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## Lowell students and staff once again drive their tractors to school

by Kelvin Anderson  
LHS intern

Last Friday was drive your tractor to school day at the Lowell High School. On this day students were given the opportunity to drive their tractors to school to show them off to their friends.

Drive your tractor to school day originally began as something seniors did on the last day of school to cause havoc in the parking lot. It was not until eight years ago that it became an organized event when a group of seniors decided to

drive their tractors to Keisers Kitchen for breakfast, then parade to the school. Now students meet at the fairgrounds and parade from there to the high school in the morning.

The last two years the event has been enhanced with a free breakfast provided, for the drivers, by Gary and Laurie Blough. Their daughter Emma Blough, now a junior, has

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Art teacher Susan Langford sits on a tractor.

## Local businesses agree with taxing online purchases

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill that would allow states to require Internet retailers to collect sales taxes on behalf of local governments.

The Senate bill would allow states to require all retailers with more than \$1 million in sales to collect and remit the sales tax to state and local jurisdictions.

Most stores in downtown Lowell are in agreement and say there should be a level playing field in the retail business.

Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design located on 208 E. Main St., has contacted both state representatives and emailed and called the federal senators to get the ball rolling.

Yankovich was an Amazon customer until he saw an advertisement on their website telling people

to go to a store, look at the product, find out all about it and buy it from them to save money on the sales tax.



Rookies Sportscards Plus owner Jack Reedy. For companies such as Amazon and eBay, no sales tax is required, which has caused a lot of stress among business owners like Reedy.

Photo by Tony Wittkowski

“That was the end, I closed my little Amazon account and started bugging my legislators at various levels to tax these folks,” Yankovich said. “I just think it will give the people a little more incentive to find it locally, instead of immediately going to the web.”

According to research from the University of Tennessee, states missed out on more than \$11 billion in uncollected taxes in 2012 from online purchases. Michigan missed out on \$141 million in uncollected taxes.

“Our state is in trouble, they need money, our cities need money,” Yankovich said. “If a new revenue stream opened up to the

state, then it is going to help everybody.”

Jack Reedy, owner of Rookie’s Sportscards Plus on 106 W. Main St., said he has heard from Amazon that it’s a big headache in collecting sales tax, which Reedy has always found the time to do.

“The money stays here, I have family growing here, we pay local taxes here,” Reedy said. “Amazon gives you a nice box and a smile on it. You would think local businesses would have the advantage, but [Amazon] gets it because they don’t have to collect sales tax.”

Theoretically, if everyone were to pay

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## Longtime Ledger columnist passes away at her home in Washington

At 80, Priscilla Lussmyer said her eyesight was what caused her to stop writing her much-loved Ledger Entries column.

She started the column in the Ledger in 1987 having lived north of town since the 1930s. Always a history buff, Lussmyer came up with the Ledger Entries idea to keep history



alive. The Lowell native did her research on microfilm, first at the Englehardt Library, later at home. “It was something that kind of grew on me,” she said.

She moved to Washington state in 2002 where she continued to write Ledger Entries. 2012 was the date Lussmyer had

planned to end the column but, because of her sight, stopped writing in February 2007 saying, “There is a time to say goodbye to everything.”

This week we say goodbye to Priscilla Lussmyer, who died peacefully in her sleep last Wednesday evening.



# Online taxes, continued

the sales tax, then there wouldn't be pressure to raise it locally. This is where most businesses take the hit.

"Occasionally I sell stuff online, but I still have to collect sales tax," Reedy said. "It's so hard

especially with independent businesses."

For Reedy, he sometimes gets customers who want to buy something out-the-door, which means he would have to pay the sales tax for them.

Now people use credit and debit cards when buying, so there is a percentage that retailers have to pay including sales tax, so more often than not, they pay out more than they take in.

Mike Springer, owner of

Springrove Variety located on 123 W. Main St. doesn't think the new bill would change anything, because he doesn't believe the customer is going online to keep from paying the sales tax.

"I think the real reason

customers shop online is because they can do it at three o'clock in the morning and any time they want to," Springer said. "I'm not against it, it's just another avenue of shopping."

Although Springer thinks it will have no immediate impact, he still

feels it will be a benefit to his store, which he has run since 1995.

"The only thing it will do is even the playing field. What's fair is fair," Springer said. "I think it's going to be difficult to monitor it, but the way I see it is what's right is right."



## along main street



### lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

#### tutors needed

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

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

least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

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

#### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES - PARADE

American Legion Post #152 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 invite all Veterans, Civic Organizations, Scouts and other participants to take part in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies and salute to our deceased and living Veterans on Mon., May 27. The parade forms at Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway St. at 9 am with departure promptly at 10 am. The parade will proceed north on Broadway St., east on Main St., stopping at the Veterans memorials on the east side of the Flat River for rendering of honors to Those Who Have Perished at Sea. The parade continues east on Main St., north on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for a short ceremony. Any wishing to participate should contact Herman Weststrate at 897-9479 or Dave Thompson at 897-2533. Patriotic themes shall be permitted. Commercial and political advertising is prohibited. Tossing of candy from floats or passing out of literature along the parade route is strictly prohibited. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have served our nation and have passed on.

#### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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

#### ROYAL BRUNCH

The 2012 Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court will be holding a Royal Brunch on Sat., July 13 at 9 am 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 City Council approves budget for next year

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The 2013-14 proposed budget was approved by the Lowell City Council unanimously, with changes in the millage rate, the police budget and the general fund of the community.

City Manager Mark Howe was in attendance along with every council member, the chief of police and Mayor James Hodges.

“A copy of the recommendation has been available on the website, at City Hall and at the library,” Howe said during the meeting. “Basically, there are four major modifications on the proposed budget.”

The four changes to next year’s budget included a millage rate reduction, a 21 percent increase in the general fund transfer to

the streets, a six percent decrease in the police budget and an adjustment to water/sewer rates amounting to an increase of less than three percent.

The millage rate is used to calculate property tax bills, which the council has reduced to 15.7 from its original rate at 15.83.

“One of the challenges we have come across is when you compare our average residential rates to the rest of Kent County we have low property values, third lowest in the county,” Howe said. “But we have the second highest millage rate. It’s that high rate that is really a challenge in attracting and retaining businesses.”

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Council members sit and discuss the modifications to the city’s budget for the 2013-14 year. City Manager Mark Howe, far right, explained the four changes the city would see. Photo by Tony Wittkowski

# Kent County fairground suffers major damage during flood

By Tony Wittkowski  
Contributing Reporter

With the Kent County Youth Fair nearly in sight, many have been scrambling to help fix what was damaged from the flooding that swept through Lowell last April.

Bruce Doll, VP for the Kent County Youth Fair, said the property damage caused by the flooding has been tiresome for workers and volunteers.

“We had quite a bit of damage, starting with the horse arena where almost all the surfacing in the arena is gone,” Doll said. “It’s probably down in Muskegon somewhere.”

Doll expressed how expensive it is to replace an arena, which would require one to dig down and replace the clay and the surfacing.

“There was a lot of damage in the barns, not so much the physical barn, but the rushing water dug a lot of holes,” Doll said. “In the horse barns there are a lot of stalls that have a one-foot or

a six-inch hole underneath the boards.”

What the crew has remained cautious about is for when the horses lay down and go to stand up, causing a leg to get caught and in turn, injuring the animal.

“All of our barns have had some kind of damage,” Doll said when asked if

anything did not need repair. “We have had some doors break, we had 30 foot tables that we use for various events around the fairgrounds that are pretty much rendered useless at this point.”

The major damage found other than the arena was done to the fairground’s office, which Doll said had

to be cut down to about the studs.

“It has to be washed down, re-insulated, and the wiring and heating has to be redone,” Doll said. “Plus, the ceiling has to be replaced because the rain

caused a couple of leaks in the roof and that got moldy.” Every Wednesday night from 4 pm until it becomes

dark, the fairgrounds will have a volunteer night accepting anyone to come

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### If rates rise, what should you do with bonds?

Interest rates are at historic lows. But they will rise eventually. If you invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds, what might higher rates mean for you?

As is almost always the case in the investment world, there's no simple answer. First, it's important to distinguish between short-term and long-term interest rates. The Federal Reserve is determined to keep short-term rates low until unemployment improves, but, in the meantime, longer-term rates may well rise.

