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## Lowell High School's Class of 2013 is 274 strong

by Ellen Mork  
contributing reporter

The overcast sky did not dampen spirits at graduation Sunday, June 2nd at the Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

LHS principal Amy Pallo gave the opening remarks, congratulating the students on their achievements.

Gabriel Wehby opened the student addresses with a heartfelt story of his time in high school. He discussed the fact that it's a sad way to live if you think the best time of your life is in high school.

His father became blind during his freshman year in which he spent a while adjusting to this, and recounted how he changed. He offered hope and encouragement to his fellow graduates.

"I'm there in spirit every step of the way," Wehby stated. "Let's just say... the best is yet to come."

Salutatorian Mattie Newman gave a frank speech on the uncertainty facing everyone.

Newman said, "We were asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up.' I always thought that was an unfair question. A question that presupposes we can't be what we already are. That what we are now is somehow not good enough."

A soon-to-be freshman at Harvard University, she still doesn't know what she wants to do, but that it is okay.

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## Relay For Life enters its eighth year in Lowell

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow Football Stadium will see a rise in population when the fight against cancer comes back to Lowell in full swing.

With 26 teams currently signed up, Jerry Holmes anticipates over 30 by the

time Relay For Life begins at noon on Friday, June 21 to noon on Saturday, June 22.

Since the first Relay For Life in Lowell, over \$325,000 has been raised for the American Cancer

Society and their ongoing fight against cancer.

"It's a big thing for honoring cancer survivors," Holmes said, who has been helping to prepare for the event. "It's quite an inspiring event with a lap around the track with cancer survivors and their caregivers."

The money collected will go to the American Cancer Society, which marks its 100th anniversary of existence. ACS was

known for being one of the first organizations who fought the fight to ban smoking in restaurants and public places across the country.

"Last year we raised \$69,000, but it is very close to \$30,000, which a year ago at this time we were not even close to," Holmes said. "We are really hopeful we will pass our goal."

The teams will host a number of fundraisers

around the track including games, crafts and food with the goal of raising \$64,500 in mind.

The family events available will include a bounce house, giant inflatable slide and a dunk tank on Friday and Saturday.

There are a number of individuals who make a commitment to walk all 24

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## City council discusses renewed sidewalks town meeting date

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

When the Lowell City Council met at City Hall Monday night, it only took the council members a half an hour to discuss the remaining issues.

The topics ranged from sidewalk inspection to compromised sewer lines and the well-being of the showboat.

City Manager Mark Howe said the city will not know the start time of touching up portions of sidewalks until the pre-

construction meeting later in the week.

"It will be this summer, perhaps starting in the next couple of weeks, but setting a construction timetable is one of the items for discussion at our meeting," Howe said. "We inspected all of the sidewalks in town and developed a rating criteria to put them into red, yellow and green categories."

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Last year the stands at Red Arrow Stadium were illuminated with "HOPE".



# City council meeting, continued

The criteria included factors such as cracks, elevation differences, holes, residual material and buckling.

Red would mean the sidewalks would need to be replaced first, posing a potential liability to the city if they were not fixed. Yellow meant they were deficient and would need to be replaced in the near future, with green coming in as satisfactory.

"We secured grant funds from LCTV, Lowell Area Community Fund and CDBG to take care of the red sidewalks," Howe said.

"That's the project we're talking about starting soon."

Mayor Pro-Tem Sharon Ellison brought up the issue of a possible town meeting to discuss the changes being made to the sidewalks with the public. Howe said those plans for a meeting were already in the works, but were previously delayed.

"The flood put us several weeks behind on many things," Howe explained. "We had hoped to do a meeting in late April or early May."

In connection to the flood, the sewer lines were on the council's agenda,

which were said to have been compromised due to the storm water leaking into the sanitary sewer lines.

"We had a sewer line collapse at Washington Street near Kent Street as a result of the recent record flood," Howe said. "Our concern is that other sewer lines may have been compromised in the flood areas."

Pollution Control Services outbid its competitors at \$12,044, with Ryan's Modern Sewer Cleaning coming in at \$12,540 and Plummer's

Environmental Services with the largest bid of \$22,860.

"The lowest bid out of the three that we received to televise the lines was from Pollution Control Services," Howe told city council at the meeting. "We have worked with them in the past seeing favorable results."

Howe said televising is where the company cleans out the lines, and then runs a camera through the lines to video them, while making notes of deficiencies they see.

The showboat's well-being was mentioned when the city received a report from Nederveld on what was not up to code.

The insurance company hired David Weaver to inspect the boat's structure, who noticed some of the bracing and blocking needed to be put in place.

"You can see where we added blocks on the first and second decks and where we added joist hangers on the second deck," Howe said.

Several volunteers were pulled together last Saturday morning to the showboat to help with maintenance.

"There is also an issue with the 4x4's resting on the tongue and groove planking. They have plates underneath, but (Weaver) wants us to cut inspection holes to see if we need to add bracing to the plates," Howe said.

The city should know more later in the week on what else needs to be done.



## along main street



### lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

#### tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, June 12, 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.

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**Woodcarving**, Tues., June 21, 4-5 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit [www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow](http://www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow)

#### FLEA MARKET

Lowell Women's Club will be holding a flea market Thurs., June 13, 11 am - 3 pm at the Farmers' Market held in the Tractor Supply parking lot. To benefit the Lowell High School girls scholarship fund.

#### ADOPT A TREE TO YARN BOMB

Trees are still available for LowellArts! fun summer project along Main Street. Volunteer knitters or crocheters are invited to Adopt a Tree to decorate in time for Lowell Riverwalk Festival in mid-July. For more information, call 897-8545 or see [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org).

#### LHS CLASS REUNION

Lowell Class of 1983 30 year class reunion will be held Sat., July 27, 5 pm on the Showboat at the Riverwalk Plaza.

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# Food Fight leaders encourage others to join in the competition

by Justin Tiemeyer  
contributing reporter

Jan and Dave Thompson are both retired, but looking at the list of organizations that they work with, you would never think they were.

Whether it is with the American Legion, Gilda's Club, Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Rotary or the Grand Rapids Public Museum, the Thompsons devote a great deal of their time to volunteering.

"We both have volunteered our entire life," said Jan Thompson.

It is no wonder the Thompsons have stepped up as leaders in the yearly Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) Food Fight.

The way Food Fight normally works is neighbors will donate canned goods to

local businesses on the north or south side of Main Street. Whichever side collected the donation will gain a point for the competition, and the Food Pantry at FROM will have a chance to stock its shelves in order to feed the hungry in Lowell.

Because the Thompsons are retired and live, as Jan describes, "off the beaten path," they decided to set up a donation center on their property called the Thompson Drive Neighborhood food pick-up center.

During the first year of Food Fight, the Thompsons gathered 500 donations, and the numbers have only increased. Last year, they collected over 700 items for the hungry.

Jan Thompson said one year they set up their barrel and waited a couple of days only to find that nobody had placed any goods in it.

"I guess this is the year it is not going to work," she said.

The Thompsons went out to dinner that evening. When they returned, not only was the barrel filled to the brim, but their entire porch was covered in food. The Thompsons had to call for a special 9 pm pickup that evening to make sure that animals didn't get into the food.

The grass roots organization of the Thompsons gives us a glance at what FROM was like in the early years.

Years ago, Kraig and Jody Haybarker started a food pantry in the basement of First Methodist Church.

With the support of Roger LaWarre, the minister at First Congregational Church of Lowell, and the Lowell Ministerium, this pantry grew in size until an independent organization - Flat River Outreach Ministries - was formed.

"Our vision wasn't as big as what the ministry was going to become," Kraig said. "You just take baby steps and before you know it, here it is today."

In those days, Kraig was self-employed selling and installing carpet and Jody was a stay-at-home mom. In order to keep up with the needs of the hungry, they would meet weekly at Keiser's with Reverend LaWarre.

In the early days, FROM consisted only of a food pantry to feed the hungry and a thrift shop which made money to keep the food pantry stocked.

Today, FROM has a mobile food delivery service called Foodmobile, a Summer Lunch Program to feed hungry children, and a Financial Assistance



The porch at the Thompson household. From their perspective this is what many porches should look like.

Program, and those are just a few of the expanded services currently offered.

Jan and Dave Thompson will both turn 80 within the next year with only the future of the food fight in mind.

"I'd hope to see more neighborhoods do this," Jan Thompson said. "If the

Food Pantry looks full, it'll be empty soon."

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Help elderly loved ones avoid financial abuse

It's unfortunate, but true: The elderly population may be the most vulnerable group in our society. In fact, in an effort to call attention to the problems of physical, emotional and financial abuse of the elderly, the United Nations has designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. If you have older parents, or even grandparents, can you do to anything to help prevent them from being victimized, especially with regard to their finances?

Actually, there's a lot you can do. First and foremost, you need to maintain good communications and a trusting relationship with your older family members. As long as these elements are present, you should feel free to make the following suggestions:

- Increase awareness — When it comes to financial fraud and scams, many seniors think: "It can't happen to me." But the facts suggest otherwise: Some 20 percent of Americans over the age of 65 admit to having

been victimized by financial swindles, according to a survey by the non-profit Investor Protection Trust. Let your loved ones know that no one in their age group is immune to financial predators.

- Guard private information — Ask your parents or grandparents to not divulge personal information over the phone. In fact, urge them to get caller ID, if they don't have it already, and tell them that if they don't recognize the number, don't answer. Legitimate callers are more likely to leave messages than scammers.

- Don't send money. Exhort your parents or grandparents to never wire money to a random account — no exceptions.

- Ignore "limited-time offers" — Your loved ones should ignore callers, mailers or emails that demand they act immediately. These offers are often overblown at best and may be fraudulent at worst.

- Don't trust "no risk" offers — Financial offers that sound too good to be true are likely just that — untrue. Legitimate investments carry both potential risks and rewards.

- Avoid "debt-settlement" claims — If your older loved ones have debt problems, they may be especially susceptible to offers that claim to "clear up" all their debts. But there's no quick fix to this problem and any caller who claims otherwise is likely being deceitful. Encourage your parents or grandparents to discuss their debt situation with an honest, professional debt counselor or a financial advisor.

Here's one more thing you can do to help your parents or grandparents avoid financial fraud: If they don't already work with a trusted, qualified financial professional, introduce them to one. If your parents have a relationship with such a professional, they will be less likely to listen to any questionable, unsolicited offers than if they were trying to manage their finances on their own.

You're in a good position to know how much, or how little, help your elderly loved ones may need in terms of avoiding financial abuse. So be willing to do whatever it takes to help them enjoy their retirement years comfortably.

## Relay For Life, continued

hours, and some others that walk 12 hours during the relay, Holmes elaborated.

From 5 to 6 pm they will have a Pink Arrow "Power Hour," with the opening ceremony and survivor celebration beginning right after.

Other events during the 24-hour Relay For Life will include the opening lap, a silent auction, a Cancer

Survivor Dinner, the Miss Relay Competition with a pizza party on Friday night. Saturday will pay witness to a pancake breakfast and the event's closing ceremonies.

