowell business firm for the greatest number of continuous years. This spring, Sam celebrated his 42nd year with Gee's.

Lowell Police were congratulating two Lowell citizens this week for their community concern in signing "citizen's warrants" against two local youths who were drag racing. The police



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Local mother's son, officer Eric Zapata honored

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Eric Zapata, a 10-year-veteran of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, was shot and killed April 18, 2011 after responding to a report of shots being fired. He was the first officer to be killed on duty in the KDPS.

A stretch of highway on I-94, between Charleston and Texas Townships in Kalamazoo County will be renamed the Officer Eric Zapata Memorial Highway.

His mother, Connie Bernal, lives in Saranac. She

has been in awe of the people who have reached out to her and told stories of her son. She was glad to hear stories, "not the policeman he was, but the person he became."

"The highway will honor not only my son, his family, but the people who cared for him," Bernal said.

Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, sponsored Senate Bill 108, which would rename that portion of the highway after Zapata.

The bill was introduced Jan. 31, and passed the House of Representatives unanimously on April 18. Governor Rick Snyder signed the bill into law on May 7.

The Facebook page titled "RIP Kalamazoo Police Officer Eric Zapata," put the word out to make the name change reality. They urged their followers to contact their representatives and ask them to support the bill. They also made a new page, called "Let's Honor PSO Eric Zapata by naming a stretch of I-94 for him."

There was a similar bill introduced last year, but it failed to make it out of the transportation committee. This year, thanks to the support and pressure from the surrounding communities, it passed.

This 25-mile stretch is a "small gesture in expressing our gratitude to his family for the sacrifice he made," Schuitmaker said in a press release.

Zapata was only 35 when he died, and had three small children.

There will also be an Eric Zapata Community Memorial featuring a garden, seating area and a 7-foot bronze bust of Zapata. The memorial will be located in Kalamazoo, near the north end of the Kalamazoo Mall.

The highway will keep the memory of Zapata alive, and will allow those to remember the sacrifice he gave to ensure safety for others.



Eric Zapata's mother, Connie Bernal, with the sign that will be placed on I-94.



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LASSO champions

The Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization (Lasso) U-14 boys celebrated a championship in last weekend's Crusader Cup hosted by Kalamazoo Kingdom Soccer in Galesburg. Playing on incredible energy and skills learned from their five-plus years of playing experience together the tournament win was well deserved.

Lasso's first match Friday night was a fight to a 1-1 draw against Kingdom's top U-13 team. Lasso's goal was courtesy of a signature Logan Landman header off of Collin Bower's cross

from the right wing.

Saturday morning's victory came a bit easier in a well-played match against Fort Wayne Fever 3-0. With a league game Saturday afternoon trying Lasso's conditioning, Sunday morning's third tournament match came early, yet Lasso again prevailed 2-0 over Kingdom's U-14 Select team.

The championship game was played only seven hours later against the undefeated Kingdom Premier U-14's.

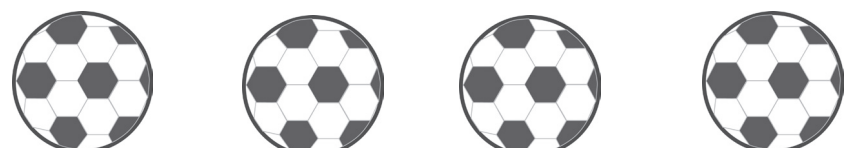
Although incredibly fatigued and facing their

fifth match in less than 48 hours, the Lasso boys fought to a 1-0 victory on a perfectly played one time shot by forward Robbie Dubisky. Dubisky's goal came five minutes into the second half. The final 30 minutes required extraordinary defense to fend off Kingdom's attack. Dubisky finished the tournament with a team high of five goals.

The 2013 Crusader Cup Championship in the U-14 Boys Gold division was the first tournament championship for the Lasso 14's.



Front row, left to right: Logan Smith, Landon Smith, Larry Patrick, Trevor Sherman, Nick Chambers and Jakob Thompson; back row, left to right: head coach Pat Heffron, Sam Hofman, Ben Noffke, Jacob Holmes, Riley Coxon, Aiden Remar, Kyle Cater, Logan Landman, Jonah Epema, Robbie Dubisky and assistant coach Curt Cater.



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Local farm challenges people to get to know their farmers

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

Deane and Linda Brengle didn't always grow vegetables for a living despite owning a farm for nearly 30 years. But when they started Chimney Creek Farm, a natural and sustainable place to purchase local produce in 2010, they certainly found their niche.

