

Arson suspected in White's Bridge burning

by Will Greenberg
contributing reporter

It's a sad week for Ionia and surrounding counties after the historic White's Covered Bridge burned down Sunday morning.

The bridge, built in 1869 and the oldest covered bridge in the state, appears to have been burnt down intentionally. Ionia Sheriff Dale Miller said early investigations indicate an accelerant was used to start the fire.

Ionia County Fire Chief Gregg Moore said the fire was called in about a quarter after 5 a.m. on Sunday. When firefighters arrived on the scene they found no one else present and while no one was hurt they were unable to save the bridge.

Paul Spitzley, Highway Engineer of the Ionia County Road Commission, said the original bridge is a "complete loss." The wooden bridge, charred and still smoking in some locations as of yesterday, collapsed into the Flat River blocking boat traffic. The guard rails on land

were also burnt about five feet down the rail, trees in the surrounding area were lightly singed with no serious damage, and the steps down to the river's shore were burnt half a dozen steps up.

After inspection by a State Fire Marshall as well as a canine unit it was determined an accelerant was likely used to fuel the fire and police have started an arson investigation. Police have interviewed local residents and have general leads on possible suspects, but were unable to give comment on specifics.

"There's no normal reason for that bridge to catch on fire," Moore said. "Whatever happened was induced somehow, somehow."

Lowell native Gregg Canfield has already organized a \$1,000 reward for any information that will lead to finding the arsonists and the state's arson hotline is taking calls as well.

The Road Commission cannot issue a time estimate for when the rubble can



Only the stone abutments on either end of the bridge can be salvaged for a new bridge, Ionia Road Commission says.

be cleared until the police investigation is over. However, since water flow is still strong and there are no concerns of water contamination, the

Commission says there is no immediate need to clear the area.

The White's Bridge has required some care in the

past and had experienced fires and other minor

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2013 Riverwalk Festival starts tomorrow

The annual Lowell Riverwalk Festival promises to be three days of fun beginning Thursday, July 11 through Saturday.

The Riverwalk Festival enters its 19th year, which started as a fundraiser when the Township decided to hire their first ever paid employee.

At that time they held it on Labor day Weekend, and it was quite a bit different then it is now. The only thing we still do is the arts and craft and the duck race.

For Liz Baker, the director of the Chamber of Commerce, the past 19 years have been a blur.

"Today Riverwalk is the Chamber of Commerce's major fundraiser and at the same time it has grown into a really fun family festival in Lowell," Baker said. "Many other events have sprouted since then."

This year the festival added a motorcycle ride and rumble, and a parade where people on the sidelines

give out canned food for donation, instead of candy.

"We do pontoon rides, kayak and canoe racing," Baker said. "We have entertainment as well. This year we will be doing something a little different with open mic, where people can come up to the stage and demonstrate their talents."

Baker has called the festival a three day event, which has become one full day and two nights that takes summer concerts and roll it into one.

The Kent County Youth Fair royal court will be hosting a royal court breakfast, and are planning on hosting it on the showboat.

"We have to wait to see of the showboat is deemed safe to use," Baker said. "We have had some issues that we have had to address because of the flood."

There won't be a poker run this year, but a regular motorcycle run where they will hand out prizes and ride

out until the final duck race.

The turnout last year was around 15,000 in those three days, whether it was for just the fireworks or all of the other activities.

"I think we will have a lot of people come out whether it was as hot as last year or not," Baker said.

Riverwalk will take place in the historic portion

of Lowell on July 11, 12 and 13, going from 6 pm to 9 pm on the first two days, and 10 am into the night on the third and final day.

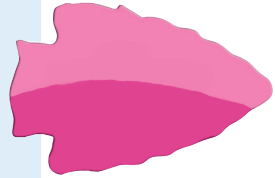
Fireworks from Stoney Lakeside will begin at 10:15 pm sharp after the 5 pm duck race on the river.

Pre-numbered tickets will be sold for the duck race which goes in the river for a chance to be a \$1,000 winner.

"The last couple of years the duck sales haven't been great," Baker said. "We've always been right around 6,000-6,500 ducks."