Depending on your situation, a rise in long-term rates can present both opportunity and concern. The opportunity: Rising rates can mean greater income if you invest in newly issued bonds. The concern: If you already own longer-term bonds, and rates rise, the value of your bonds will fall. That's because other investors won't want to pay full price for your bonds when they can get new ones at higher rates.

Even if the value of your long-term bonds falls, isn't it worthwhile to hold on to them? After all, as long as your bond doesn't default — and if the bond is considered "investment

grade," a default is unlikely — you will get a steady source of income and you'll receive the full value of your bond back at maturity. Aren't these valuable benefits?

They are indeed — but they may be more relevant for short-term bonds. Longer-term bonds — those of 10-year duration or longer — are more subject to inflation risk than shorter-term bonds. Of course, we've experienced low inflation for a number of years, but, over time, even mild inflation can add up. When this happens, and you own a long-term bond whose rate doesn't change, you could face a potential loss of purchasing power. One of the reasons that long-term bonds pay higher interest rates than short-term bonds is because the issuers of longer-term instruments are rewarding you for taking on this additional inflation risk.

Consequently, simply holding on to long-term bonds — especially very long-term ones, such as those that mature in 30 years — may not be the best strategy. If you review your fixed-income holdings and find that they skew strongly toward longer-term bonds,

you may want to consider reducing your exposure in this area. If you did sell some of these bonds, you could use the proceeds to help build a "bond ladder" — which may be one of the best ways to invest in bonds.

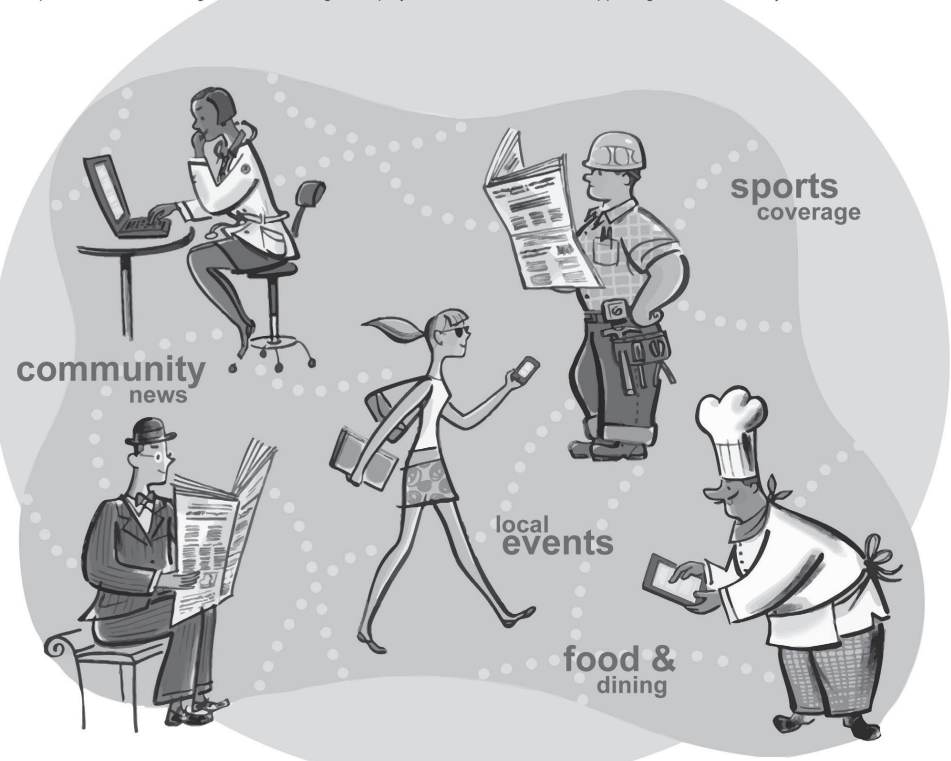
To create this ladder, you need to invest in bonds of varying maturities. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher interest rates, thereby paying you more income. And when market rates rise, you can reinvest your maturing short-term bonds at the higher rates. You must evaluate whether the bonds held within the bond ladder are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

If you own bonds, you do need to be aware of where interest rates are — and where they may be headed. Nonetheless, as we have seen, you don't have to be at the mercy of rate movements. By keeping yourself informed and choosing the right strategies, you can benefit from owning bonds and other fixed-income vehicles in all interest-rate environments.

Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### memorial day reminder

To The Editor,  
This Monday, May 27th, is Memorial Day in Lowell and across this great nation.

It is a tradition that began in 1868 following the Civil War, some say in the town of Waterloo, NY, others swear it was in Petersburg, VA, but it is acknowledged the original idea came from Confederate Civil War General, John A. Logan. It was he who defined a day that would be set aside to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who perished in the war. In fact, for many years, until in 1967 when President Lyndon Baines Johnson officially placed Memorial Day on the calendar as the last Monday in May, it was still called Decoration Day by many.

I remember those days as a young boy when

we would make those trips to two cemeteries, sometimes the week of Memorial Day, sometimes the morning of. We'd load up my Grandmother's car with large glass canning jars and a couple of those metal cemetery baskets with the large hoop handles, filling them with Spring flowers from our backyard. Lilacs, Peonies and early Iris were the flowers of choice and I think everyone did it. My job was to sit in the back seat, OR, in the rumble seat and keep the water in those containers from spilling. Not an easy task, especially on sharp corners. Spill any water and that day became one that I heard about for weeks afterwards. I lived with my Grandmother!

Again this year we will have our traditional parade sponsored by the Lowell American Legion and the

Veterans of Foreign Wars. It will not have clowns or motorcycles nor fancy floats because it is a special parade set aside to honor our military veterans, particularly those who have passed on.

The parade starts promptly at 10:00 AM, goes east on Main Street from the Fairgrounds. We always pause at the Veterans Memorial for a brief ceremony, part of which is to launch a wreath into the river honoring those from the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and others who perished at sea.

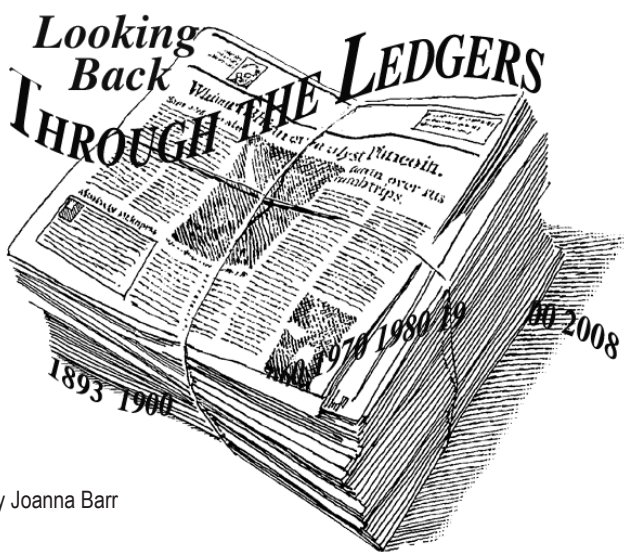
At the Oakwood Cemetery we will conclude with a brief program where flowers from local groups will be placed at the base of the Civil War Memorial. The names of those veterans who have passed on since the last Memorial Day will be read and a bell rung after each name before a Rifle Squad of Lowell Veterans fires a twenty-one gun salute. The haunting sound of TAPS being played by our Bagpiper concludes our ceremony.

Next year as part of our Sesquicentennial Celebration of America's Civil War, we hope to have the old Civil War Naval Cannon restored, so it can be part of our 2014 ceremony. In the meantime, come and share an hours or so on Monday morning with other Lowell area friends as we all pay tribute to all of our veterans, leaving you the rest of the day to enjoy with family and friends.

Someone once said, in defining a Veteran:

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By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Journal May 28, 1873

Certain doctors - Doctors sometimes disagree and sometimes don't do as they agree. Dr. Barth & Co. of Grand Rapids belong to the class last mentioned. They advertised liberally with the press and before paying for the advertising found it convenient to bust. Speaking of doctors reminds us of that scientific man at Middleville - Dr. Barnard. He is considered to rank several degrees below the angels, by those who know him best. He lectures on heavenly things sometimes but don't always pay his debts. He evidently believes in the debt forgiving theory. His account at this office, contracted during our absence, is just \$4.50. If we could feel assured that he would never again show his face in Lowell, the debt would be cheerfully cancelled - and yet we should be rather pleased to see the doctor. We send him a paper this week, postage prepaid. Nice man.