One of the co-chairs for the Relay For Life committee is Lori Ingraham, who has helped set several goals and expectations going into this year for the cancer-fighting event.

"Every pledge that we get, every dollar that we raise could be the dollar that makes the difference," Ingraham said.

One of the main nuances Ingraham has noticed over the years is the emotional and moving experience people have during the walk, who are either survivors or those who have lost loved ones to cancer.

"I can't imagine there is anybody in Lowell or the world who hasn't been affected," Ingraham said. "It really allows us to get together and make an impact."

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### no more burdens on citizens

Dear Editor,  
Lowell, originally a village, became a city to hold down the cost of government. That idea didn't fair too well. The year after Lowell became a city its taxes increased 25 percent. Now more than 50 years later there was a headline in the May 22 Lowell Ledger – "Lowell City Council approves budget for next year."

The article stated, "Our long term strategy will be to engage the community and get them to invest in their properties and raise the value."

I believe most property owners invest in their properties to begin with if financially capable of doing so. The problem is in the last decade Michigan's

household income lost \$12,000 or the equivalent of \$1,000 a month from the family budget.

It's a known fact that the middle class wage in our nation has stagnated for the last 30 years. Lowell is a middle class community where many are struggling just to get by.

Any engagement by our city council or city manager over raising property values at this time or in the near future is uncalled for. It was also noted in the article that there's a need to get the millage rate down so they can attract businesses.

Millions of communities just like Lowell have a problem in attracting and retaining business. The main reason is competition. The small

retailer has had a hard time competing with the large retailer and businesses on the internet. I should mention that small businesses in Michigan recently received a large tax break paid for by the poor and downtrodden of Michigan.

Families have had to adjust to the loss of income and so should city management when it comes to the loss of property taxes. Property values and revenue sharing will rise as the economy recovers in Michigan.

But that's going to take time and in between times the constituents of Lowell don't need any more burdens imposed upon them. It's bad enough that an administration fee or a tax on a tax hat some would call, was added to last summer's tax bill without the approval of the constituents.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

## outdoors

### close to the land



Dave Stegehuis

Living off the land was necessary for survival only a few generations ago. Today it is possible to spend a lifetime without getting off the pavement. There are many people who may never feel dirt under their feet.

Taking a hands-on approach to acquire food creates a direct connection to the land. Hunting, fishing, and gathering require knowledge and skills to be successful. This is about as basic as life can get. Regulations that control what, when, and how many, as well as lack of viable habitat limit the availability of wild game. Many of us still manage to make low fat, high protein, all natural wild game and fish a major part of our diet. Brook trout with Morrell mushrooms is as good as it gets.

The next level of self-sufficiency is to raise livestock and grow crops. There is no legal limit on the number of chickens or pigs

one can raise, but there are practical limits. Growing crops may be more practical for most people.

Growing vegetables can be done in a window box, on a deck, or rooftop. Many communities have garden spots which are lent or rented to folks who find it convenient. Almost anyone can find someplace to plant seeds or started plants. Gardening skills are usually passed along within families. The internet and helpful greenhouse staff are a good source of information for those needing advice.

The cost of growing

your own produce or buying it locally and in season may be close when dealing with small quantities. Growing enough to preserve for use throughout the year is more cost effective. The satisfaction of producing your own food may be the most important outcome.

Gardening also provides a common productive activity that can be shared by all members of a family. Children can experience the result of investing time and labor to achieve a goal and share in the bounty of nature. This may be the year to plant your own garden and get close to the land.

## Apple's tax tactics strengthen case for closing loopholes



Sen. Carl Levin

Recently, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, held the latest in a series of hearings to examine how U.S.-based multinational corporations use loopholes in the tax code to avoid paying U.S. taxes. An earlier hearing examined tax avoidance strategies at Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard; our recent hearing looked at Apple.

Our purpose with these hearings is to shine a light on practices that have allowed U.S.-based multinational corporations to amass an estimated \$1.9 trillion in profits in offshore tax havens, shielded from U.S. taxes.

Corporate income tax revenue has accounted for a smaller and smaller share of federal receipts, and today is down to about nine percent of federal revenue. The average U.S. corporation pays an effective tax rate of 15 percent, less than half the statutory rate of 35 percent. A recent study found that 30 of the largest U.S. multinationals, with more than \$160 billion in profits, paid nothing in federal income taxes over a recent three year period.

These offshore tax practices deepen the federal deficit and increase the tax burden on American families. Our hearing helped our Senate colleagues, and the American people,

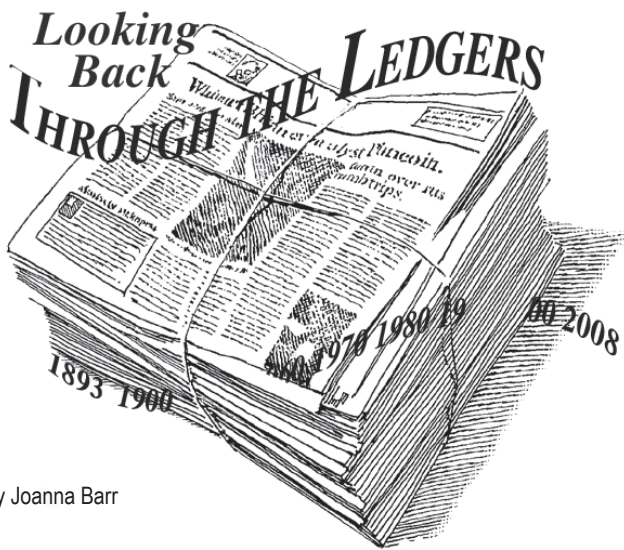
understand the depth of our offshore tax loophole problem and the damage it does to our fiscal and economic health.

Apple's products are justifiably well known and used throughout the world. What may not be so well known is that Apple also has a highly developed tax avoidance system – a system through which it has amassed more than \$100 billion in offshore cash in a tax haven.

The secret to Apple's business success isn't in the aluminum and steel and glass of my iPhone and other Apple products. Its profits depend on the ideas that bring those elements together in such an elegant package. That intangible genius is intellectual property that is nurtured and developed here in the United States. The key to offshore tax avoidance is transferring the profit-generating potential of that valuable intellectual property offshore so that the profits are directed not to the United States, but to an offshore tax haven.

Some of Apple's techniques are staples of international tax avoidance. But others are unique. Apple has sought the Holy Grail of tax avoidance, offshore

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By Joanna Barr

## 140 years ago Lowell Journal June 11, 1873

There is a proper time for all things, but the proper time for horse racing is not on Sunday. We regret that this has been permitted on the Lowell track.

What have the good people of Ionia done to be mocked by strange faces? Various reports are heard, which, if true, are nuts for spiritualists to crack, faces are distinctly seen in the windows, strange and mysterious. Many have witnessed these remarkable reflections and wonder how is this thus.

The biggest and most successful horse jockey at the Lowell races was a woman. If report is true, this woman owns the trotter Joe Udell and employs four men to bet and buy pools for her according to her instructions. She also employs others to care for "Joe," but she is evidently able to take care of herself. She don't handsome a bit, but makes lots of money.

Forging an order—It don't require much genius to forge an order; the ingenuity of the thing lies in keeping the people from finding it out. Charles Reese overestimated his cunning in this respect. He obtained goods to the amount of six dollars at Pullen's store the other day, on an order signed "F. C. Mapes," which

signature F. C. M. did not put at the bottom of that order. The forgery was detected, but the forger was not. Search was made diligently. The goods were found in a wagon going out in the country and were recovered. Charles played Modee by hiding in various places. A friend of the injured youth has straightened up the little matter, we understand, paying cost for warrant etc. Charlie isn't any nearer the angels than he was before the above transaction.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 5, 1913

Got Thirty Days. Several strangers were given thirty days in the county jail by Judge Andrews for making too free with Fred Oliver's chickens. They were enjoying a fine chicken stew on the river flats when arrested. They gave the names of Colin Campbell, Fred Johnson, Mat Hartman and Charlie Sherman. C. Staal who was with the gang, plead guilty, turned state's evidence and thus secured the conviction of the others, in consideration of which he was let off with a fine and costs. All had been drinking.

All automobilists take notice! Speeding of automobiles in the Village of Lowell must be stopped at once. Our ordinance of 15 miles per hour is a very liberal one and will be enforced regardless of persons or excuses; and same will be amended to a lower rate of speed if auto drivers do not observe the present ordinance, which simply conforms to the state law. Arrests will follow all violations after this date. - Common Council, Village of Lowell, June 5, 1913.

Headline: Ada boy drowns while fishing. George Washburn, Jr., lost life in river. Decoration Day a sad one for villagers. Funeral attended by school children. From our own correspondent. May 30 closed, leaving behind a very sad history of the fate of George Washburn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. George Washburn who was drowned in Grand River some time during the evening of that day. The lad spent the day

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# area births

## Wojciakowski

Big sister, Ceclia Wojciakowski, along with her parents, Mike and Amorena, of Grand Rapids, are happy to announce the birth of Julia Edaline Wojciakowski.

Little Julia was born Jan. 12, 2013 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Also welcoming her home with love and joy are grandparents, Ed and Sally Wojciakowski of Lowell, Jim Newman of Carson City, and Greg and Shelley Stevens of Mt. Pleasant.



Julia Edaline Wojciakowski

# business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Selena DeGrote received Sales Associate of the Month in May. This award recognizes DeGrote for her outstanding success and achievements.



Selena DeGrote

# Levin, continued

corporations that it argues are not, for tax purposes, resident in any nation.

Apple Inc. has created three offshore corporations, entities that receive tens of billions of dollars in income, but which have no tax residence – not in Ireland, where they are incorporated, and not in the United States, where the Apple executives who run them are located. Apple has arranged matters so it can claim that these ghost companies, for tax purposes, exist nowhere. One has paid no corporate income tax to any nation for the last five years; another pays tax to Ireland equivalent to a fraction of one percent of its total income.

Apple's claim that its Irish subsidiaries are not tax resident in any nation is a key element in its strategy to avoid taxes on its offshore income. But how did that income end up offshore to begin with? That brings us to a second, more common arrangement for shifting income away from the United States to a low tax jurisdiction.

Many U.S. companies, including Apple, shift intellectual property rights – that is, the rights to market products based on their innovative ideas -- to offshore affiliates. That shift directs the income associated with that intellectual property – taxable income that would otherwise flow to the United States where the intellectual property was developed – to the affiliates' home jurisdiction, which is typically a tax haven.

Apple set up such an arrangement with its Irish subsidiaries through what's known as a cost-sharing agreement. The cost sharing agreement enables Apple to shift profits generated by its intellectual property in most of the world to Apple subsidiaries in Ireland, where Apple has an arrangement that has allowed it since 2003 to pay a two percent tax rate or less.

The offshore tax avoidance tactics spotlighted by the Subcommittee do real harm.