There will be a photo-booth run by Modern Photographics, where a ticket purchased for the duck race can be used to get a free picture taken.

The two decade old festival will provide a food court which will include a pizza cart run by Flat River Grill, with a few other local businesses contributing with vendors.



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126 Army Band concert draws biggest crowd

by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

With impeccable timing the 126 Army Band brought their talents to Lowell Thursday evening to celebrate Independence Day in military fashion.

Under the current direction of Chief Warrant Officer Jon Montgomery, the group of musicians has performed throughout the United States, London, Italy, Australia and Latvia for all branches of the Armed Forces.

This marked their third time in Lowell under Montgomery's command, which wielded the biggest turnout in the Summer Concert Series so far.

"Two-hundred and thirty-seven years ago we started a big fight," Montgomery said while on stage before a crowd that stretched far beyond the library. "A lot of these people could be a lot of different places, but they decided to come here and share it with us."

Among those surprised by the massive turnout was Montgomery, who said they're happy even if its only two people in attendance. Especially if one of them is a veteran.



A select few band members stepped off the stage to play a few country songs for the crowd.

"Some of these parents here haven't been able to hug their son or daughter in a couple of years and they can hug us," he said. "Some won't hug them ever again."

Many families ventured out to witness the band while they played various types of music ranging from symphonic to country. However, not all of the spectators were crammed on to the grass stretching out along the Riverwalk.



The crowd Thursday evening was more than double the nights before.

Pete and Mary Wallner have lived in Lowell for nine years and always try to make it to the concerts during the summer on Thursdays. Tonight they were one of the few who were out on the water, watching the band play.

"It's unique because it's a nice option," said Pete Wallner, who was watching from a kayak. "Not everyone wants to fight the crowds downtown in Grand Rapids."

The Army Band sang happy birthday to a member in the audience and at one point played the song for each military branch, saluting each veteran as they stood up.

He plays the french horn and does a little singing too. The 35-member band differed in ages from 18 to 60-year-olds, Schwallier said.

At one point the band stepped off stage to greet those who came out to see the show, giving a select few band members a chance to play some country music.

"During our annual training we get groups together where we play jazz, country and rock," Schwallier said. "We tend to look at the crowd when choosing which type of music to play."

Sergeant First Class Andrew Schwallier has been with the Army Band for 22 years and considers the other members to be a second family to him.

And the reason why Schwallier keeps coming back every year to play in the band?

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issues from campers or accidents, but for the most part remained stable. The Road Commission said the bridge was almost entirely original material up until it was destroyed. The last renovations were done in the 1990s where small repairs were made to strengthen the old wood along the way.

According to Spitzley, only the supporting abutments on either side may be recovered for use in a new bridge. Creating a replica of the one-lane bridge would cost around \$800,000, while building one to modern standards would cost upwards of \$2 million. Despite the lower cost and local love for the old design, Spitzley said that a one-lane bridge is simply impractical to accommodate all vehicles.

“From a road perspective we would not be interested in rebuilding this bridge,” he said.

Spitzley added that the Road Commission plans to set up a meeting with surrounding residents to decide on the design of a new bridge and determine if there’s enough money for such a project.

While some already have voiced hopes to see a replica or memorial built, many from the Ionia area are still in shock and grief about the loss of one of Michigan’s historic icons.

Pete Odland owns the house closest to the bridge where his mailbox was built into White’s Bridge. Odland didn’t witness the fire, the house is up the drive from the bridge, and only learned

about it the morning after through Facebook messages of friends in the fire department. Upon learning the fire was an act of arson, Odland said it, “made it all the worse.”

Karlene Johson, a Smyrna native, expressed her sadness about the loss, but is already looking to move on. Johnson said she hopes to organize



Ionia Fire Chief Greg Moore (center right) meets with state fire marshal and Ionia Road Commission.

“I’m just at a loss for words. I can’t imagine somebody doing that on many different levels,” Odland said. “Yesterday at the bridge I heard somebody make the comment that whoever did that ‘stole the bridge from the community’ and that really nailed it.”