Last Thursday while Mr. Burr, of So. Boston, was

returning home from this village, his team, a fractious span, started to run when near Mr. Crawford's residence on the south side of Grand River, throwing out Mr. Burr and his grandson, who was with him. Mr. Burr received a broken arm and severe injuries about the head and neck. He was taken in and cared for at the house of Mr. Crawford, until his wounds were dressed, when Mr. M. C. Barber took him home. Drs. Lamb and Smith set the broken limb and the patient at last account was doing well. The boy escaped unhurt. Mr. B. says it was the result of driving a premium team.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 22, 1913

Headline: Commercial course added to Lowell High School curriculum - Shorthand and Typewriting to be taught here next year. Competent instructor coming. Yielding to the demand of students who desire such a course and anticipating the needs of those young people who are planning on a commercial education elsewhere, the Board of Education recently included a regular two-year commercial course in the high school curriculum for next year. While the course has not been worked out in detail it will probably extend, for the regularly enrolled students, over the four years work. Such students can elect shorthand or typewriting as credits towards graduation. However, it is designed that people not regularly enrolled in the high school may take this course as special students. Following this plan a student may complete the course in two years. A special commercial room will be provided and equipped with typewriters. Miss Margaret Norton, a graduate of the State Normal college and of Cleary Business college, a former high school instructor and at present teaching in the Cleary Business college, will have charge of this department. She comes very well equipped and under the personal endorsement

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## outdoors



bugged

Dave Stegehuis

Nature is relatively kind to Michigan residents compared to many other areas around the country. Winter could be a little shorter, but we shouldn't complain too much because it does provide a number of special outdoor activities.

Our weather here is fairly moderate. Tornados do occur but are rare. Most of us have not experienced or even seen a twister. Hurricanes fizzle out or make a right turn before getting this far inland. Earthquakes and sink holes are not a big problem here. Long periods of triple digit temperatures are reserved for the southwest, and extreme hot humid weather occurs in the south. Deep snow and brutal winter storms are more common in the west and Great Plains. Flooding is seasonal and predictably localized here and hardly ever approaches catastrophic proportions. The same can be said for extended drought conditions.

Michigan is blessed with a large variety of friendly wildlife. All wild creatures must be treated with respect and caution. Keeping this in mind with a measure of common sense will allow one to safely live with and enjoy our wild neighbors. Sharks,

alligators, poisonous snakes, and the like present special dangers requiring a high level of caution when living in places occupied by these creatures.

The most persistent nemesis in Michigan's outdoors are the bugs. Mosquitos are the most long lived and widespread of the troublesome insects. Mosquitos are quick to bite and make enough noise to drive people and animals to distraction. Tick concentrations seem to be more scattered, but these little pests are determined in their efforts to sustain their kind which requires finding a host to supply nourishment and transportation. Blackflies come and go quickly in a few areas but are annoying and do bite.

Although these insects can be annoying, there are ways to defend yourself from the harassment. It is possible to enjoy the outdoors, even with the bugs, just like those who adjust to living with dangerous snakes, for example, found in their neck of the woods. Knowledge about local conditions and how to cope with or avoid problems reduces stress in our daily lives and makes our recreational activities more pleasant. Don't get bugged out.

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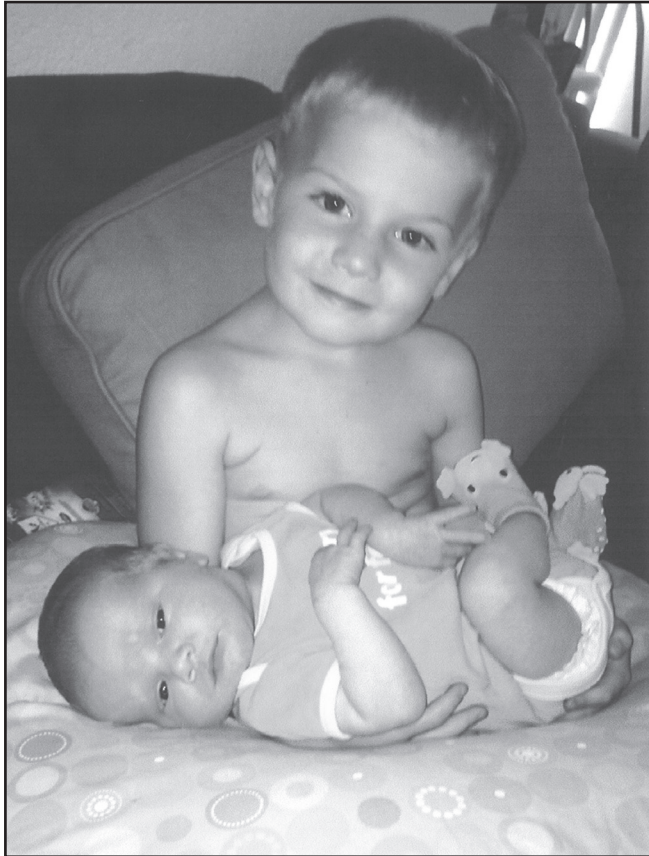
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# area births

## Lyons



Sawyer Kane Lyons with big brother Gavin.

Gavin Lyons is happy to announce the birth of his new brother, Sawyer Kane.

He was born on the day before Gavin's fourth birthday in Key West, FL on April 14, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

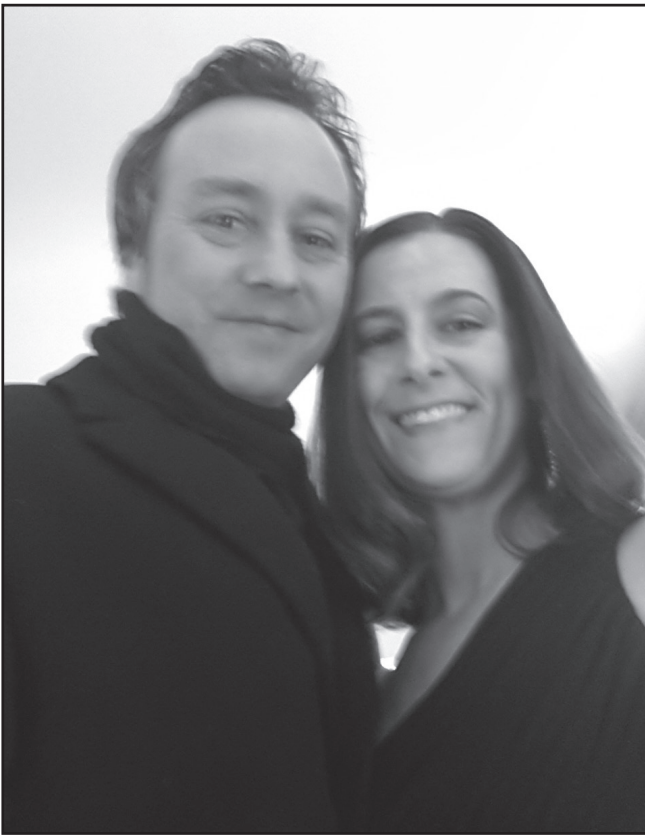
Proud parents are Brent and Cathy Lyons of Key West, FL.

Grandparents are Ron and Dianna Lyons of Lowell and John and Darlene Roelof of Galesburg.

Great-grandparents are Marilyn Lambsons of Lowell, the late Glenn and Florence Lyons of Lowell, and Steve and Ann Leep of Martin.

# engagements

## Duiven/Dunning

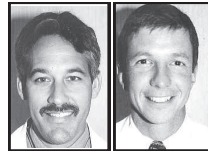


AJ Dunning and Debra Duiven

Lyle and Linda Morrison, of Saranac, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Duiven, to AJ Dunning. Sharing the joyful news are the couple's sons, Ian Duiven and Connor Duiven, both of Grand Rapids. The bride-to-be, a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School, is a writer and 2013 cum laude graduate of Aquinas College. She is currently employed by the

Gilmore Collection at Flat River Grill and Fifth Third Bank. The prospective groom, from Lansing, is the son of Anneliese Dunning of Lowell and the late Charles Dunning. He is a professional musician and the president of Circus Freak Music. Vows of marriage will be spoken Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the couple's Lowell home, followed by a honeymoon in Traverse City.