Deane Brengle describes himself as a "refocused carpenter." Three years ago, Brengle was looking to find a new way to live and he found it in his farm.

"I don't think the rest of my productive years should be spent scratching around for carpentry work," Brengle said.

The difference between Chimney Creek Farm and many other farms is the method the Brengles use to market their produce. Instead of setting up a farm stand and hoping customers want to buy as many tomatoes as they produce, the Brengles sell their goods through CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shares. Members of the

community pay ahead of time for either a full share or a half share. With the up-front revenue, the Brengles can plant what they need to plant so their customers receive produce either weekly or bi-weekly throughout the growing season, depending on what is ripe.

CSA shares are comprised of mostly tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, corn and other familiar vegetables, but the Brengles often throw in less common choices like kohlrabi, bok choy, kale, turnips or leeks.

Chimney Creek Farm is located in Grattan Township, but they happily serve the greater Grand Rapids area, including Rockford, Greenville, Lowell, Kentwood, Wyoming and Ada. Home delivery is available for those living in the Grand Rapids metro area. Otherwise, shares can be picked up at Chimney Creek Farm.

For Deane and Linda Brengle, it is important their customers have a chance to



Linda Brengle and dog Bellah, are trying to catch up on planting after the flood and the late spring.

get to know their farmer, come see them at the farm and have a chance to see how the work is done.

"Our motto is, 'Know your farmer. Know your food,'" Brengle said.

Though Chimney Creek Farm is not certified organic, they partake in organic practices, and are concerned with natural health and pesticide-free food.

"I guess we're old hippies at heart," Brengle said.

In the upcoming years, Brengle hopes to expand their offerings to include meat, bread, maple syrup, honey and jams. His dream is to offer a super share that includes many of these items in addition to his current offerings. As he grows older, he already sees his daughter as someone who would do a great job running the farm and he sees a lot of potential in his grandchildren who already help around the farm.

Last year, Deane Brengle delivered a CSA share to a husband and wife, both of whom were doctors. The wife ran out to meet Brengle because she couldn't wait for the cherry tomatoes to make it up the driveway. When speaking to friends about Brengle, the couple is known to say, "That's my farmer."

Full CSA shares from Chimney Creek Farm cost \$535 per year for farm pickup and \$620 per year for home delivery. Half shares cost \$325 for farm pickup and \$375 for home delivery. Brengle offers an option of a dozen eggs once a week for 18 weeks for \$72 or every other week for \$36. Interested community members can sign up for a CSA share at chimnycreekfarms.com, but growing season starts the second week of June so it is important for people to sign up soon.



Deane Brengle planting seeds.

At left, Brengle with oversized chicken.

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Skylar Bowne
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Grade: Senior

Derek Bitterman
Team: Lacrosse
Grade: Junior

Skylar Bowne



How long have you been playing soccer?

I have played soccer ever since I was three.

What other sports do you play? How long have you been playing those?

I played volleyball up until tenth grade, and then I decided to focus solely on soccer and play year round.

What is your favorite sport?

My favorite sport is soccer.

Have you received any awards for any of them?

I was All-Conference 2012, All-District 2012, Super-Y Olympic Development Program nomination, and captain of this year's Lowell Girls team.

Have you broken any records?

Last year I almost hit the maximum number of yellow cards allowed by committing too many 'professional fouls', as our team likes to call them.

Do you have siblings?

No, I'm an only child.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

Last year in the game against Reeths-Puffer, I scored two goals and had three assists while playing sweeper (defensive center back).

What's the best thing about playing sports?

The team aspect. This year I tore my ACL and am unable to play my senior season, so the team made bracelets that said "Play For Skylar" and surprised me at practice with everyone wearing them. It was really moving, and shows how our soccer team is like a family and are there for each other, no matter what.

Do you plan on attending college? Do you plan on playing any sport in college? If so, any ideas on where?

*Yes, Aquinas College, where I plan on majoring in Pre-Dental.
 Yes, I officially signed to play soccer at Aquinas College.*

What do you like to do for fun?

Most of my free time is spent at practices and games for soccer, but I spend whatever time is left with friends and family.