Odland said the bridge was a very personal symbol to him and to his uncle (who had previously lived in the house), and that losing the bridge was like, “losing a member of the family.” Odland had even written a poem about the bridge and his uncle which is included in this week’s paper.

a community project to gather funds to either support a replica or at least a memorial. Still, Johnson shares the feeling with others from Ionia County that the original bridge, as special as it was, could never truly be replaced.

“A replica will always be a replica,” Johnson said.

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Pictured above are Legion board members Gordon Newell and Richard Vorase presenting a new flag to Lowell Chamber executive director, Liz Baker, for the Showboat for the 4th of July concert and the upcoming Riverwalk Festival. The Legion became aware that the old flag we beginning to look a bit unraveled and wanted to put a new one up for the holiday and the 126 Army Band’s concert.



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Christopher C. Godbold

Don't get trampled by the "herd"

Every year in early July, thousands of people "run with the bulls" in Pamplona, Spain. While the event is exciting, it is also hazardous, and many runners have gotten badly injured over the years. As an investor, you may find that running with the herd is dangerous to you, too — because if you're constantly following what everyone else is doing, your own financial goals could end up getting "trampled."

The urge to run with the herd, or follow the crowd, may have been hard-wired into our psyches, according to anthropologists. In prehistoric times, running with the pack may have helped people minimize danger or increase their chances for finding food. But today, there are far fewer rewards for following a herd mentality — especially in investing.

For example, consider what happens when the

financial markets go through a period of volatility. Virtually every time this happens, many investors flock to gold, apparently believing that the shiny yellow metal will always be valuable and that its price will never drop. Yet, the fact is that gold prices, like those of other financial assets, do fluctuate. Furthermore, certain types of gold-based investments can be quite risky in their own right.

What other "follow the herd" movements should you avoid when you invest? For one thing, try to stay away from "feeding frenzies." If you look back about 15 years ago, you may remember the buzz surrounding speculative technology stocks — many of which were companies that had futuristic names but lacked some useful elements, such as profits or business strategies. For a few years, the prices of these companies soared, but in 2000 and 2001, the "dot-com" bubble burst,

splattering investors with big losses that were either irreversible or, at the least, took years from which to recover.

The herd mentality often applies even when investors know the right moves to make. To illustrate: One of the most basic rules of investing is "buy low, sell high" — and yet many investors do the exact opposite. When prices drop, they sell, so that they can cut their losses — even though they may be selling investments that, while temporarily down, still have strong potential. On the other hand, when an investment's price has shot up, these same investors will often keep buying more shares, hoping to reap even bigger gains — even if the investment has now become quite expensive, as measured by the price-to-earnings ratio, and has little upside potential remaining.

Instead of emulating other investors, think about your own financial goals and create a viable strategy for achieving them, taking into account your risk tolerance and time horizon. Look for quality investments and hold them for the long term. Don't be discouraged by the inevitable market downturns, but be ready to adjust your portfolio as needed. Above all else, be patient and disciplined, always keeping your eye on your ultimate objectives.

It can feel comfortable when you're in the midst of a herd — but it can lead you to places where, as an investor, you don't want to go. Steer clear of the crowds and go your own way.

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to the editor,

Looking forward to annual visit home

Dear Editor,

We are just completing our second trip to Lowell in an RV and staying at the fairgrounds. My husband, Steve, and I both grew up in Lowell graduating in 1967, but have lived in other states since 1978. We come home each year to visit family and friends and now after retirement, we are able to spend some quality time

enjoying our hometown.

It is interesting to view Lowell as a tourist. We can appreciate the beauty of the area, the homes that have been renovated, the improvements to the downtown and more. We do in Lowell what we do in other towns when we camp - shop the stores, eat in the restaurants, bicycle through the city and visit

surrounding areas. What is sorely needed is an RV park where others can enjoy Lowell as we do.

We hear rumors of the fairgrounds needing to move in the future. This would be an ideal opportunity to add an RV park to the evacuated property - close to town; easy to walk around (and spend money!); restaurants to enjoy; etc. The confluence of the two rivers makes it an especially beautiful area to RV camp. While RV camping in the fairgrounds, we enjoy the quiet area and appreciate the hard work of those preparing for the upcoming fair. Folks would love staying here.