# health



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## signs of skin cancer

The best way to find skin cancer early is to keep an eye on your skin, especially moles. It's a good idea to do a monthly self-exam of your skin. Look for any change in a mole or the appearance of a new mole. Any moles that appear after age 30 should be watched carefully and shown to your doctor.

The following ABCDE rules can help you remember what to look for when you're checking for moles:

**A** for asymmetry – A mole that, when divided in half, doesn't look the same on both sides;

**B** for border – A mole with edges that are blurry or jagged;

**C** for color – Changes in the color of a mole, including darkening, spread of color loss of color, or the appearance of multiple

colors such as blue, red, white, pink, purple or gray;

**D** for diameter – A mole larger than 1/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a pencil eraser);

**E** for elevation – A mole that is raised above the skin and has an uneven surface.

You should also watch for these changes to your skin:

- A mole that bleeds
- A mole that grows fast
- A scaly or crusted growth on the skin
- A sore that won't heal
- A mole that itches
- A place on your skin that feels rough like sandpaper.

If you notice any of the above signs or changes in your skin visit your doctor. Skin cancer can be treated successfully if it's treated early.

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<b>MAY 25</b> Rick Wernet, Phyllis Bieri.	



# Newest Lowell Women's Club members presented



The Lowell Women's Club 2013-2014 has announced their new junior members for 2013-2014. Pictured at left, from left to right: Makenzie Frederickson, Katie Canfield, Madelyn Willemstein, Mallory Kramer, Jessica Graves, Kaleigh Davies, Lauren Baker, Morgan Fuller and Erin Duma. Not pictured: Karah Smith. At right, from left to right, back row: Kaleigh Davies, Jessica Graves, Lauren Baker, Mallory Kramer and Madelyn Willemstein; front row, left to right: Katie Canfield, Makenzie Frederickson, Morgan Fuller and Erin Duma. Not pictured: Karah Smith.



## Looking Back, continued

of President Cleary. The Gregg system of shorthand, the touch system of typewriting, the Cleary system of bookkeeping and the Palmer method of penmanship, will probably be taught.

### 75 years ago

#### The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo May 26, 1938

Dogs kill more sheep. Nineteen sheep have been killed by dogs at the O. J. Odell farm in Vergennes Twp. during the last few days. Sheep were also killed on the farms of D. D. Krum and Charles Collar in Vergennes Twp. D. A. McPherson reported that one of his employees killed a dog found among the sheep on his farm before any damage had been done.

Keith Avery, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton L. Avery of Lansing, formerly of Lowell, was honored this month when some of his art work was placed in the fine art galleries at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, for the high ranking he received in a national contest sponsored by a high school magazine.

to be allowed to join the Lowell district this year. It is reported that the high school is already going to have an enrollment of nearly a hundred more pupils than this year.

Residents of Washington Street have been complaining to Lowell police that fathers delivering their sons to the Scout meetings on Monday evenings have been speeding dangerously on Washington St. Police asked the Ledger to request a little more caution and suggested fathers set a better example for their sons.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 25, 1988

Headline: Local man injured in farm accident. Donald Bergy, 53, [of] Lowell, had the walls of a trench collapse on him while he and Ted Mager, of Saranac, were putting in a field tile near 11850 Grand River Avenue, May 23, at approximately 4:30 pm. Bergy, who was covered by dirt for 5-10 minutes, according to Ionia County police officer Dave Thompson, was uncovered by Mager, 37 and nearby neighbor Jack Stahl. "Patricia Mager responded and got Stahl, who along with Mager used a shovel and their hands to reach Bergy," Thompson said. Responding to the call were Lowell Rescue, Lowell Fire Department, Lake Odessa Ambulance, C-5 - a paramedic unit,

Kent County Sheriff's Department and Ionia County Sheriff's Department. "Approximately an hour was spent getting Bergy out of the trench," Thompson said. Bergy, who had trouble breathing, was thought to have a possible collapsed lung, according to Thompson.

## City council budget, continued

Despite the decrease in the city's millage rate, it will remain the second highest in the county according to Howe.

"Our long-term strategy will be to engage the community and get them to invest in their properties and raise the value," Howe said. "Hopefully over time we can bring the value up and attract more businesses."

Additionally, with the six percent decrease in the police budget also outlined in the meeting Monday night, the force will be able to maintain its 24/7 coverage of the city.

On November 30 the contract is up for the citywide residential trash collection, which had its last contract renewal three years ago. The city has been

considering a change since its last workshop.

"We are in the very early stages of gathering information, right now we have what is called a prefer hauler," Howe explained. "I have written to my colleagues to see the pros and cons of the various alternatives we might look at."

Trash pickup used to be a city provided service, but has evolved into a preferred hauler. The council has been considering a change to a single hauler keeping in mind what other towns have done in the past.

The budget was presented to the City Council at its previous meeting resulting in a workshop to go over the details of the recommended changes.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 23, 1963

In a special election on Monday the voters of Farrell School District in Ada Township and the voters of Bennett-Bailey District, Vergennes Township, balloted to join Lowell Area Schools. The Bennett-Bailey District with \$589,462 valuation voted 37-5 to become a part of the Lowell Area Schools; they have 29 pupils, kindergarten through the 8th grade. At Farrell, with \$220,830 valuation and 12 pupils in kindergarten through 8th grade, the vote was also unanimous in joining with Lowell. All these children will be brought into Runciman Elementary School. With the acute crowding in the Lowell schools, no other districts are expected

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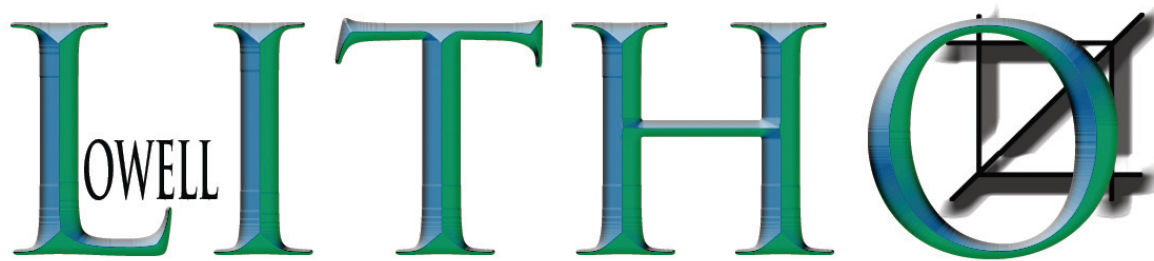
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# Flood damage, continued

down to help with the list of jobs available. Children are welcome to come too, where Doll said the place has "little jobs and big jobs."

"The only thing we request is that you wear the proper shoes because you don't want to hurt your feet," Doll said. "I would bring bug spray, the mosquitos have been very ferocious."

At a recent City Council meeting council members discussed the arrival of a few representatives from FEMA who came to town

in response to the flood last month.

"FEMA went out to do an assessment of some of the individual homes and private property affected by the flood, and then there is the public assessment where they looked at streets and pictures of the aftermath," said City Manager Mark Howe.

It has not been confirmed whether FEMA will be offering assistance toward the flood relief in Lowell.



**The Kent County Fairground suffered major damage during the flooding this spring. Fair officials are asking the public for help cleaning up the area.**

*Photo by Kurt Hieshetter*

# Drive your tractor to school, continued

participated for the last three years.

"Tractor Day allows high school students to share

their love for agriculture," Blough said. "We show the entire community that our area has a background rich

in farming and agriculture." Emma also finds the ride itself fun. "There is nothing more fun than crawling

down a busy road on a nice red tractor and turning around to see a long line of cars behind you."



Tractor driving students, pictured, back row, left to right: Kevin Nugent, Sarah Crosby, Luke Henderson, Austin Grim, Kelvin Anderson, Chad Willett and Forrest Stoffers; front row, left to right: Maria Blough, Hope Stepek and Delaney Droog and front center: Emma Blough.

The event is currently organized by teacher Kevin Nugent, who uses the event as a chance to show off his antique tractors.