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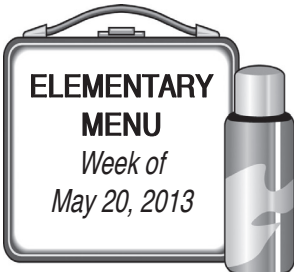
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FRI: Tony's pepperoni pizza, celery sticks, fruit & veggie bar: fresh red pepper strips, celery sticks, apple slices, peaches, milk.

Derek Bitterman

How long have you been playing lacrosse?

I have been playing lacrosse for about eight years now.

What other sports do you play? How long have you been playing those?

I played tennis for two years. Prior to that, I played basketball, golf, and soccer.

What is your favorite sport?

Lacrosse is my favorite sport.

Have you received any awards for any of them?

My sophomore year, our lacrosse team won the conference tournament, and my junior year, I was awarded all-conference.

Have you broken any records?

No, I haven't.

Do you have siblings?

I have two brothers. My older brother, Tyler, is a sophomore at Michigan State. My little brother, Bryan, is a sixth grader at Lowell Middle School.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to spend time with friends and family. Also, I enjoy hunting, fishing, and summer activities.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

My personal best was being able to play with my brother on the same team, when I made varsity lacrosse as a sophomore.

What's the best thing about playing sports?

Having fun, and making friends.

Do you plan on attending college? Do you plan on playing any sport in college? If so, any ideas on where?

I do plan on attending college. I might be starting at Grand Rapids Community College for two years. I am currently undecided if I am going to play lacrosse in college.



What's Your Sport?

Keep Caught Up On All The Lowell High School's Sports Action In **The Lowell Ledger**



Red Arrow SPORTS

- BASEBALL

Red Arrows undefeated for the week

by Karen Jack

After a season of crazy weather, not enough practicing, missed and made up games, the Lowell varsity baseball team is coming into stride just at the right time of the year to make a deep run in the state tournament.

Beating Caledonia in both games of a doubleheader on Tuesday, then blanking them again on Thursday, and then winning the Howell Invitational, the team looks good, and appears as though all the challenges that affected them earlier in the season are now gone.

In the doubleheader, they beat the Fighting Scots 6-4 in the first game. Tyler Shurlow went three for four, with one run, and two RBIs. Zach Dawson went one for three and scored one run. Titan Anderson had two hits, and three RBIs. Parker Groom was the winning pitcher, going six innings with six strikeouts, and only two walks.

Shurlow, once again, led the team in hits, along with Jake Stephens in their 5-4 win in the second game. Each had two hits and

Stephens added an RBI. Also adding RBIs were Anderson and Alex Chavez. The Arrows were down by three runs going into the sixth inning, and scored one. They then got another in the seventh to tie it up and send the game into extra innings. The Arrows came out in full force and scored their final run in the eighth, and managed to hold off the Scotts from scoring in the bottom of the eighth.

The big hitter for the 10-0 romp against the Scotts on Thursday was Jon Fox

with three base hits. Zach Huver, Chavez and Garrett Gordon each had two. Both Anderson and Stephens had one. Fox also led the charge with three RBIs.

On Saturday, Lowell headed over to Howell for their invitational, and walked away with the first place trophy. They beat Howell, 7-3 to start the day off. Shurlow, Anderson and Tim Antel each had two hits. Fox also got the win on the mound, going seven innings, with two strikeouts.

In the second game of

the invitational, the Arrows came from behind to beat Livonia Churchill, 12-10. Going into the top of the seventh down 10-6, they scored six runs to win the game. Tied at 10 in the inning, Shurlow hit a double to bring in Parker Groom for the game-winning run. Shurlow had three hits and Antel had two. Shurlow, Chavez and Fox each had two RBIs. Justin Davis was the starting pitcher, going three innings with two strikeouts. Jon Wyckoff was

the relief pitcher, who also had two strikeouts, and took the win.

In the finals of the Invitational, the Arrows blew out Decatur, 14-6, in six innings. Shurlow led the team in hits with three, followed by Stephens with two. Stephens also had three RBIs and Antel had two. Gordon pitched five innings, with three strikeouts.

The Arrows host Grand Rapids Christian on Thursday. Game time is 4:15 pm.

- TRACK

Editors note: Last week it was reported that the boys' track team lost to Forest Hills Central when indeed the Red Arrows won 86-51. Our apologies.

Both girls and boys place fifth in conference

by Karen Jack

With conference realignment, and tough teams, the track teams had quite a challenge on their hands to finish at the top of the conference. Both teams placed fifth, with the boys scoring 54 points, and the girls scoring 64.5 points. Jenison took the conference for girls, and Grand Rapids Christian won it for boys.