They disadvantage domestic U.S. companies that can't reduce their tax bills using offshore tax gimmicks. They offload Apple's tax burden onto other taxpayers – in particular, onto working families and small businesses. The lost tax revenue feeds a budget deficit that has reached troubling proportions, and has helped lead the ill-advised sequestration now threatening our economic recovery.

Because of those cuts, children across the country won't get early education from Head Start. Needy seniors will go without meals. Fighter jets sit idle on tarmacs because our military lacks the funding to keep pilots trained.

Closing these kinds of unjustified loopholes could provide hundreds of billions of dollars to reduce the deficit and avert damaging budget cuts to our defense, our schools, our roads, the safety of our food supply and other important priorities.

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# Looking Back, continued

fishing, starting at the mill dam in Thornapple River and slowly making his way to Grand River where he found an old boat and used it to fish from. He was last seen about 4 o'clock, seemingly enjoying the liberty of the day. His parents missed him when he did not return as usual for the evening chores and began to feel anxious about his absence. As the evening wore on and still no sign of the boy, a search was made by a number of people. The lad's cap was found and the boat capsized and a thrill of fear filled the father's heart. Still he had hopes of finding his boy asleep some where in the woods. At length the search was given up and next morning told the tale. Mr. Hill found the body on the banks about two miles down. The boy was 16 years of age.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 9, 1938

Recently the King Milling Company replaced a stairway in the east side mill. To many this would not mean much, but John Callier who worked there for 56 years, says that the stairs were first made in 1883 and were used for a fire escape next to the front doorway, on the first floor. Years later they were changed to the other side of the room. The stairs had been in use so long that each step made originally of plank 1 3/4 in. thick had been worn down in places to a thinness of a quarter inch during their 55 years of use. As Mr. Callier has helped wear them down, two of the steps were saved for him. He kept one as a souvenir and gave the other to his granddaughter, Madeline (Kyser) Vickery, recently a bride, to put in her new home. She will varnish the step and use it as a shelf.

Mrs. Lora Hartman may have reason for feeling all puffed up, even though the implied compliment came from a tramp. It seems that the tramp called at the Hartman home a few days ago and asked for a handout. "I haven't anything for you," said the lady of

the house. Still persistent, the Weary Willie then asked for some dry coffee. "I haven't any of that either," the man was told. As the tramp walked away, he turned and said, "Thank you, 'Mrs. Roosevelt'!"

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 6, 1963

Lowell Chamber of Commerce will hold its first "Silver Dollar Bonanza," night on Friday, June 7, at 8 pm on the corner of Riverside Drive and Main Street. All Lowell merchants are giving free tickets on the \$50 in silver dollars to be given each Friday night during June. A total of six prizes will be given each night with the first prize of \$25 and five other prizes of \$5 each. You must be present to win!

Been downtown lately, and had a hard time trying to find a place to park your car on Main Street? After hours of labor was put into marking off the proper amount of parking spaces on the main drag, a check showed last week that five out of 10 cars were improperly parked within the lines. If everyone who parked on Main Street parked in the space indicated, it is estimated by officials that the parking problem would be cut down considerably.

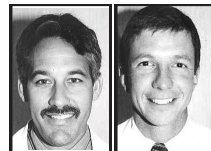
A canoe was reported missing from the Bruce Walter residence over the week end. When they later checked the premises to see if anything else was missing, the boat had been returned. Boaters who have been running their crafts on the river have received several warnings as to the manner in which they operate their boats, by local law enforcers. One person was warned that if he continued to operate his boat in a reckless manner, he would be beached.

The curiosity of several Lowell residents was aroused late Sunday evening when the sound of a siren roared over the city. Upon investigation on Monday, it was reported the siren on the local police cruiser had shorted out, and the officer in charge was heading for a local service station to have it shut off.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 8, 1988

Headline: Lemmen Shell robbed. Lowell Police are still investigating the robbery at Lemmen Shell Gas Station at the corner of Main and Hudson Street at approximately 4:23 a.m. on June 2. According to the police report a lone male came into the station and took the evening's receipts and left on foot toward Broadway Street. "The assailant has not been apprehended and the robbery is still under investigation," Lowell Police chief Barry Emmons said. "The amount taken is undetermined." Emmons said the robber allegedly entered with pantyhose stretched over the face. "He implied he had a handgun and asked that all the money be turned over," Emmons said. The police report stated the robber, a male, was wearing white gloves, was heavy set (220-240 pounds) and stood between 6-foot-2 and 6-foot-4 inches tall. Emmons added that the assailant had shoulder length hair and a thick, brown mustache. He was wearing a pea green jacket, blue jeans and dark brown and/or black gloves. Lemmen Shell is owned by Wayne Lemmen of Coopersville. Michelle Converse was the clerk on duty at the time of the robbery. She was not injured. Emmons added that anyone with information pertaining to the robbery should contact the Lowell Police Department.

## health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier,  
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### speech delay in children

Speech delay can cause your child to have problems saying words and phrases, understanding what is being said, or putting feelings, thoughts and ideas into words. Every child develops at his or her own pace, but if your child doesn't talk as much as

other children the same age, the problem may be speech delay.

Common causes of speech delay include slow development, hearing loss or intellectual disability. Other causes include cerebral palsy, selective mutism (not talking in certain settings) and autism.

Your doctor may pick up on a speech delay during a well child visit to the office. If he or she asks pointed questions about your child's

speech habits. Your doctor will evaluate your child's speech and mental and physical development.

If your child does have a speech delay, he or she may not require any treatment. Some children just take more time to start talking. Your doctor might refer your child to speech therapist to help him or her learn to speak and understand better. A speech therapist can also teach your new ways to encourage your child.

## college news

Katie J Jousma, of Lowell, was among students that have received recognition on the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. To be eligible for the dean's list a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

degree in economics and management emphasis general business with a minor in communication studies, with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for business and management. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Hewitt graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75.

Local student Natalie Hewitt graduated magna cum laude from Albion College earlier this month, receiving a

Hewitt is the daughter of Gregory and Barbara Hewitt of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

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# Local hunter develops 'Revolutionary' tree stand

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

Very few people have the innovative drive to create a new product, let alone the resources to pursue it.

After nearly a year of design and testing, Don McGillicuddy created a new type of tree stand, offering many an easier way to bag that buck come deer season.

He first thought of the idea two years ago when he tried to find a way to combine the quiet and

weightlessness of a harness and the comfortability of a regular tree stand.

"Things I didn't like about tree stands was sitting in a tree crooked, they're uncomfortable and noisy," McGillicuddy said. "My stand is comfortable, supportable, quiet and you can get 360 degrees worth of shooting."

The tree stand formerly known as The Revolution, has the ability to pivot 270

degrees in a seat that can rotate a full 360.

The frame is made of steel, which McGillicuddy hopes of manufacturing the item out of aluminum. Nevertheless, it is still lightweight enough to carry on one's back with the rest of the hunting gear.

The seat, which is made at Attwood, comes unattached and was made of a durable plastic, with the

swinging arm coming in at around 10 pounds.

McGillicuddy has been hunting since the eighth grade, and with over 30 years of hunting experience, he feels he knows what the customer wants.

"I wanted something that does what the harness does, but something I can hunt out of for a long time without getting sore," McGillicuddy said hoisting

the prototype back into his truck. "I can hunt out of this for awhile, I have hunted out of it from dusk to dark."

With his Grand Rapids business partner, Chip Rennaker, the two went down to the Ultimate Sport Show to put it on display and came back with phenomenal feedback.

"We had so many people, our booth overspilled into the next booth, so they had to give us more space," McGillicuddy joked.

A lot of tree stands created over the years have a little give and wobble to it. McGillicuddy has tested his version, which he's now calling TreeOps 360, for noise and strength and has yet to find a weak spot.

"I've left it outside during the winter on purpose to see if I could make it squeak or make some sort of noise," he said. "It doesn't make a sound, it is dead quiet and rock solid."

The idea for the tree stand was invested in by Start Garden, a panel or "team" of individuals who invest \$5,000 in two ideas every week.

Created by Rick Devos, Start Garden chooses one invention, while the other idea is taken with the most

endorsements from the general public.

ArborCon's idea, the name of McGillicuddy's business, was chosen by the public and not the panel from Start Garden.

Each \$5,000 idea has around two months to do something interesting with their product. The update informs the Start Garden team if each project is ready for the final \$20,000 investment.

"They either give you a 'yes,' 'no' or a 'not now,'" McGillicuddy explained. "If it's a not now, then you will get just a bit more time."

The Start Garden team watches the projects as they progress, then decide whether or not to extend the initial investment.

McGillicuddy and Rennaker have been plugging away these past few weeks, gathering input and are hoping to get a website up in the next month.

"Hopefully this is our full-time business in five years," McGillicuddy said. "If it goes nowhere then my kids are getting tree stands for the rest of their lives for Christmas. But I think it's got a good chance of doing something."



Dan McGillicuddy sits in the tree stand he designed for the Start Garden initiative. He and his business partner were given \$5,000 to jump-start their business.

# Dollar Tree to move into vacant Burger King lot

by Ellen Mork  
contributing reporter

Paperwork has been filed by DJT Properties to build a Dollar Tree on the old Burger King lot.

Construction on the 1.31-acre lot at 1120 West Main Street will not begin until the conditions from the planning commission are met.

The vacant Burger King building will be demolished and the new 8,260 square foot building will be built in its place.

The building will be 30-35 feet at its highest point and the parking lot will have 62 parking spaces.

Dollar Tree, at 78

percent, will exceed the stipulated 60 percent coverage of a lot, but because the previous building was 83 percent, it will be allowed.

The connection to West Street will be maintained, and any future developments

on the adjoining property to the west will have an easement requiring the connection be maintained.

Some planning commission members had wanted a connection to the property toward the north, which includes Three Brothers Pizza and Brenda's

Hair Design, if it were to be redeveloped in the future.

James Morgan, the representative for DJT Properties said if this were required, Dollar Tree would step away from the project. A competing dollar store could potentially be built on the lot and it would

be disadvantageous for Dollar Tree to have their parking lots connected. Once Morgan said this, all but one commissioner voted in favor of adopting the site plan review with recommendations from Williams and Works.



A sketch of the proposed Lowell Dollar Tree store.

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# Sweet 16th birthday made extra special by Make-A-Wish

A Lowell cancer patient has had her wish granted this spring when the Make-A-Wish foundation had an above-ground pool built in her backyard.

Danielle Knight, 15, will be a freshman at Lowell High School in the fall and currently suffers from osteosarcoma, bone cancer, in her lower body.

Danielle was diagnosed about a year ago and has gone through several rounds of chemotherapy as well as an inner hemipelvectomy, an internal amputation removing part of Danielle's femur, pelvis and fibula. Throughout her treatment Danielle has met "bumps in the road" with various complications.

In November of last year, the Michigan Make-A-Wish foundation got in contact with Danielle. Make-A-Wish is a program that provides children suffering a life threatening illness with a "wish" of their choosing. For Danielle, a pool was the logical choice since she could use it for her

physical therapy and have it for years to come.

"I could have lots of memories and lots of years with it," Danielle said.