Lowell has a wonderful, rich history and has more to offer than many of the towns we visit. We were privileged last summer to ride the pontoon boat down the river with Dale Kropf narrating interesting facts and history of the town. We learned tidbits we never knew even though we grew up here. We also visited the wonderful museum and thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits there, again learning more about the area.

We have a suggestion - visitors would enjoy seeing glass or plastic-enclosed/framed information boards placed along Main Street. These could point to the

old logging areas, the old button factory, the Indian encampments, the history of King Milling, etc. The entrances of the city state that Lowell is a historic district, but not everyone is lucky enough to visit the museum or talk to Lowell history buffs like Mr. Kropf.

During this visit I was privileged to read Dr. Reagan's autobiography and thoroughly enjoyed it. He and his family are one of many families who have contributed so much to the city. One point he makes at the end of his book is how sad he was that Lowell didn't maintain the pool for the youth of the city.

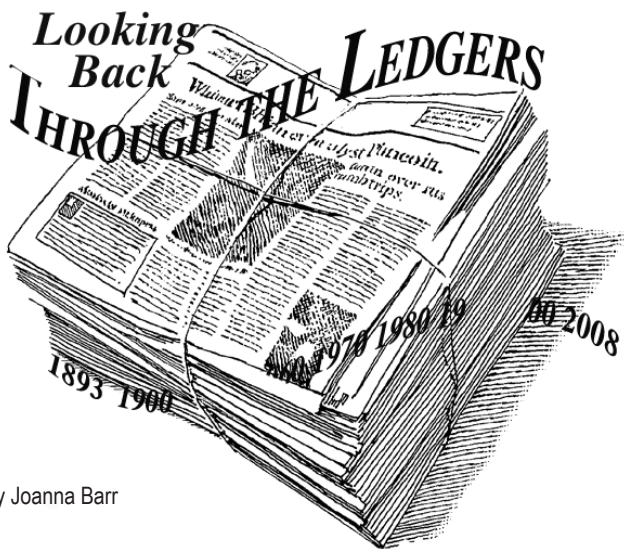
I managed the pool for several years and the Reagan family was one of many families from the city

who enjoyed the pool daily. We gave needed swimming lessons, had adult swims, taught synchronized swimming, had shows at the end of the season and, most importantly, offered a healthy, happy place for the children of the city.

It has been difficult to understand why this hasn't happened again. The fairgrounds area was an ideal place for the pool because children and youth could safely ride their bikes to swim.

We look forward to our annual visits home and love to see all that is happening in this busy town. People care about this community and it shows.

Kay Collins
San Antonio, Texas



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Journal July 16, 1873

Bay Colt Sucker – This celebrated colt was recently purchased of Mr. S. S. Kelley of Champagne, Ill., by Messrs. G. W. Parker and Chas. Van Avery of this village. Bay Colt Sucker, sired by the well-known Billet, is two-years-old, 15 3/4 hands high and carries splendid style. He comes from an excellent source and promises to do credit to his family connections. He was entered in the running race for two-year-olds at Chicago, before being sold to Parker and Van Avery. Sucker can be seen at G. W. Parker's barn on Hudson Street. It is said by experienced horsemen that he will make a fast runner.

Some men have no idea whatever, of the fitness of things. Last week a man drove a yoke of "mulley" oxen up in front of a saloon on Bridge Street and stepped in to refresh himself. How much better it would look if that man would occasionally give those oxen a horn.

A boy only seven or eight-years-old was found very drunk in our village a few days ago. Is anybody responsible?

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 10, 1913

Pure food officer visits Lowell again. Monday Wm. J. Mickle, state pure food inspector, summoned L. F. Chubb before Justice Andrews for non-compliance with law, which requires posting of a card "Oleomargarine Sold Here." A fine of \$50 and costs were administered and paid.