The Lowell placers for the boys were Sean Khodl taking fourth in the 800m run, and sixth in the 1600m

run, Jake Khodl taking second in the 400m dash, and Pierce Watson placing third in the 110m hurdles and sixth in the 300m hurdles. Liam Kelley placed fourth in the 300m hurdles, Josh Branagan placed sixth in the 1600m hurdles, Toby Marks placed fifth in both the long jump and high jump, Gabe Gorman placed sixth in the 200m dash, and Gavin Vanderkoppel placed eighth in the pole vault.

The relay team of Bryce Hrusovsky, Marks, Jake and Sean Khodl took second in the 4x400m, Gorman, Derek Massey, Watson, and Kelley placed third in the 4x100m

relay, as did the team of Zac Diamond, Hrusovsky, Jake and Sean Khodl in the 4x800m.

The girls had several placers as well. Brianna Higgins brought home the gold in the 200m dash with a time of 27.00. Rachel Walters was the conference champion in the 400m dash with a time of 59.14, and took fifth in the 800m run (2:24.73). The 4x200m relay team of Higgins, Walters, Alon Watson, and Danielle Ordway took first with a time of 1:49:38. Mattie Newman was the champion in shot put with a throw of 36-03.75, three feet longer

than her nearest competitor.

Other finishers include Ordway, who placed fifth in the long jump, and Watson, who tied for seventh in the 100m dash, and sixth in the long jump. Jessica Graves

was Lowell's top runner in the 1600m run, placing tenth. Rebekah Betts placed ninth in the 300m hurdles. Ordway placed sixth in the high jump, and Newman took third in the discus.



Anna Sleeman runs the long race.



Toby Marks in the air.



Gavin Vanderkoppel in the pole vault.



Alon Watson in the long jump.



Running the relay is Emily Khodl.

obituaries



KILYANEK

Casimir 'Cass' C. Kilyanek, age 93 of Lowell, passed away Friday, May 10, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, of 67 years. He is survived by his children Sandy (Mel) Lawwill, Christine (Robert) Ullmann

and Cass A. (Dale) Kilyanek; grandchildren Chuck Knuth, Samuel (Jennifer) Ullmann, Cheryl (Dave) Emmette, Cass P. Kilyanek, Stefan (Margaret) Kilyanek; 3 great-granddaughters Hannah Ullmann, Taylor Ann & Madeline Kilyanek, one great-grandson Jacob Ullmann; brother Adam Kilyanek and sister Janet Haynes. Visitation Wednesday 10-11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell, with one hour visitation prior to the mass at church. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Knights of Columbus 7719, 322 Amity St., Lowell MI 49331.



MCCORD

James Lee McCord, aged 65, of Ionia, passed away May 8, 2013 in Holland. He was born September 21, 1947 in Grand Rapids, the son of Harold J. and Pauline J. (Shores) McCord. James was an Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War. He later worked for AT&T as a cable splicer. He is survived by his parents, Harold and Pauline McCord of Ionia; children, Barbara (David) Bowers of Holland, Sadanun McCord of Ionia, and John Paul McCord of Ionia; and brother, Gary McCord of Ionia. James was preceded in death by his twin brother Jack. Funeral services for Mr. McCord were held Friday, May 10, at the Good Sheppard Lutheran Church in Lowell with Pastor Joseph Fremer officiating. Interment Easton Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

WRIGHT

Olga M. (Jensen) Wright, age 91, of Greenville went to be with her Lord, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2013 at Laura's Loving Acres in Stanton. She was born May 4, 1922 in Sidney, the daughter of Ole and Bertha (Christensen) Jensen. Olga loved quilting in the winter and gardening in the summer, enjoyed collecting buttons, was a member of the First United Methodist Church over 55 years, longtime member of the VFW Greenville Post #3794 Auxiliary, former Gray Lady at United Memorial Hospital, worked at Federal Mogul during World War II, retired in 1982 after 14 years at White Consolidated, member of the Greenville Area Senior Center. She is survived by her two daughters and son-in-laws, Trenna and (Dan) VanderWoude of Lowell and Sharon and (Arnold) Harrison of Greenville; three grandchildren, Jennifer and (Anthony) Graber of Greenville, Heather and (Aaron) Powell of Grattan, and Theresa and (Brent) Chalko of Ravenna; six great-grandchildren, Kirsten and Kyle Graber, Lillian and Holton Powell, Brent Oden, and Charlie Chalko; sister-in-law, Ann Wright of Greenville. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles E. Wright on November 1, 2007 who Olga married on September 10, 1948; and grandson, Michael Charles VanderWoude. Funeral services were held Monday, May 13, 2013 at the First Methodist Church in Greenville, with Pastor Steve Charnley officiating. Memorial contributions can be made in Olga's name to the First United Methodist Church Youth Group. Burial will be in the south Sidney Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Marshall Funeral Home, Greenville, with complete obituary online at www.marshallfuneralhomeinc.com where you can leave a message of condolence for the family.