Erica Hunt from the Make-A-Wish foundation explained some of the specific features incorporated into Danielle's wish. The 15 by 30-foot pool was accompanied by a new deck to help Danielle get in and out. The pool also includes a built in heater, recommended by Danielle's doctor to help with her physical therapy, Hunt said. Danielle also received a bag of pool accessories and towels.

Danielle and her mother, Debrah Knight, have also received help from the Pink Arrow program. The Knights have received money directly from the program and got to ride in a helicopter fly-over at the Pink Arrow game last fall.

Debrah said after having moved to Lowell from Wyoming in 2009, she found Lowell to be distinctly more supportive of her family, both through the Pink Arrow program and the Lowell community.

"They definitely helped out financially when they could, which was huge for us," Debrah said. "Anything

that we really need we get. They are just there for us."

While Debrah credited the Pink Arrow program as a major financial aid, she said she hopes to see the program expand to help families dealing with cancer with their day-to-day needs and general housekeeping.

"I'm a single mom," Debrah said. "So to be able to try to run my household and take care of her while in the hospital is difficult."

Both Danielle and Debrah said they hope to see the Pink Arrow program expand and have other communities either participate or create their own version of the "Pink Arrow game."

"It brings people together, it ties the

community together," Debrah said.

Danielle is currently unable to bear weight on her legs and walk without crutches, but hopes to be walking again by the fall.

Even with Danielle's handicaps, she has managed to stay positive and excited for the future. She has been homebound for school since being diagnosed, but expects to return for a short time in September before needing additional surgery later in the fall. Danielle said she's feeling "great," happy to be done with chemo and her mother reports her energy has increased noticeably.

"I only believe everything's going to be okay because it is going to be okay," Danielle said.



Danielle Knight has high praise for the Make-A-Wish and Pink Arrow Pride programs.



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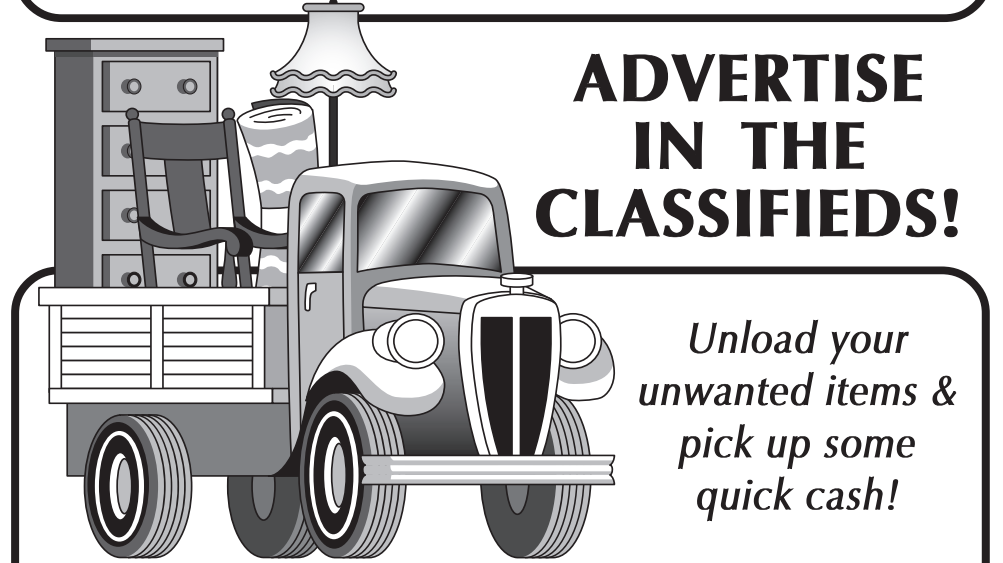
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Baseball team ends season at districts

by Karen Jack

Going into the district tournament, the Lowell High School baseball team thought they had a shot at the title, playing Forest Hills Northern in the semi-final round.

With the conference realignment, the Arrows hadn't played Northern this year, so neither team had an advantage. Northern came into the game with a 17-10 record, and with the Arrows coming on strong at the end of the season, the win was there for the taking.

The Huskies were the first to score in the game, with two runs in the second inning. Then they scored one in the third, and two in the fourth and fifth.

Although the Arrows managed to get runners on base in the first three innings, they couldn't manage to bring them around to the plate. In the bottom of the fifth, Lowell managed to get Jake Stephens to third, but left him stranded on base.

The Arrows weren't done trying, though. In the bottom of the sixth, Zach Dawson singled to start the inning. Titan Anderson advanced him to second on a ground ball to first base. Garret Gordon flied out to center field and then Tim Antel was walked. With runners on first and second, Stephens hit a double to center field, scoring Dawson and Antel.

With Stephens at second, the Huskies threw a wild pitch, moving him to third. Zach Huver came to the plate and singled to right field, bringing Stephens in for another run. Alex Chavez stepped up to the plate, and hit a single, moving Huver to second. The Huskies threw another wild pitch, which moved both runners to second and third. Jon Fox was then walked, loading the bases.

Huver scored on another wild pitch, which also advanced the other two runners to second and third, with two outs. The Arrows ended the inning stranding the two runners.

In the seventh, Dawson reached first base on a hard hit ball to the shortstop, causing an

error, then Anderson hit into a fielder's choice. The game ended on a double play, diminishing Lowell's chances of advancing to the district finals.



Jake Stephens gets a big lead off second.

### - GOLF

## Poll breaks high school golf record as Arrows advance to regionals

by Karen Jack

Brandon Poll had a good day on Friday in the state district tournament.

Not only did he help the team advance to the regionals, but he also broke the long-held school record of 72 by two strokes.

"Brandon's been our leader all year. This time, he dug down deep and pulled out a school record," said head coach Gary Fredline. "He's a good kid, and a great leader, and it was great seeing him break that record."

The team advanced to the state regional tournament with a total team score of 317. Fredline said the team

score for districts and for their post conference match were the two best scores he's gotten from a team since he's been coaching for the past six years.

Other scores for the match were Isaac Brenner with 81, Joe Gauck and Luke Kloosterman both with 83, and Aaron Anderson with an 86. The way the tournament works is selecting five players to each team, with the four best scores being recorded for the team score.

"This isn't unexpected. In fact, the first half of the season was unexpected when we were't playing to



Isaac Brenner practices his putting.

our potential. Now they've acclimated and are shooting some of their best scores," Fredline said.

The team was fourth in the conference this year. They were going into the last 18 holes for conference in sixth place, in which they shot so well that they took second for the day, in turn moving them up to fourth. Their great play knocked East Grand Rapids out of first for conferences, giving the title to Grand Rapids Christian.

The team takes on District 1 winner, Mona Shores in the regional tournament.

"It's going to be a tough regional for us. Mona Shores won their district, and with 12 other teams and only three making it out, we've got our work cut out for us. But if any team I've ever had can do it, this one can," Fredline added.

All of the players on the team are still in the state tournament individually. As long as the team is still in

it, they can be. If for some reason the team doesn't make it out of the regionals, players still have a chance individually to qualify for the state finals. Fredline believes he could possibly get three players to advance individually.

Fredline's been very pleased with the team this year, and really likes the play and sportsmanship he sees out of his players.

"This is one of the best seasons Lowell's had in a long time with a lot of quality players and a lot of nice kids. We've had no problems whatsoever."

**The regionals will be held on Friday in Battle Creek at Cedar Creek Golf Club. Match play begins at 9 am.**



Aaron Anderson putts the ball in.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## - SOFTBALL

### Arrow girls win district semi-final but fail to capture title

by Karen Jack

The Arrow softball team had a rough start at the beginning of the season. Like many of the teams this spring, they didn't get a lot of practice time on the field before their games started, and got off to a slow start.

But they came on strong at the end of the season, winning five games in a row heading into districts. They looked like they were on a mission in the district semi-final game against Forest Hills Northern, mercying them in four innings, with a final score of 16-1.

They then had to face Northview in the finals, and just ran out of steam losing 10-0.

The Arrows caught fire right from the start in their game against the Huskies, scoring two runs in the first inning, thanks to a walk for Grace Quiggle, and an error to get Kortney Beachler on base.

With runners at first and second, Beth Dean went up to the plate and hit a grounder to first to get a run

in. Then Taylare Harris got a base hit to bring the second run in for the inning.

It was more of the same in the second inning, only the Arrows scored three runs. Quiggle, Beachler, Dean, Julie Smith and Shelby Antel each had hits, advancing runners with Dean, Smith, and Antel each hitting a run in.

Slamming the door shut in just the third inning, the Arrows went through the batting order to score six more runs, thanks to a three-run home run by Dean, a double by Smith and a base hit by Beachler. Normally, the game would have been over by mercy, but they had to play four innings to be able to call it complete.

Scoring five more runs in the fourth and final inning, the Arrows couldn't be stopped.

Smith hit a triple, Dean hit a double, and Makela Chapman had a hit to bring the runs in.

The Arrows then had to face Northview in the

finals. They did their best in the first inning, getting Beachler to third, but that was the closest they got to scoring all game. Northview was just too much with

their great pitching, and the Arrows ended their season.

"I'm really impressed with the way these girls came on strong at the end of the season," said assistant

coach Matt Dood. "We have a great group of girls, and I'm sorry to see the seniors go. We were just starting to play well. But I'm proud

of these kids, and how hard they've worked to improve each and every game. They never gave up."



The team celebrates their victory.



Hope Stepek crosses the plate.



Sarah Oesch heads home.



Shelby Antel places down a perfect bunt.