"I think it is a good activity," said Nugent. "It is fun for the students to do something different towards the end of the school year."

This year ten tractors were present throughout the day, giving teachers and students a chance to admire them.

"The other staff and students enjoy seeing the tractors in the parking lots

and I think it shows the diversity of the student body. It might cause a few traffic backups but it really isn't that bad," Nugent said.

As for Blough, this annual event couldn't come any sooner. "Tractor Day is an event I have looked forward to for as long as I can remember," Blough said.

This event will continue to be held as a way to change things up at the end of the year, and show off our agricultural background.

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# Player Spotlight

## Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

*Kaylee Depew*  
**Team:** Softball  
**Grade:** Senior

&

*Ashley Burks*  
**Team:** Track  
**Grade:** Senior

### *Kaylee Depew*

**How long have you been playing softball?**

I have been active in ball since I was about six years old.

**What other sports do you play?**

I also played girls golf for the last three years.

**What is your favorite sport?**

Softball is my favorite sport.

**Have you received any awards for any of them?**

So far just my varsity and junior varsity letters.

**Have you broken any records?**

Not yet.

**Do you have siblings?**

I have two brothers. Josh is 20 and Brad is 15 and a freshman at the high school.

**What do you like to do for fun?**

I like to sing, read, and work with animals.

**What was your personal best during any of your sports?**

I don't know really when I'm at my best, but this year I'm optimistic that it will be one I'll remember.

**What's the best thing about playing sports?**

The girls on the team, and even the coaches become family. We work together to make everyone have a good time.

**Do you plan on attending college?**

**Do you plan on playing any sport in college?**

I'm taking a year to regroup, but then am attending Grand Rapids Community College and from there to Michigan State. Hopefully I will be able to play softball.



### *Ashley Burks*

**How long have you been running track?**

I have been running track for two years.

**What other sports do you play?**

I played basketball for five years, and cheer for one year.

**What is your favorite sport?**

My favorite sport is basketball.



**Have you received any awards for any of them?**

No, I haven't.

**Do you have siblings?**

I have one brother in fourth grade who goes to Marquette Elementary in Muskegon, and a sister in eighth grade, who goes to Muskegon Middle School.

**What do you like to do for fun?**

I like to hang out with my friends for fun.

**What was your personal best during any of your sports?**

Being able to do a lot of stunts for only being in cheer for a year.

**What's the best thing about playing sports?**

The best part of playing sports is the team bonding, and meeting new people.

**Do you plan on attending college?**

**Do you plan on playing any sport in college?**

Yes, I would really like to go to Ferris State University. No, I don't.

# What's Your Sport?

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

**- BASEBALL**

## Arrows goes 1-2 vs. Christian, drop a pair to Grand Ledge

by Karen Jack

The Arrows played three games against Grand Rapids Christian and won one of them, then dropped a double header against Grand Ledge later in the week.



Shurlow gets one of his many hits.

Holding the lead all game, the Arrows allowed four runs in the bottom of the sixth to drop the first game of three, 4-1. Tyler Shurlow, Titan Anderson and Garrett Gordon each had a hit. Anderson batted in the sole run for the Arrows.

Both teams were quick to score in the second game, with the Arrows getting four runs in the second inning, and allowing two runs by Christian in the same inning. They gave up three more runs in the game to lose a close one, 5-4. Zach Dawson went four for four, with one RBI. Shurlow and Zach Huver each got two hits. Jon Fox and Tim Antel each got one hit. Both Shurlow and Huver each got doubles. Tim Antel was the starting pitcher and went five innings. Fox came in to finish out the game.

The Arrows then hosted Christian on Thursday, and chalked up the win, 5-4. Both teams scored a run in the first inning, then in the

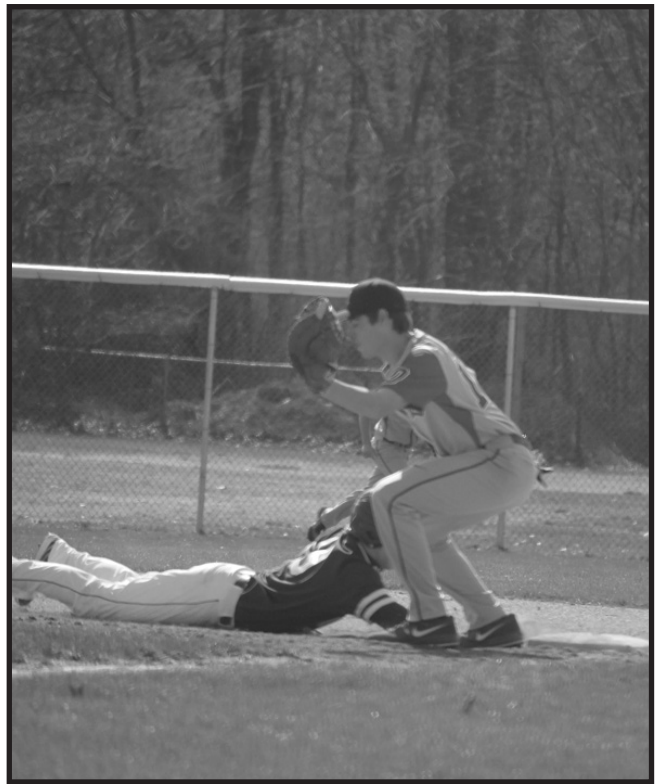
third, Christian scored three to Lowell's two. But the Arrows remained strong and scored two more in the fifth inning to pull off the win, thanks to a two-run single by Anderson, which scored Shurlow and Dawson. Shurlow and Gordon led the team with two hits each. Anderson and Gordon each had two RBIs. Anderson got the win at the mound, going the full distance. He had three strikeouts.

The team wasn't as fortunate in their double header against Grand Ledge, dropping both games, 7-2, 12-0. Jake Stephens led the charge in the first game with two hits. Dawson, Anderson, Gordon, Alex Chavez and Parker Groom each had a hit. Shurlow, Anderson, Gordon, Chavez, and Antel each got a hit in the second game. Shurlow had a double.

The Arrows travel to Lake Orion on Saturday. Game time is 11 am.



Titan Anderson throws a strike.



Getting the lead off first base is Zach Dawson.

**- CREW**

## Lowell girls' crew team takes a first at East Grand Rapids

The Lowell crew season started out with the record flooding, dangerous waters and the first race canceled. The next regatta was in beautiful Culver Indiana. Both the boys and girls struggled but held their own, with the boys eight-boat winning third place metals.

The following week they competed in Detroit at the Wyandotte Boat Club. The "Wi-Hi- Regatta" with 16 schools competing. The boys double came in fourth with the boys novice four-boat taking a fifth, and the girls four-boat coming home with a third place medal.

On Mother's Day weekend, they completed on Reed's Lake with East Grand Rapids. The Lowell crew team stepped it up and the boys double took a second place and the girls novice four-boat taking home a gold for first place.



Pictured with their first place metals are: Hanna Skibbe, Jessica Barrett, Katie Brim, Emily Peterson and Mattie Iteen.

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# obituaries

## LUSSMYER

Priscilla Lussmyer passed away late Wednesday night, May 15, 2013. She died peacefully in her sleep. A memorial service was held in Oak Harbor, Washington on Monday, May 20 at the Presbyterian church. She is survived by her sons, John and Robert; and her daughter, Janis.

## NAUTA

Andrew 'Andy' Seth Nauta, age 32 of Lowell, passed away from accidental injuries Friday, May 17, 2013. He is survived by his parents Mark and Becky; brothers Chris Nauta and Nate Taylor, sister Carrie (Joe) Parsons; grandmothers Geraldine Nauta and Sybil Robertson; nieces and nephews Brittnie (Jason) McDaniels, Danielle Honeysette, Veronica (Dustin) Rainey, Steve, Kevin, Mason and Allison Williams, Becky Parsons and Kodie Wilcox and many friends. He was preceded in death by grandfathers Paul Nauta and Alex Robertson. A Funeral service was held at Snow United Methodist Church. Rev. Tony Shumaker officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave., Lowell MI 49331.