Strong families survive, and Social Security helps

June is National Family Month - a great time to reflect on family and how to make it stronger. As the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reminds us, strong families share many valuable qualities: trust, commitment, communication, growth, affection, fun, and love.

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To learn more about survivors benefits, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

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 vantil@ssa.gov

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In the matter of SHARON DEWEY. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Steve Dewey, Terry Dewey, David Dewey, Sandra Dewey, Jeff Dewey, and Ken Dewey, whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

In the matter of SANDRA LYNN HUBBARD. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Sharon Kay Clem A/K/A Sharon Kay Cusick, whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 4, 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 Beverly Stone to designate beneficiaries for the accounts of Sandra Lynn Hubbard.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. 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 for Sharon Dewey.

05/07/2013
John D. Flynn (P27413)
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Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632
Michele Boley
121 Franklin SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
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sales

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FREE GREEN CLEANING WORKSHOP - Learn how to make safe, effective & cost effective cleaning alternatives. Sat., May 18, 11 a.m. at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10;

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STORYTIME - May 14, 10 a.m. with Ms. Elizabeth. Last one until fall. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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Red Arrow - SOCCER SPORTS

Soccer team struggles against Forest Hills/Jenison

by Karen Jack

The girls soccer team had a tough week by, falling to Jenison 3-1, Forest Hills

Central 8-0 and Forest Hills Eastern 3-1.

In the Jenison game,

Lowell scored the first goal of the game about halfway through the first half, but

Jenison came back and scored one just before the end of the half. They then scored another two, to overtake Lowell 3-1. Amy Carpenter scored the lone goal for Lowell. Allie Laird had six saves.

The team allowed five goals in the first half in the game against Forest Hills Central, then another three

in the second half. Central's defense was too tough for the Arrows to overcome.

The Eastern game was a little different though. Lowell got a score in, thanks to Hannah Fitzpatrick, and an assist by Carpenter, and kept it close, falling 3-1, but just couldn't get the ball in the net in the end.

Head coach Dan Lipon, said, "The girls continue to improve and grow as a unit. They are such a great group, and hopefully their hard work will pay off in districts, or certainly in years to come."

The girls host Caledonia on Wednesday. Game time is 4:00 pm.



Tara McQueen fights for control of the ball.



Taking the ball towards the goal is Kate Montgomery.

business matters



The designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) has been conferred upon Dave C Emmette, Agency Producer & Risk Manager of AIC Insurance in Lowell, MI following his successful completion of a rigorous

insurance education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.

The announcement was made by Dr. William T. Hold, President of the Society of CIC, who conferred the designation on Dave C. Emmette in an official ceremony conducted recently in Michigan.

The Society of CIC is a key member of The National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research, the nation's preeminent provider of insurance and risk management education. The National Alliance conducts more than

2,500 programs annually, throughout all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Currently, more than 31,000 agents and insurance professionals throughout the country have received the CIC designation.

Emmette has demonstrated his professional competence through the successful completion of the five CIC institutes and comprehensive written examinations focusing on all major fields of insurance, insurance management, and agency operations.

Emmette also holds the professional

designation of LUTCF (Life Underwriter Training Council Fellowship. Dave holds Bachelor of Arts in both Political Science and International Studies from Northern Michigan University. He is involved within his community of Lowell as a chamber ambassador, past chamber board member, current board chair for Flat River Outreach Ministries, board member of Fallasburg Historical Society, member of the Knights of Columbus, member of Northern Michigan Alumni board & board member of the

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation.

Emmette will continue to focus on professional growth within the insurance/risk management industry with plans to further his study in field of Risk Management and attain the Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA) designation.

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Sales Associate of the Month in April.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.