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**Titan Parker Anderson** ..... Aquinas College St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship  
**Timothy Stewart Antel** ..... Woody LAS Memorial Scholarship, Calvin College Dean's Scholarship, Aquinas College St. Anselm Scholarship  
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**Jacey Brooke Culross** ..... Byrne Family Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, FFA Rachel Penninga Scholarship, Ferris State University Provost's Scholarship  
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**Joshua Hezekiah Elliott** .... Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award  
**Abigail Elizabeth Ellis** ..... Carrol (Chris) and Helen Burch Memorial Scholarship, Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Environmental Scholarship, LHS Female Athlete of the Year  
**Delainey Marie Ferguson** ..... Andrew Benedict Memorial Scholarship  
**Michelle Ann Foote** Grand Valley State University Athletic Soccer Scholarship

**Jonathan Richard Fox** ... Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship, Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award  
**Shelby Lyn Gaskin** ..... Aquinas College/ University of Detroit Mercy Nursing Program Scholarship Fund Award, University of Detroit Mercy Jesuit-Mercy Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship  
**Joseph Ryan Gauck** .. Olivet College Olivet Global Honors Citizen Scholarship, Olivet College Excellence Award  
**Zachary Matthew Gibas** ..... Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award  
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**Madison Olivia Hacker** ..... Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship  
**Anthony Joseph Hanson** ..... Ferris State University Ferris Gold Scholarship, Ferris State University Residential Life Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship  
**Alexandra J Hinton**.. Aquinas College St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship  
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**Zachary Allen Huver** ..... LHS Male Athlete of the Year  
**Kaitlyn Briann Johnson** .Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, FFA Wittenbach Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence  
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**Christianne Grace Kargl** ..... Lowell Women's Club Scholarship  
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**Annette Sue Kehoe**.. Michigan State University Englehardt Scholarship  
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**Alyssa Marie Kenyon**.. Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship, Ivan K. Blough Vocational Scholarship  
**Kolby Christine Kloosterman** ..... Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence  
**Sophie Jean Kohtz** ..... Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship, The President's Volunteer Service Award, Kent County Education Association/MEA/NEA Dependent Scholarship Award, Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award  
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**Trae Michael LaChapelle** . Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award  
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**Bailey Byrne Loughlin** ..... Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell Eva & Lee Lampkin Scholarship, Michigan Blood High School Blood Chairperson of the Year Award  
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Zachary is the son of  
Matthew and Joelle Gibas

**Rebekah Betts – 4.330**  
Rebekah is the daughter of  
Cynthia and Michael Betts.

**Audrey Rasch – 4.239**  
Audrey is the daughter of  
Kenneth and Sally Rasch.

**Kevin Blanchard – 4.221**  
Kevin is the son of  
Anna and Douglas Blanchard.

**Douglas Nordman – 4.220**  
Douglas is the son of  
Mark and Margaret Nordman.

**Annette Kehoe – 4.215**  
Annette is the daughter of  
Cindy and Patrick Kehoe.

**Hannah Anderson – 4.209**  
Hannah is the daughter of  
Angela and Christopher Anderson.

**Emily Schreur – 4.205**  
Emily is the daughter of  
William and Brenda Schreur.

**Zachary Crawford – 4.204**  
Zachary is the son of  
Thomas and Lisa Crawford.

**Emma Tompkins – 4.192**  
Emma is the daughter of  
Jean and Steven Tompkins.

**Ashley White – 4.187**  
Ashley is the daughter of  
Aaron and Tammy White.

**Shannon Massey – 4.182**  
Shannon is the son of  
Sterling and Rose Massey.

**Abigail Ellis – 4.176**  
Abigail is the daughter of  
Dan and Sharon Ellis.

**Zachary Graves – 4.167**  
Zachary is the son of  
Paul and Harriet Graves.

**Brianna Steiner – 4.156**  
Brianna is the daughter of  
Dawn Landis and Russ Steiner.

**Tobias Marks – 4.149**  
Tobias is the son of  
Roger and Jessica Marks.

**Carissa Flier – 4.147**  
Carissa is the daughter of  
Pat and Jason Flier.

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**Mattie Newman – 4.344**  
Mattie is the daughter of  
Robert and Christina Newman

**Andrew Potter – 4.120**  
Andrew is the son of  
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Alexander is the son of  
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Jason is the son of  
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Pierce is the son of  
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Brianna is the daughter of  
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Paige is the daughter of  
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**Alexis Rife – 4.058**  
Alexis is the daughter of  
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**Morgan McVey – 4.055**  
Morgan is the daughter of  
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**Amy Bartkus – 4.047**  
Amy is the daughter of  
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**Christianne Kargl – 4.047**  
Christianne is the daughter of  
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**Skylar Bowne – 4.044**  
Skylar is the daughter of  
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Madison is the daughter of  
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Timothy is the son of  
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**McKensie Barnes – 4.012**  
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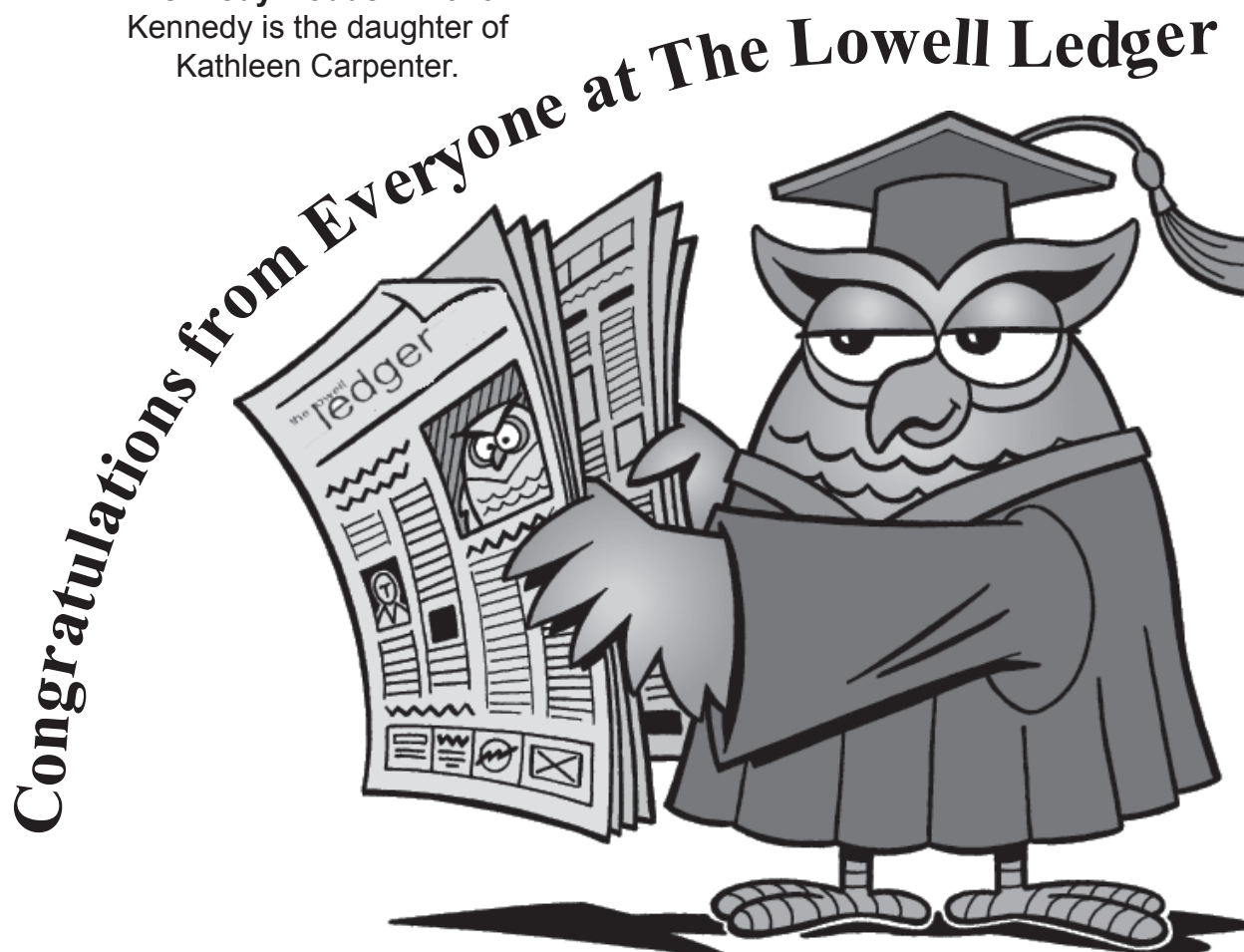
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# Graduation 2013, continued

Finally, valedictorian Zachary Gibas gave his speech.

“How we spend our time defines us,” Gibas said. Gibas, a soon-to-be freshman at the University of Michigan, said the future is unknown, and by working together, achievement and improvements will be made.

“I do believe that we can change this world together, as a generation, as a people. There will always going to be change and we can all do our part to fuel it,” Gibas said.

The uncertainty of a graduate’s next steps and place in the world was a common theme throughout the speeches.

Superintendent Greg Pratt praised the class of 2013 for their work. He discussed the “When God made a farmer” Paul Harvey Super Bowl commercial saying, “I couldn’t help but think of our own community here in Lowell. A farmer, what an honorable profession. A farmer clothes and feeds the world today. It’s a real inspiration what a farmer does today.”

Speaking to the work outside of academics, Pratt

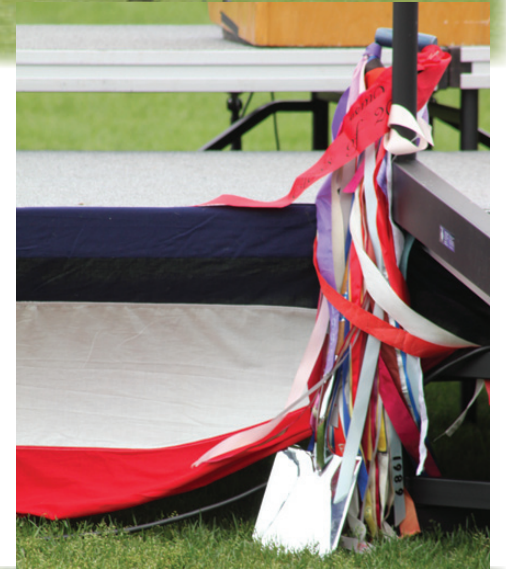
told the stories of students who helped during the recent flood, and how helping those in times of need builds character and resolve.

“Our community of Lowell is fortunate to have the work and lineage of farmers so deeply woven into our history. Much like the soul of a farmer, our community, exudes dedication, selfless hard work to care for others, our community knows something is growing as a result of our hard work.”

Pratt is proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2013, proud of the community and proud of its history.

With 41 summa cum laude, the graduates of Lowell High School continued to impress and do well each successive year.

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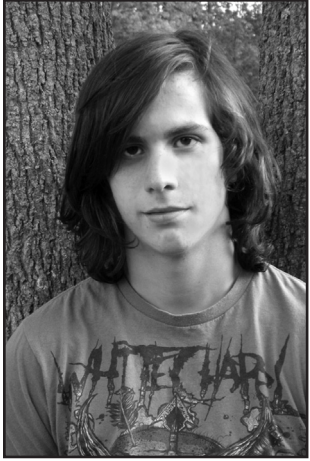