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## RYAN

Jack Dale Ryan Sr., age 77 of Ionia, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Jack was born in Cadillac, MI on July 30, 1935 to Gladys (Demory) and Harry Ryan. He married Frances Kinsley on August 6, 1953. Jack and Fran have three children, Teresa (Richard) VanderWarf, Jack Dale Ryan Jr. and Lisa Wolfe. They have 8 grandchildren, Richard (Yola) VanderWarf, Erin (Joe) Cardmone, Jack (Heather) Ryan III, Maggie Ryan, Cody Ryan, Jeff (Tracy) Wolfe, Ryan Wolfe and Sean Wolfe. They have 8 great-grandchildren, Cris and Ally VanderWarf, Kasey, Lucas and Chelsea Wolfe, Jack Dale Ryan IV, Joey Cardmone and Ivy Leann expected in June. He also leaves behind sister Wanda Raymond of Metron at Big Rapids, sister-in-law Patricia Kinsley Bean of Pellston, 3 brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Jack worked for the Lowell Light Co. for 34 years before his retirement in 1992. For many years, Jack played in the band Hickory Creek with daughter Teresa and son-in-law Richard VanderWarf. A celebration of Jack's life was held Sunday, May 19th. Memorial contributions may be sent to the COPD Foundation, 2937 SW 27th Ave, Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133, www.copdfoundation.org.

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# Social Security Q & A

**Question:** My wife doesn't have enough work under Social Security to qualify for Social Security or Medicare. However, I am fully insured and eligible. Can she qualify on my record?

**Answer:** Yes. The question you've raised applies to husbands as well as wives. Even if your spouse has never worked under Social Security, she (or he) can, at full retirement age, receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount. Your wife is eligible for reduced spouses benefits as early as age 62, as long as you are already receiving benefits. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and select the "Retirement" tab.

**Question:** My neighbor said he applied for Social Security retirement benefits on the computer. Can you really apply for retirement without traveling to an office?

**Answer:** Yes, you can! It's the easiest, fastest, and most convenient way to apply for retirement benefits. There's no need to fight the traffic to visit an office and wait to be served. Our website makes it simple, allowing you to apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. You can get started now at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline).

**Question:** What is the earliest age I can begin receiving retirement benefits?

**Answer:** The earliest age you can begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits is 62. If you decide to receive benefits before your full retirement age, which for most people is age 66 or 67, you will receive a reduced benefit. Keep in mind you will not be able to receive Medicare coverage until age 65, even if you decide to retire at an earlier age. For more information, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Question:** Is there a time limit on how long I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

**Answer:** Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. Social Security will periodically review your case to determine whether you continue to be eligible. If you are still receiving disability benefits when you reach your full retirement age, your disability benefits will automatically be converted to retirement benefits. Learn more about disability benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

**Question:** Why is there a five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

**Answer:** The law states Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after you have been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. Social Security disability benefits begin with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not able to receive benefits for any month during the waiting period. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

**Question:** What are the rules for getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI)? I'm thinking about applying based on my disability.

**Answer:** To be eligible to receive SSI benefits, you must be disabled, blind, or age 65 or older and have limited income and resources. Income is money you receive such as wages, Social Security benefits, and pensions. Income also includes the value of such things as food and shelter you receive from others. Resources include real estate, bank accounts, cash,

stocks, and bonds. You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. Learn more by reading our publication, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.pdf).

**Question:** I have an appointment to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). What kind of information will I need to take with me?

**Answer:** To help make the application process go quickly and smoothly, you should bring:

- Your Social Security number;
- Your birth certificate or other proof of your age;
- Information about the home where you live, such as your mortgage or your lease and landlord's name;
- Payroll slips, bank books, insurance policies, burial fund records, and other information about your income and the things you own;
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status; and

• If you are applying for SSI because you are disabled or blind, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors, hospitals, and clinics that have information related to your condition.

Learn more by reading our publication, You May Be Able To Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.pdf).

**Question:** I found out that my daughter and I submitted incorrect information about my resources when she helped me complete my Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. How can I get my application amended now to show the correct amount?

**Answer:** You can call 1-800-772-1213 or you can contact your local Social Security office by using our office locator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/locator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/locator). Information on your application will be matched with data from other federal agencies. If there is a discrepancy that requires verification, we will contact you.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# classifieds

## for sale

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.<sup>TFN</sup>

PERSONALIZED GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE INVITATIONS - Stop in & let us help you design a one-of-a-kind open house invitation. Prices start at \$30 for full-color invitations w/envelopes. Quick turnaround. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261.

A BED - A brand new queen pillowtop mattress set in plastic, w/warranty, sacrifice, \$135. Call 989-584-6818.<sup>TFN</sup>

BOAT - SeaRay 1968, 18 ft. 160 hp Mercruiser, runs perfect. \$1,800 obo. Call 616-644-8692.

MINI VAN W/HANDICAP LIFT SEAT - \$10,500 obo. Excellent condition, 2006 Pontiac Montana, 85,000 miles, leather, power doors, DVD player, etc. Lift to store wheelchair. Lowell, 734-751-7440.

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.<sup>TFN</sup>

LOOKING FOR 2 LOVING HOMES TO ADOPT 2 - adorable male pomeranians. One 2 yr. old cream sable, one 5 yr. old orange sable. Both poms socialized w/children. Please call for more info, 616-648-4170.

TORO POWER MOWER - "Quantum Recycler" with leaf bag, recently refurbished (vintage 1998ish). Works fine! Asking \$100. Call Kate, 616-540-7939.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.<sup>TFN</sup>

GET THE SMOKE, ASH & WOOD MESS OUTSIDE - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace with a 25 year warranty. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.<sup>TFN</sup>

FREE AD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, fax 897-4809. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261.

## for sale

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.<sup>TFN</sup>

IF YOU NEED WATER - for your swimming pool, call Jerry at 616-761-3569.

SCRATCH PADS - \$1.50 per lb. Available at the Lowell Ledger office, 105 N. Broadway.

## for rent

WE DO BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW - Equal Housing Opportunity. It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots; in the advertising the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing, in the provision of real estate brokerage services and in the appraisal of housing. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (toll free) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

WATERFRONT COTTAGES - 4 cottages for rent. Check us out at sites@google.com/site/lostlakecottages or call Ron 644-9414.

**PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900.**<sup>TFN</sup>

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.<sup>TFN</sup>

## wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.<sup>TFN</sup>

## lost

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

LOST DOG - Corner of Vergennes and Alden Nash on Sat., May 11 around noon. American Bulldog, 5 months old, white/brindle patches. Please call if seen, 897-6905.

## help wanted

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.<sup>TFN</sup>

PRODUCTION EMPLOYEE - Steel processor is seeking individuals with good work ethic, able to read micrometer, work in multiple departments in an industrial setting. Health insurance, dental, 401(k). Apply in person at: Michigan Wire Tech, LLC, 149 S. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331.

DIETARY AIDE / COOK - P.T., experience preferred. Apply in person at Emerald Meadows Assisted Living, 6117 Charlevoix Woods Ct. SE, G.R. behind Cascade Walmart.

## misc.

THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT - on E. Main at 8 a.m. on Mon., May 13. If anyone saw anything please call 616-920-4889.

## in

## memorial

**MEMORIAL FOR RICHARD C. BEACH,**  
 Aug. 23, 1960 -  
 May 23, 1982

Our God had a plan and a purpose. Not ours to question why. His love brings peace and comfort, As the years go passing by. To some he may be forgotten, And to others, part of the past; But to us who loved and lost him, Dick's memory will forever last.

Lovingly missed & remembered by his family

## card of thanks

THANKS TO ALL for your prayers, cards, gifts, and visits after my surgery and during my rehabilitation.  
 Love, Carla Briggs

THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE for your prayers, cards, posts, and calls. It really helps to know that you care. Bless you all.  
 The family of Roger Nead

## sales

BARN SALE - Tools & toys. 2991 Alden Nash Ave SE, Lowell. 10-6 Fri. & Sat., May 24 & 25. If questions call 446-3707.

## sales

YARD SALE / ESTATE SALE - MAY 23, 24 & 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11855 Sayles Rd. Furniture, clothes (all sizes), knick knacks, kitchen items & more.

GARAGE SALE - May 25, featuring the following items & many more: Yamaha Roadstar motorcycle, tons of boy's clothing (birth-3T), baby bedding, twin bed set, kitchen items. Location: 43 Pearson Ct., Lowell.