Headline: Opening races at Lowell Saturday. All signs point to a record-breaking attendance at the

opening matinee of the Lowell Driving association at Recreation Park Saturday. \$325 in purses are offered, extensive advertising has been done and entries from surrounding towns insure fast races... Secretary F. B. Rhodes has been putting in overtime to insure a successful matinee and thinks he has the goods. President Fineis assures us that proper police conditions will be maintained so that no repetition of disturbances like those of a former occasion are looked for. Certainly none will be tolerated.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 14, 1938

C. H. Runciman, now world famous interlocutor, is having controversy with the general Showboat committee. "Runcie" purchased a new admiral's uniform last year and since that time has gained 20 pounds in weight. He claims that as long as he wears the suit once a year at the Showboat that the Showboat committee should stand the expense of a new suit. The committee agreed to the reasonableness of his demand so they took his suit over to Mrs. B. C. Smith for repairs. The suit was returned to Mr. Runciman this morning and after trying it on and examining it, he got mad and has had Frank Coons order him a new white admiral's uniform and he is going to pay for it himself because, he said while he did not mind the V-shaped Dutchman in the pants, he would feel greatly embarrassed if he should happen to turn his back toward the audience and show the big gusset in the back of his coat.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 11, 1963

Work has been progressing well this week on the reconstruction of the Showboat and the boat dock. The bleachers are being set up and sound equipment is being installed in preparation for Saturday night's amateur contest. The talent event begins at 7 pm in the Showboat stadium. Thirty-five acts, screened Saturday afternoon from a field of 63, will compete for the six berths aboard the Robert E. Lee XXXII this year. The charge is 60 cents, with children under 12 admitted free.

That note in last week's column about the distressed motorist at Fallasburg Park who called the police for assistance in getting his lady friend back home to her husband had some results. The lady in question called the police department to vociferously complain.

The holiday weekend in Lowell was very peaceful according to the Lowell Police Department. A record number of accidents and deaths occurred around

the state, but Lowell had none. Police were called, however, on two or three occasions to investigate firecracker explosions and carbide cannon blasts, but otherwise all the calls were the regular husband-beating-wife and drunks-on-the-lawn variety.

Writer Glendon Swarthout stopped in Lowell briefly Wednesday while on his way to visit his father in Lowell. The former Lowell man who achieved recognition for his novels "They Came to Cordura" and "Where The Boys Are" as well as for "Welcome to Thebes," reputedly an expose of Lowell life, said his next book tentatively titled "The Cadillac Cowboys" will be brought out by Random House at the end of the year.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 13, 1988

Carpenter's feed earns a "Blue Ribbon"- Scott Carpenter has raised hogs and beef cattle, farmed a 1,000 acre crop, sold feed on the road in Sanduskey, worked for his father in a feed business for six years and today he owns and operates the Blue Ribbon Feed Company in Lowell. If it sounds like Carpenter has had a hand in all phases of the feed business, he has. The Lake Odessa native runs a feed outlet strictly for cats, dogs, rabbits, ducks, chickens, lambs, horses, pigs and calves. While some of that is purchased, Carpenter is able to manufacture his own horse, calf, pig, chicken and wild bird feed. "I bought Blue Ribbon Feed Company from my father on July 1, 1983. Prior to that it was called Feed Place," Carpenter said. His father opened Feed Place in 1976. The grain Carpenter uses to manufacture the feed is bought from the local farmers. "Corn and oats are used in most feeds," Carpenter said.

Trucker's brakes freeze up. Tony Chudzinski, 27, Fremont, Ohio; a truck driver for Equity Transport, had his rig catch on fire while he was eastbound on Main Street Wednesday, July 6. Chudzinski was carrying air conditioners, which he picked up in Grand Rapids and was to drop off in Pittsburgh. The Fremont resident heard a loud noise, which prompted him to stop his truck to take a look. He found smoke coming from his truck's rear right side. Hearing the same noise, Jean Jeltema, Lowell; looked out her kitchen window and saw smoke at first, and then a flame. She then called the Lowell Fire Department. Chudzinski said he thought his brakes froze up and were cause for the problem. He added that none of the freight he was carrying was damaged.

In The Service

Navy Seaman Jacob J. Kelley, son of Mary E. and Kevin J. Kelley of Ada, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits

the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Kelley is a 2008 graduate of Rockford High School and a 2012 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a BA degree.