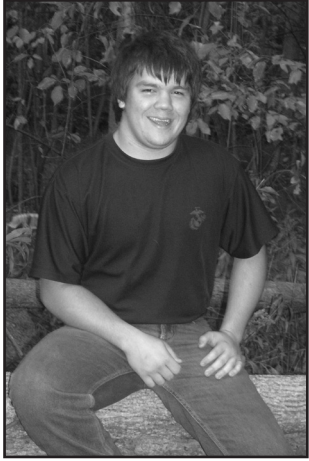




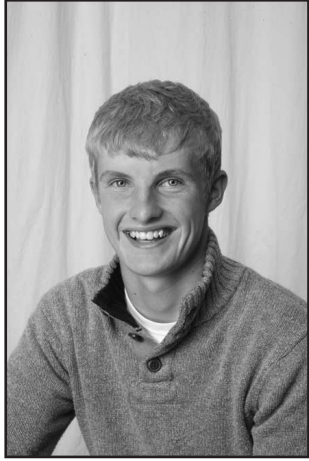
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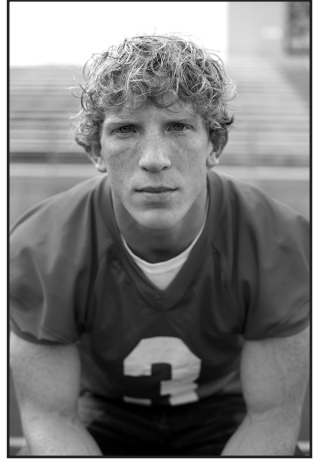
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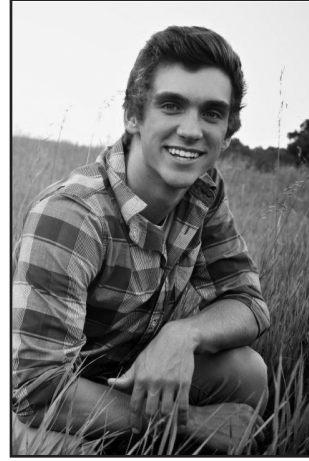
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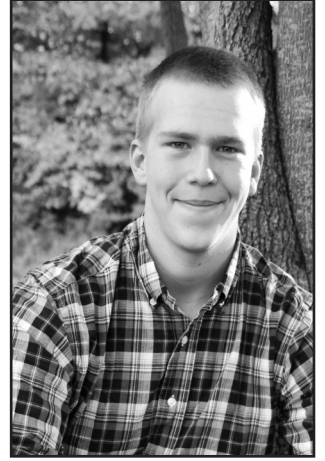
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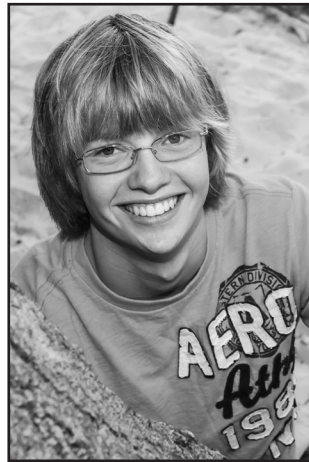
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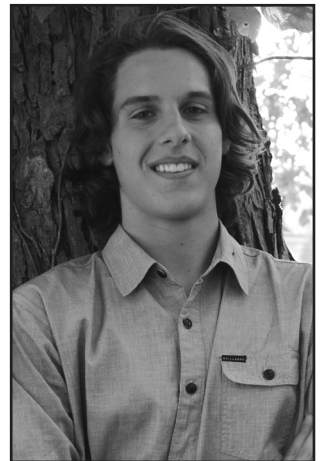
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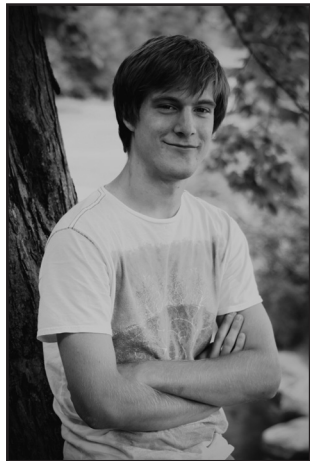
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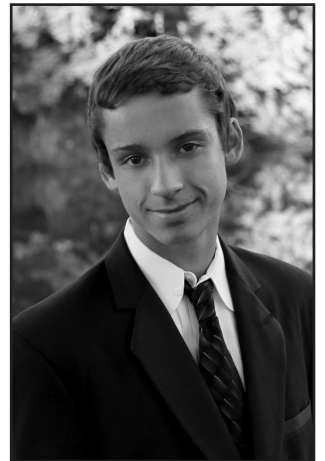
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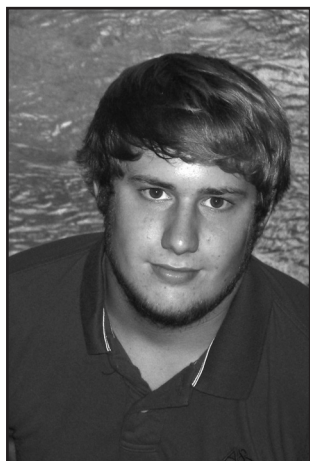
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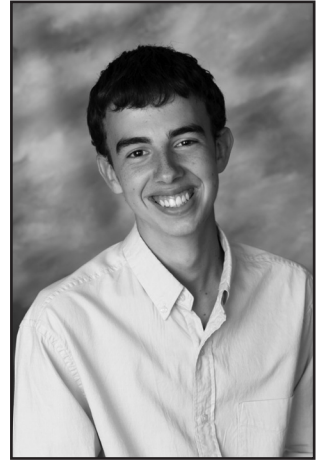
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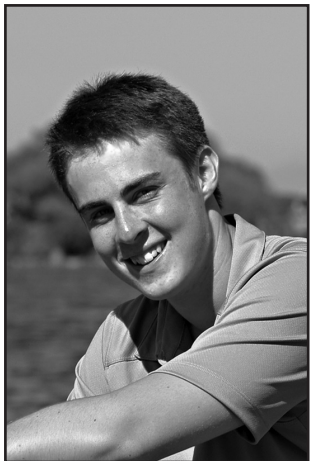
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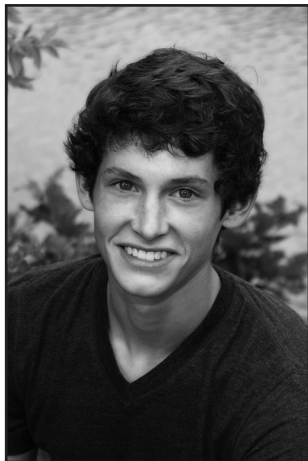
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They go to the  
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of child-raising,  
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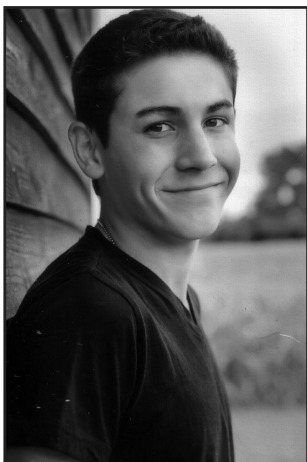
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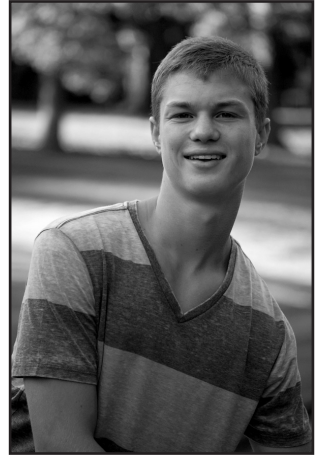
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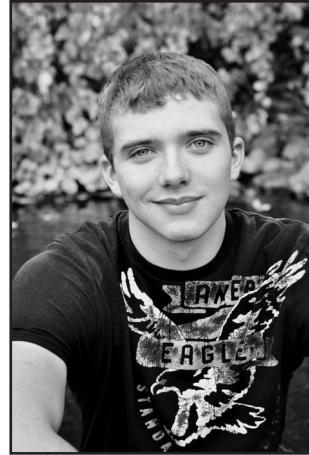


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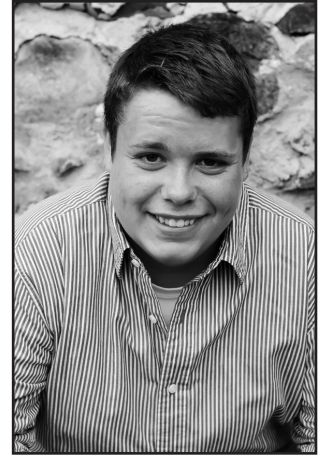
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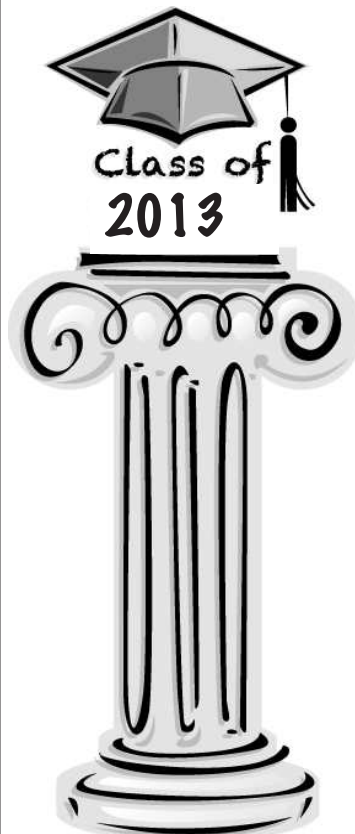
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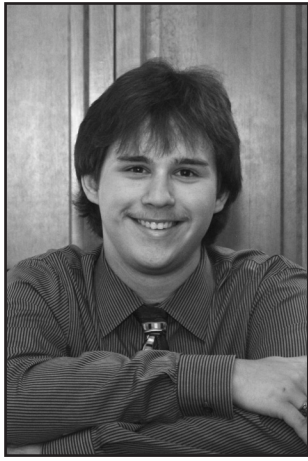
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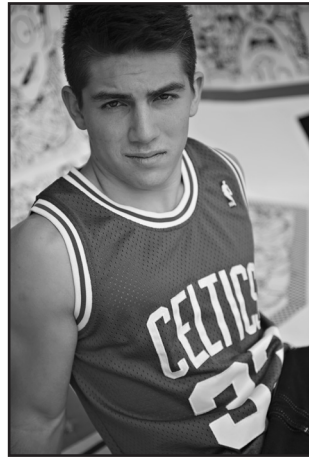
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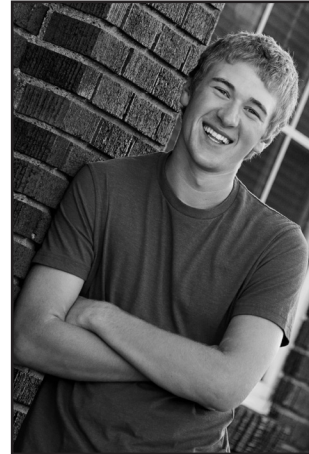
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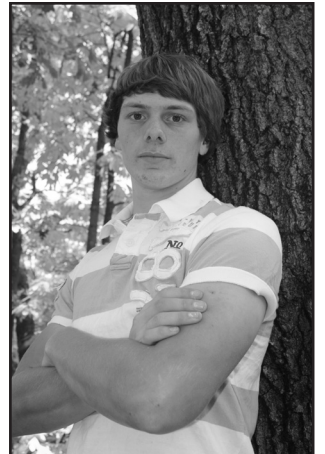
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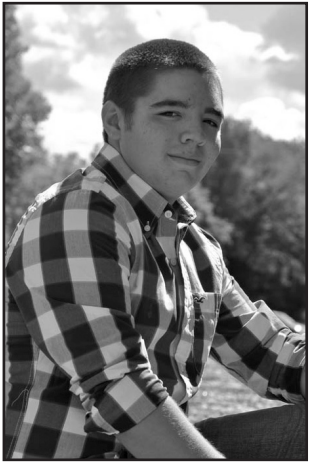
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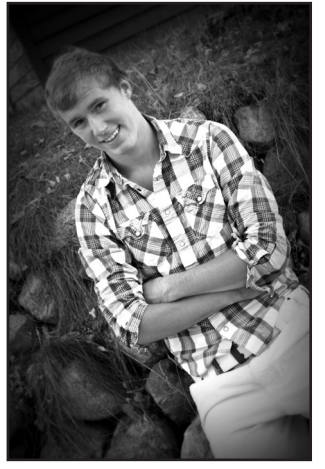
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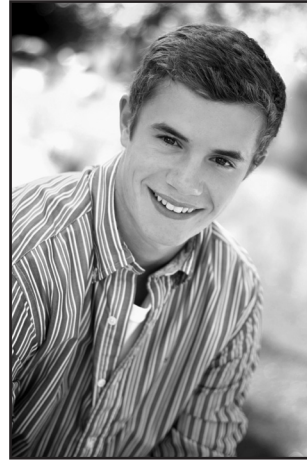