SALE - 760/762 Godfrey St. (signs off N. Hudson). Furniture, women's Giant bike, wood trunk, dining tables, clothing, pet carrier. Low prices. May 24 & 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

11TH ANNUAL PERENNIAL PLANT SALE - Hundreds of plants 50 cents to \$3. 520 N. Monroe St., Lowell. Memorial Day Weekend. Sat. 8-5, Sun. 10-4 & Mon. 9-1. All proceeds go to the Robotics Club. Drop off plant donations anytime or bring during the sale. For info call 897-7808.

GARAGE SALE - May 26, 9-5 p.m. Large bird cage w/stand, exercise bike, 2 lawn mowers - need repaired or buy for parts, clothing, toys & misc. items. 11165 Woodbushe Dr., Lowell.

A LIVING ESTATE SALE - but family hosting it. 42 years of items, dining set, hutch, couch, furniture, many barn items, too much to list. Memorial Monday, May 27 - May 29, starts at 9 a.m. Grattan Twp, 6363 Farmbrook, Belding (1/4 mile off M-44.) Phone 616-482-7125.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE - May 23 & 24, 9 to 5, off of Two Mile between McCabe & Parnell. Lots of children's clothing size 0 to 5/6, household items furniture, toys, guns, something for everyone.

## services

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, May 26. 400 exhibitors. Rain or shine. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at the Fairgrounds, right in Allegan, Michigan. \$4 admission. No pets.

ESTATE & GARAGE SALE - Hundreds of items from estate sale & various garage sale items. Many collectibles. Also rototiller, snowblower, fifth wheel toy hauler. May 24 & 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 12720 36th St., Lowell.

## services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.<sup>TFN</sup>

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.<sup>TFN</sup>

NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.<sup>TFN</sup>

EXPERT STUMP GRINDING - No stump too big or small. Call Dan at 970-3832.

ASSISTED LIVING - Beautiful modern country home in Alto, long or short term. 616-891-1840, Cathy. AsistedLivingAlto@charter.net

BASEMENT WATER-PROOFING - Professional Basement Services waterproofing, crack repair, mold remediation. Local/licensed. Free estimates. 517-290-5556.

## services

PIANO LESSONS - \$15. Provided by patient, experienced, full-time professional musician. In beautiful Vergennes Township. Call/text 616-915-9515.

GRAND RAPIDS PRESS ROUTE OPENING - Ada area. Call Paul 616-541-0564.

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**TIME TO SHINE WINDOW WASHING** - is running a spring special. Call today for details & to set up your free estimate. 616-292-0695.

WEDDING INVITATIONS - We offer Carlson Craft wedding invitations! Stop by & check out a book today! Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. 897-9261.

PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER NEEDS WORK - Fully insured. Removals, trims, chipping, stump grinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

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MERRIMAN CEMETERY MEMORIAL PROGRAM - Sun., May 26, 2 p.m. at the cemetery. Program and meeting. Contact Joe Merriman with any questions, 868-9948.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

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

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.



# Red Arrow - TRACK SPORTS

## Walters and Newman qualify for state; teams finish in the top half at track regionals

by Karen Jack

Rachel Walters and Mattie Newman can now put state qualifier on their list of accomplishments.

At the track and field regionals held this weekend in Grand Haven, Walters won the 400m dash with a time of 58.26, and Newman

finished fourth with a state qualifying throw of 36'4".

"I'm just thrilled that I finally made it after four years of hard work. My throwing coach, Nick Natale, has been the driving force behind my success," said Newman.

Both the girls and boys teams pushed the envelope to finish in the top half of the field, with the girls finishing sixth and the boys tying for eighth. All in all, there were 17 teams competing for the Division one regional title.

There were lots of close calls, with many of the Arrows just missing out on qualifying, but just couldn't get over the hump. The Michigan High School Athletic Association publishes times in the running events and lengths in the field events in which the athletes need to meet in order to qualify for the state finals, and some of the athletes missed by less than a second.

For the girls, other finishers were Brianna Higgins in fifth for the 100m dash and sixth for the 200m dash, Walters in sixth for the 800m run, and Newman in fourth for the discus. The 800m relay team of Alon Watson, Danielle Ordway, Brianna Higgins and Rachel Walters finished fourth. Taking sixth in the 400m relay were Watson, Ordway, Higgins and Rebekah Betts.

The 1600m and 3200m relays both finished eighth.

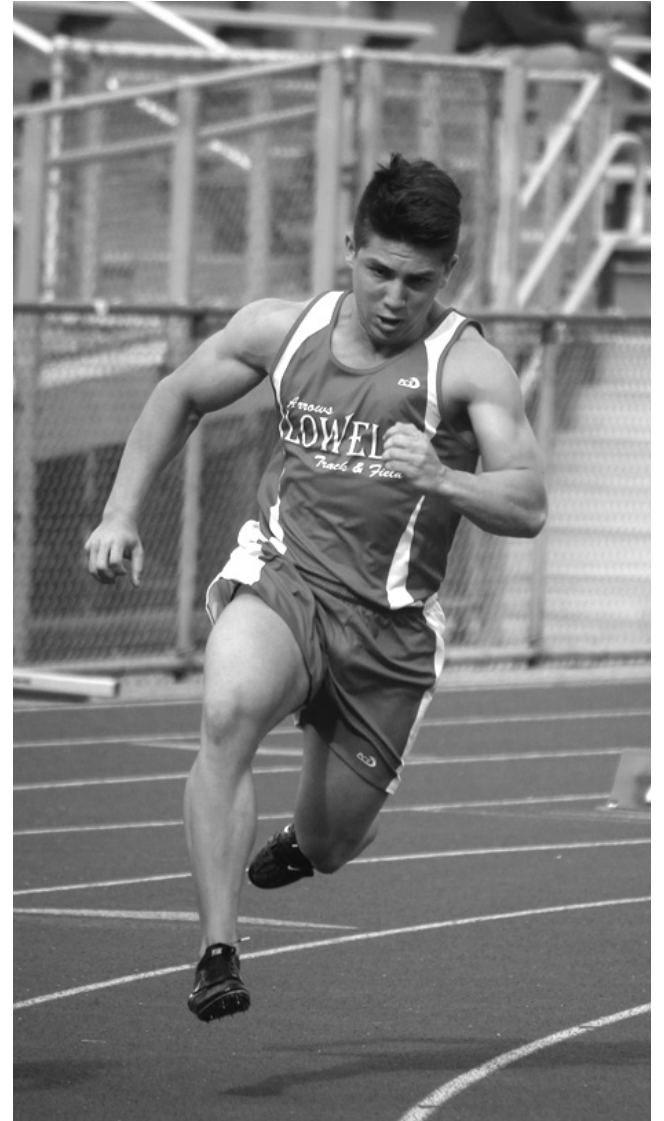
Placers for the boys include Toby Marks in third for the long jump, Jacob Khodl in fifth for the 400m dash, Sean Khodl in fifth for the 800m run and Liam Kelley in seventh for the 300m hurdles. The relay team of Khodl, Khodl, Marks and Bryce Hrusovsky finished fourth in the 1600m event. Taking fifth was Richard Misak, Austin Sherill, Reece Karns and Derek Massey in the 800m relay. The 3200m relay team took seventh.

"We did very well in the meet this year," said Sarah Ellis, head coach for the boy's team. "It was a truly competitive regional, with teams we beat one-on-one in the duels placing higher than us, such as Jenison placing fourth. I have to remind our kids that we are Division one and run against some of the best teams in the state."

**Walters and Newman will compete at the state finals on June 1, at East Kentwood.**



Jumping in the long jump is Danielle Ordway.



Gabe Gorman powers through to the finish line.



Lucas Hall gets over the pole vault.

## Groom is named All-Ivy League second team

by Karen Jack

Morgan Groom, the standout pitcher who led the Arrows to one of their best seasons last year, was named All-Ivy League, second team as a freshman at Harvard University this year.

She threw a team-high 125 innings this year, and was ranked fourth in the league with a 2.58 earned-run average. She

had the second-lowest batting average against in the conference at 2.19. Groom was also fifth in the league with 95 strikeouts, and totaled nine complete games.