Don Reedy

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THE THIRTIES**

ACROSS

1. Kingdom in South Pacific
6. Worn on shoulders
9. *Lena Horne's venue, "Cotton ____"
13. Poppy seed derivative
14. Chemist's office?
15. Picture
16. Out of style
17. Roswell subject
18. Relating to tones
19. *Germany's chancellor
21. *It caused the Dust Bowl of the 1930s
23. "___'em!" to a dog
24. Fine print add-ons
25. Latissimus dorsi, for short
28. *Palo ____, where Hewlett-Packard was formed
30. Golf headgear, pl.
35. Yemeni port
37. Call to a mate
39. Scatter
40. All's opposite
41. Alexander the Great to Aristotle, e.g.
43. Sasquatch's cousin?
44. *"The _____ Hornet"
46. *J. Edgar Hoover's man
47. Garner wages
48. Main dish
50. Riyadh native
52. *Spot of "Dick and Jane," e.g.
53. Small songbird
55. *Lincoln-Zephyr, or Mercury, e.g.
57. *FDR's brainchild
61. *German invasion of Poland, e.g.

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MAY 8 - MAY 14

- A Saudi man arrested at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after federal agents said he lied about why he was traveling with a pressure cooker is due in court this week.
- O.J. Simpson is back in court hoping to regain his freedom saying he deserves a new trial.
- Minnesota is set to become the first state in the midwest to allow gay marriage.
- The mother of media psychology, Joyce Brothers, has died at age 85.
- Jimmy Fallon leaving "Late Night" to host "The Tonight Show" and Seth Meyers will be taking the vacant spot.

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64. Distinctive spirit of a culture
65. Bird-to-be
67. Often measured by the hour
69. Bloodhound's clue
70. Tax preparer, for short
71. Island surrounded by a lagoon
72. *George and Ira

- Gershwin's "Of ____ I Sing"
73. Craggy peak
74. Dapper

DOWN

1. Spinning toy
2. a.k.a. kingfish or sunfish
3. Not yet final
4. Wind bursts
5. *She flew solo
6. Hangover memory?
7. Stupid person
8. Often described as humble
9. Cabbage in France
10. *Louisiana's Huey
11. Beehive State
12. World's fastest man
15. Droopy eyelid condition
20. Audience's approval
22. R in rpm
24. William or Alfred on "Downton Abbey"
25. *"Migrant Mother" photographer
26. Decorate
27. Religious doctrine
29. Hoodlum
31. Eye sore
32. Mountain nymph
33. Reminiscent of the past
34. *Benny Goodman's style
36. ____-do-well
38. *1934, e.g.
42. Roleplay
45. Most new
49. *Depression ____
51. *Caped Crusader
54. Choose
56. Indian restaurant condiment
57. Egg holder
58. Carve, as in stone
59. Cry of glee
60. Over
61. Biology lab supply
62. Blood coagulate
63. Same as Celt
66. _____ Government Printing Office
68. Like a fox

Puzzle Solutions for this week are on page 12

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Congratulations to Laurie Summerfield and the extraordinary cast of the Larime Project. Great job!

~ Jan Thompson

Thank you Ledger editorial staff for disconnecting with the generic conservative website you had subscribed to recently. Thank you for your response to my comments about such an affiliation. This is what happens when people exchange ideas in a small town. You have done the right thing for Lowell and for all of us who hold dear to our roots to our hometown.

~Tim VanderVeen
Marquette, MI

Thank you to the city staff, DPW employees, Lowell Light and Power, fire and police departments and numerous volunteers for a job well done during the flood.

~ James Pfaller

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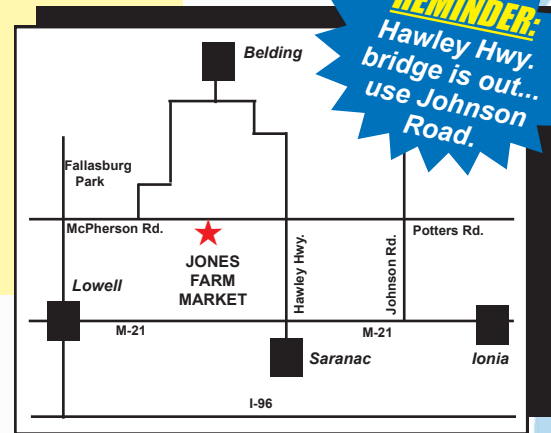
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