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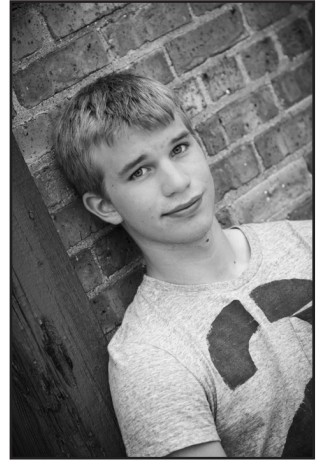
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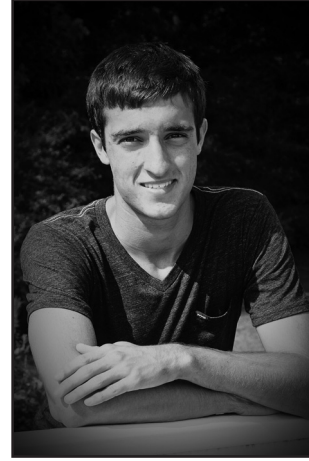
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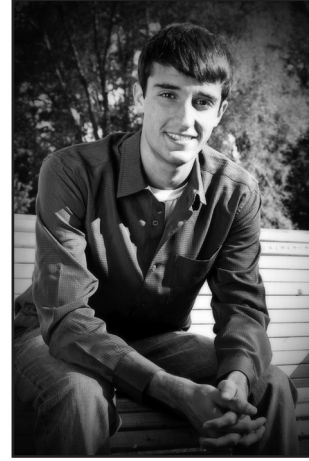
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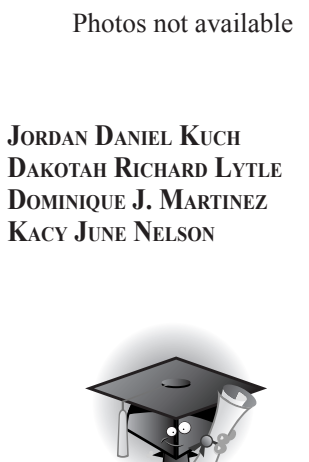
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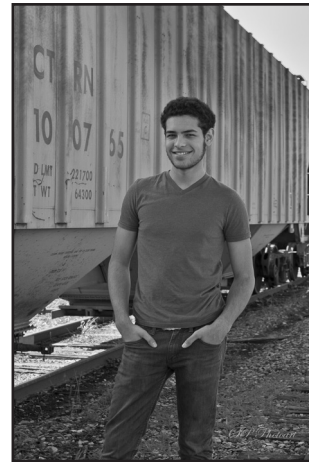


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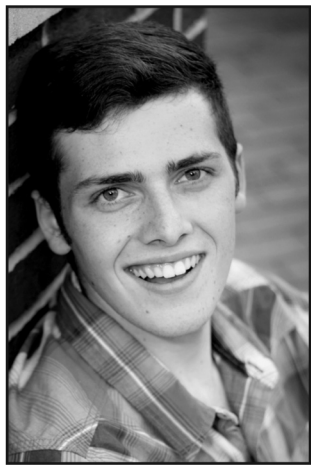


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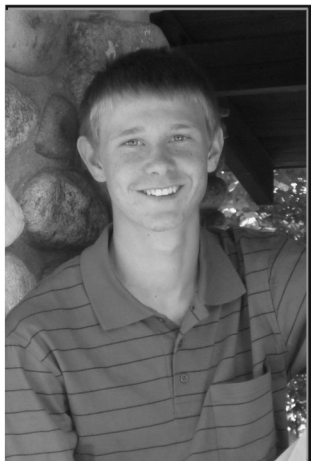
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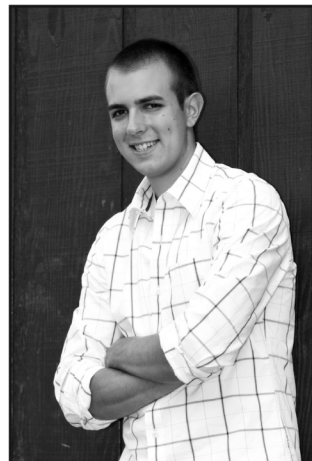
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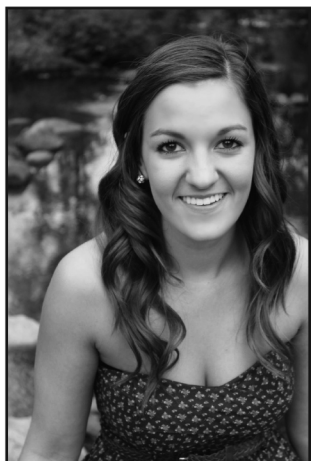
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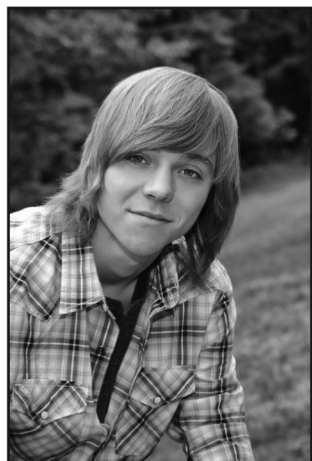
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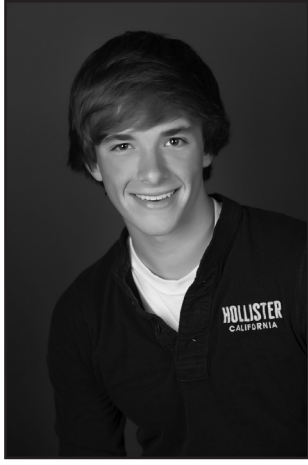


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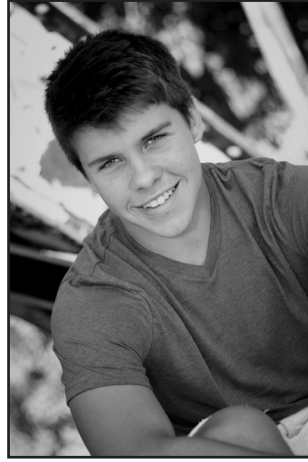
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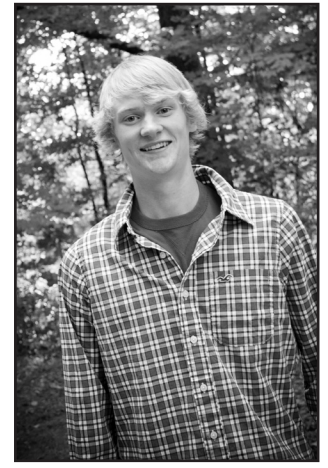
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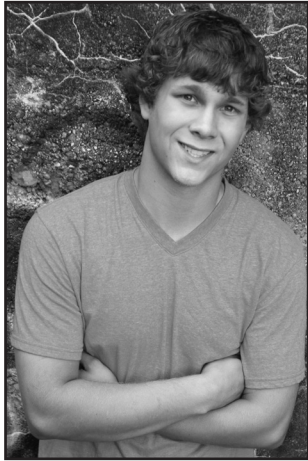
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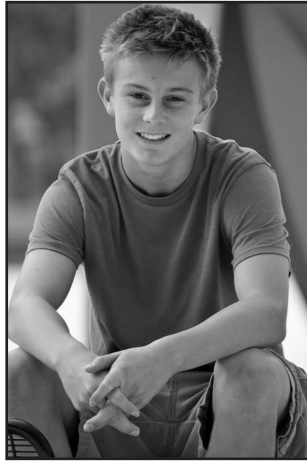
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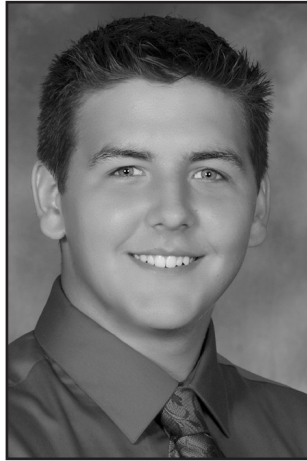
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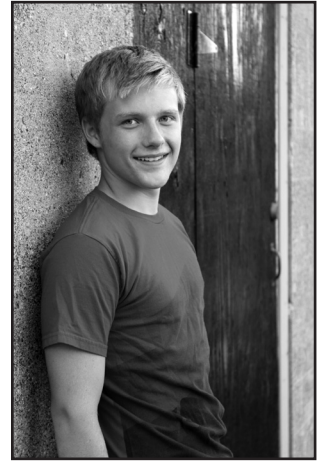
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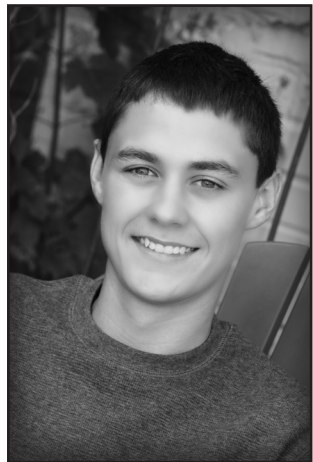
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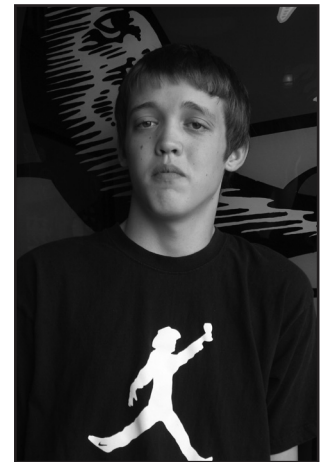
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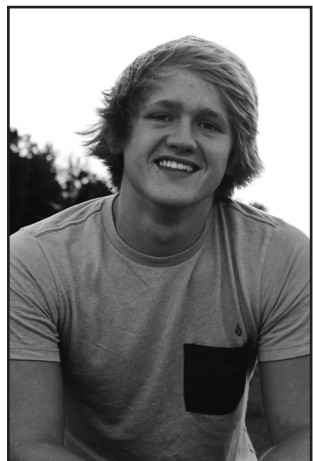
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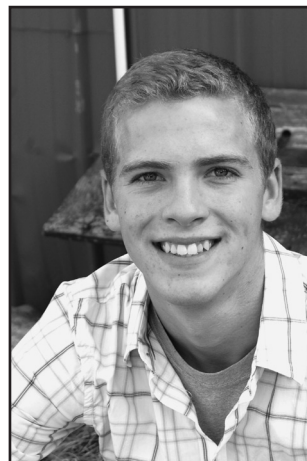
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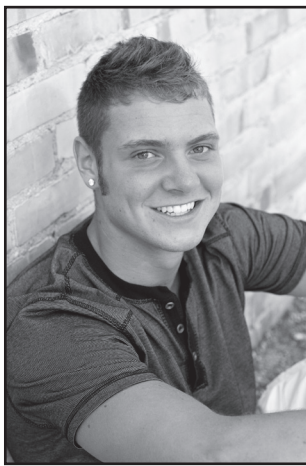
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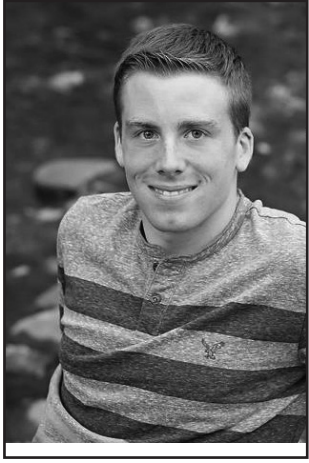
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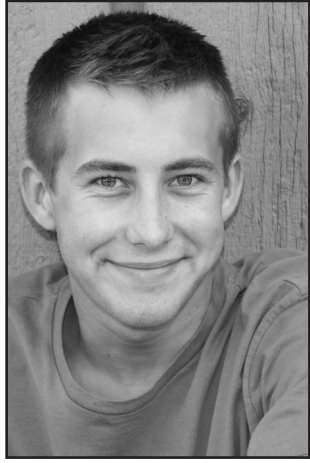
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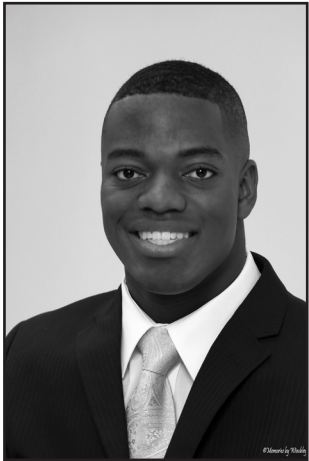
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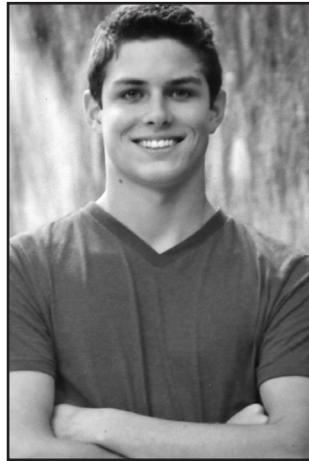
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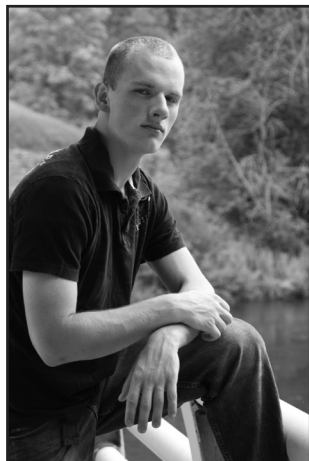
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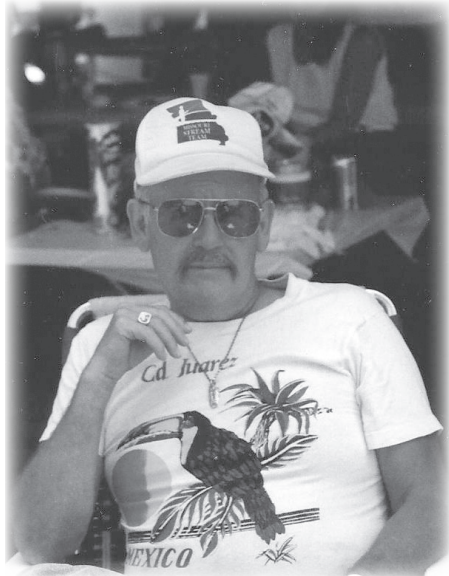
  