In her first year at Harvard, Groom received the Rookie of the Week award two weeks in a row, helping Harvard go 5-1 in six contests, and came

within one out of throwing a no-hitter. She finished the week with a 1.84 ERA, with 18 strikeouts in 19 innings pitched, and only allowed a total of eight hits.

"It's such an honor being named to an all-Ivy team my first year there," Groom said. "I thoroughly enjoyed my freshman year. I couldn't have asked for better teammates, on and

off the field. Harvard in all is just a very supportive and tight-knit community. The whole experience surpassed my already high expectations!"

She received the Lowell High School Female Athlete of the Year award last year. Her junior year in high school she was All-State Honorable Mention, and in both her junior and

sophomore years, she was MVP, All-Conference, All-District, and All-Regional. Groom was also Scholar Athlete last year and Academic All-State. She also holds the school records for season ERA, career ERA, single season strikeouts, opponents runs scored and opponents runs earned.



Morgan Groom



**THEME:  
CATS AND DOGS**

**ACROSS**

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- 6. Pendulum's path
- 9. Pompous talk or writing
- 13. Salk's conquest
- 14. Gunk
- 15. \*Given name of "Dog the Bounty Hunter"
- 16. Tree in Latin
- 17. Hold title to
- 18. Knightly suit
- 19. \*Nickelodeon's conjoined brothers (1998-2005)
- 21. Dig further
- 23. Deadeye's forte
- 24. Good earth
- 25. Young woman making her debut
- 28. Le Corbusier's art
- 30. \*The Cat in the Hat wore a striped one
- 35. Like decorated cake
- 37. Slime
- 39. Nary a soul
- 40. Musical mark
- 41. Elephant trainer's prod
- 43. Byproduct of muddy roads
- 44. Mirths
- 46. \*A dog relies on it to interpret the world
- 47. Speed on water
- 48. "There Will Be Blood" contraption
- 50. Mail agency
- 52. Double helix
- 53. Well-mannered Emily \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. "High" drink
- 57. \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Noir" cabaret
- 60. \*Most famous collie?

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MAY 15 - MAY 21

- A devastating tornado hit Moore, OK on Monday. The official death toll is 24 — a figure that could still change. The fatalities included at least nine children, according to the state medical examiner's office. While recovery efforts continue, the region is bracing for more severe weather.
- A waitress who chatted with a customer about her desire to see Italy was rewarded with a \$1,000 tip for a \$60 meal. The customer wrote on the receipt, "Your ticket to Italy. Enjoy!!"
- The keyboardist for the Doors, Ray Manzarek, has died of cancer at the age of 74.
- The boardwalks are repaired for the first holiday weekend since Hurricane Sandy although the beaches are somewhat smaller.
- A new record for the longest Burmese python caught in the wild in Florida. The previous record was a 17-foot-7-inch. The snake measured 18-foot-8-inch and weighed 128 lbs. After being grabbed the snake began to wrap itself around its capture's leg. The man called to his friends for help and then used a knife to kill it.

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- 64. Poetic "before"
- 66. Bridal path
- 68. Open disrespect
- 69. Poetic "even"
- 70. Imposing house
- 71. One of the Ivies
- 72. Banned insecticide
- 73. Larger key on the right

**DOWN**

- 1. R&R hot spot
- 2. Rigid necklace
- 3. Actress Jessica
- 4. Plants and animals
- 5. Like a dirty affair
- 6. Bug-eyed
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Column's counterpart
- 8. Type of dwelling unit
- 9. In some cultures, this is a compliment
- 10. Not cool
- 11. In a little while, old-fashioned
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Highness
- 15. \*Cerberus, e.g.
- 20. Opposite of alpha
- 22. \*\*"Dog \_\_\_\_\_ dog"
- 24. Observation post
- 25. \*It "ate my baby"
- 26. Food safety threat
- 27. Asian pepper
- 29. a.k.a. CT
- 31. Politician's barrelful
- 32. \*Baskerville's scare
- 33. Author \_\_\_\_\_ Chekhov
- 34. Seed coat
- 36. Whitetail, e.g.
- 38. \*Boot-wearing cat
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ Anatomical dividers
- 45. Used to drain gas tank
- 49. India's smallest state
- 51. PBS street
- 54. Knight's mount
- 56. Of the Orient
- 57. \_\_\_\_\_ Pretty undergarment fabric
- 58. Very dark black
- 59. \_\_\_\_\_ Succotash ingredient
- 60. Fast time
- 61. "\_\_\_\_\_ that the truth?!"
- 62. Besides
- 63. Recipe amount
- 65. \*Color of some setters
- 67. Poetic "always"

*Puzzle Solutions for this week are on page 12*

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Karen Lezan

**Organization:** Modern Photographics  
**Position:** Office manager  
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**Residence:** Lowell  
**Experience:** Managing affairs at Grand Volute Ballroom  
**Interests:** Camping, fitness, church and home life

# Behind The Scenes

## Modern Photographics office manager brings your memories to print

by Justin Tiemeyer, contributing reporter

If you have ever seen a photograph of the Lowell High School lacrosse team, a wedding photo, or a helicopter-view of the city in the last few years, there is a good chance that the photograph was taken by Brandon Mulnix at Modern Photographics. When you think of how many similar photographs are out there, it becomes obvious just how important Karen Lezan is. Modern Photographics couldn't possibly represent this great city to the rest of the world so often and so well without the organizational efforts of Lezan, the company's office manager.

"I do just about everything but take the pictures," Lezan said. A short list of her duties includes scheduling, phone calls, billing, printing, and advertising.

Lezan grew up on the east side of the state

in Grosse Pointe Park, one daughter in a family of nine. Her house was only a block or two from Detroit, positioning Lezan directly between one of the most wealthy suburban communities in the state and what would become one of the most disastrously poor big cities in the nation. Due to the hard work of her mother and father, she and all of her siblings were able to have a private Catholic education. Lezan credits her parents for teaching her strong morals, a great work ethic, and the importance of keeping God first in all things.

Lezan met her husband Mike while attending Central Michigan University. Mike Lezan currently runs Computer Rehab in Lowell. Lezan also acquired a degree in early childhood education at CMU. She became a preschool teacher and later a stay-at-home mom, but still

later she felt that God was calling her to do something other than what she got her degree in.

While working at Grand Volute Ballroom, Lezan met photographer Brandon Mulnix and they've been working together ever since. The pair originally worked out of a space next to Rookies SportsCards Plus, but moved to their current location three years ago.

"I like to be busy," Lezan said.

With recent improvements in technology, including affordable and highly accessible digital cameras, many people have taken the business of photography into their own hands. As a result, Lezan and Mulnix work very hard to keep things fresh at Modern Photographics.

While Lezan credits Mulnix's eye for photography, his skill and his personality, it is likely



Karen Lezan in the office that she manages at Modern Photographics.

that their current success has more to do with their concern for the community and their experience in the many facets of weddings. Lezan often finds herself helping brides plan their weddings, and Mulnix is fantastic at trouble-shooting on the day of the wedding and insulating the bride and groom from the stress that wedding disruptions can easily cause. Lezan and Mulnix deliver a personal touch to any occasion.

"I'm on the floor a lot playing with little kids," Lezan said.

Modern Photographics also offers innovations that can be found on

neither iPhone nor Android cameras, including in-house printing, an on-site beauty salon called Hairstudio, and a photo booth that can be used for wedding receptions and graduation parties.

"I find it awesome that families will come in and have their family portrait done, and their children will come in for their senior pictures, and those same people are bringing in their children in to be photographed when they're young," Lezan said. For Lezan, this is not one of those businesses where the relationship is terminated once the contract has been signed and the money is in the bank.

While amateur photographers with high-quality cameras may threaten the professional photography business, Lezan is unfazed.

"We plan on staying here for years," Lezan said.

While pondering, the question of what the future holds for Modern Photographics and for herself as well, Lezan admitted reason to be scared, but ultimately, she summed up her attitude in one line:

"I just trust that God will lead me."

The next time you go to a local restaurant or business, make certain to look at the photos on the wall, whether they're for the high school orchestra or the tennis team or for something else entirely. There's a good chance you'll find the words Modern Photographics at the bottom of these pictures. In order to be impressed by the work of Karen Lezan and Modern Photographics, you need only keep looking at the pictures on the walls of the places you love.

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