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# obituaries

## ESTES

Terry Mahlon Estes, aged 74, of Saranac, passed away May 25, 2013 in Grand Rapids. He was born July 29, 1938 in Grand Rapids the son of Mahlon and Thelma (Rodgers) Estes. Terry worked for General Motors until retiring in 1997. He loved to hunt and fish and was an avid reader. He lived life his way. Surviving are his mother, Thelma Estes Bishop of Cascade; children, Roger Estes of Saranac, Mark (Tina) Estes of Belding, Steven Estes of Saranac, Terri Sue (Andrew) Fonger of Lowell and Joe Estes of Lowell; grandson, Preston Estes; brother, Brian (Lynne) Estes of Cascade; sisters, Karen Franchi of Cascade and Leann Kenney of Florida; uncle, Eldon Rodgers; nieces and nephews, Angelo Franchi, Chris Estes, Leslie Blue, Erin Kenney and Jamie Kenney. He was preceded in death by his father, Mahlon. Memorial services were held Friday, May 31, 2013 at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Pastor Greg Gladding officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)



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# Rocking retirement

Generations ago, retirement was thought of as a time to take it easy — a time of rocking on porch chairs and reminiscing about the good old days. That's not the case with the current generation of retirees. In fact, many older people today continue to rock on. Just look at some of the superstars touring and performing concerts this year who are old enough to collect Social Security retirement payments. They're still rocking, but not in chairs. Bob Dylan is on tour, as he usually is during summer months. Dylan is 71 years old but with a recent album and new tour dates, you would never know he was of retirement age. Neil Young is touring with Crazy Horse to support their new album. The "godfather of grunge"

is 67 years young. He has become the "Old Man" he sang about in his Harvest days.

Paul McCartney's current "Out There" tour may more appropriately be called his "Up There" tour. The former Beatle is now age 70.

Willie Nelson is "On the Road Again." The music icon is 79 years old and seems to be on a nonstop tour.

Aretha Franklin is 71. Carlos Santana is 65. Carly Simon is 67. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are both 69, as is Joni Mitchell. Leonard Cohen is 78. B.B. King is 87. They are all still performing their music.

Of course, some of these well-known musicians may not be eligible to receive Social Security benefits. But all of them are of retirement age. So where are their rocking chairs and knitting needles?

It's hard to believe, looking at all of these mature stars, that retirement used to be associated with bridge and shuffleboard. It's not just musicians. In fact, many people decide to put off applying for retirement benefits. Even after they do begin collecting benefits, many "retirees" prefer to keep working — or at least moving and shaking.

Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits by reading our publication on the subject at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

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

## In Loving Memory of ERIN LYNN OSBURN

Age 23, of Lowell

Passed away unexpectedly on May 22, 2013. She was a graduate of Lowell High School.



Erin was welcomed home with open arms by her father Mark L. Osburn (Punky), Uncles David and Nubby and both sets of grandparents. Surviving are her mother, Susan (Osburn) Brondyk, many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins, along with many friends.

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 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 13-193207-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

May 28, 2013

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, J. Bentley, died 11/15/2012.

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

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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. LowellLitho, 105N. Broadway, 897-9261.

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>

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>

TRAILER FOR SALE - In good shape! \$2,000 obo. 2 bed, 1 bath at Valley Vista. New carpet and built in AC unit. Call Sue at 360-481-3226.

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CENTRAL BOILER CLASSIC OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE - Provides safe, clean heat. 25 year warranty. Great summer sale! Example: 6048 model, \$1150 off. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

1994 MOBILE HOME - 16x70, woman owned, excellent condition. 2 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living room, washer & dryer, 8x8 shed. Can be seen at Canterbury Estates, lot 50. Can be moved. Must sell. Asking \$12,000 obo. Call 616-527-2716.

1990 CHEVY - 3/4 ton extended cab 4x4 truck. Drives & runs good & dependable. \$2,750. Call Dave at 291-4273.

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.

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>

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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

WANTED - someone to rototille approx. 20x20 garden area. Please call 616-676-0287.

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## sales

MOVING SALE - corner of Howard St. & Lincoln Lake, Lowell (in town). Free gift to buyers. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sat., June 8.

GARAGE SALE - June 7 & 8, 9 to ? Couch (\$150), wingback chair (\$50), 60 piece set dishes, household, toys, boys clothes (0-4T) everything in great condition. 9541 Fulton.

GARAGE SALE - Sat., June 8, 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. only. 1680 Parnell Ave. SE. New stained glass from Artist Studio, McCoy pottery, antique kitchen utensils, never worn 2XL tall mens sport shirts & leather coat, wicker furniture, misc. camping supplies, household items.

## misc.

FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL IN THE FIELDS - June 15, rain or shine! 11650 Downes St., Lowell. Live music, swing dance lessons, frisbee golf, kite flying, wagon rides, crafts, good eats. Adm. \$20/car load. Proceeds go to scholarship fund.

COINCIDENCE MAYBE - from Nashville, TN, performing and testifying at Celebrate Recover, Thurs., June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Impact Church, 1069 Hudson.

## in memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY of Cheryl Murphy, 10/31/55 - 6/8/2010. Jerry Strauss, 11/1/47 - 8/4/2010. Gone, but always in our hearts. Love, your family

## in memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Faye L. Egan who passed away five years ago on June 1, 2008

As we grow, we understand, for we look back and see, through older eyes and wiser hearts, your love and loyalty.

It's these and many other things that make you grow more dear, with every thought and memory, with every passing year.

We love and miss you. Love, Gerald (Honey), Sally, Josh, Matt & Chris & family. (Precious Patches, Alie-Max)

## services

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

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

EVERY THURSDAY - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL - Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Friendship Country Chapel, 10200 Grand River Ave. Moms & grandmas come pray for our kids & schools. Contact Missy at 308-7920 or missykooistra@gmail.com with any questions.

ORIGAMI - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

CANCER-TEEN & TWEEN TALK GROUP - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. - A group for youth in middle or high school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

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

KNITTING - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class by Cathie Richter. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

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

GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - KIDS GROUP - Second & fourth Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

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

TODDLER THURSDAY - Every Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & learning. Ages 18 mo. - 36 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

DOWN IN THE DIRT NATURE CRAFTS - Dig into nature-inspired crafts w/ideas & materials from Mother Nature. For all ages. Thurs., June 27, 1:30 p.m. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. 784-2007.

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

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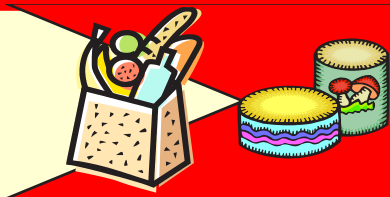
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