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



mosquito repellent

The combination of constant rain and warm weather has resulted in a large mosquito population this spring. The worry about West Nile Virus has many parents asking what is the best and safest mosquito repellent to use.

Many studies have shown that the most effective repellent is DEET. This is the active ingredient in "Off" and other major brands. The repellents vary in DEET concentration.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has commented on DEET use on children. It is not recommended for use on infants under two months of age. It should be applied sparingly to exposed skin, not under clothing. Do not use on the hands, or on cuts,

or around the eyes or mouth. DEET concentrations from 10 to 30 percent appear to be safe for children. The effectiveness of DEET appears to maximize at 30 percent. The main difference in concentrations is the duration of protection. DEET at 10 percent is effective for two hours, 24 percent DEET lasts about five hours. There is no data regarding skin absorption of DEET in children as a function of age.

DEET should only be applied once per day. Do not use combination products such as sunscreen combined with DEET. This is because sunscreens need to be reapplied multiple times during the day.

college news

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2013 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

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Farm Bureau and Mike Curtis love Lowell and Pink Arrow Pride

Will Greenberg
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow gains another sponsor as coach Michael Curtis gets his local business involved in the program.

Curtis owns and operates the Farm Bureau Insurance agency located on Lowell's Main Street and is also the offensive coordinator for the Red Arrow's football team.

Curtis himself is a Lowell native, an alumni of Lowell High School, and his father owns and operates a dry cleaners that happens to be right next door to Curtis' current office.

Farm Bureau is operated only by Curtis and assistant agent Kimm Keller. They offer coverage for nearly everything including home, life, auto and business and as a Michigan specific organization they can offer residents lower rates than national chains.

Curtis said an estimated 80 percent of his clients are Lowell residents and that most are familiar faces to him and Keller.

"It's a real friendly kind of office," Keller said. "I'll get people that I call up to pay or I'll just get people that want to come in and pay their premium and sit and have a cup of coffee."

As a lifelong resident of Lowell, Curtis said he "definitely loves" the town and

also enjoys the friendly atmosphere created at Farm Bureau.

"We love the people, we love being part of a small town," Curtis said. "It really has a sense of community, this town does, where it's separated from neighboring places so that makes it a pretty special place."

Part of that community building includes the Pink Arrow program which both Curtis and Keller said helps to bring together an already tight knit community.

Curtis has made efforts to get involved in Pink Arrow outside of coaching the team through sponsorships for events like the pre-game coin flip. Curtis said he was happy to see the continued spread of awareness and collection of funds for cancer research.

With his insider perspective as a coach, Curtis said the game can be valuable not just for those suffering, but also for the student-athletes involved in the event.

"It's really an honor for them (the players) to be able to play for something bigger than themselves," Curtis said. "I think those kids really take that to heart. They think about how it's affected them or affected members of the community that



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they're a part of and I think they really feel important being able to help the community out."

Curtis said that leading up to the Pink Arrow that a palpable bond among the town can be felt with the various events and sponsorships included in the Pink Arrow program.

Keller, who has only worked in Lowell for five months, commuting from her home in the Caledonia area, said she's never seen an event like Pink Arrow

before and is new to the festivities.

However, Keller said the program was very important for raising funds and

learned from dealing with her father who passed away from the disease.

Keller said the two most important ways to

them normally.

"Treat them like you normally would, because they're still the person, their body is just sick," Keller said.

Of the Pink Arrow game, Keller suggested that the program could expand to surrounding communities and get as many people involved as possible. Keller said advertisements on the radio or television could help to spread the word of Pink Arrow and that possibly added events for kids and families could help to make Pink Arrow a landmark event.

educating people who may not know how to deal with an ill loved-one. Keller shared her own cancer experience, offering lessons she

help a cancer patient are to have friends and doctors keep a good sense of humor and to not "coddle" those afflicted, but treating

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~ Michael Curtis

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Throughout July the Lowell Ledger and the Buyers Guide will highlight the stories of area cancer survivors. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their experiences as they walk through the many phases of their personal journey.

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Bev Hall



The day the doctor said the word cancer my whole world changed. August 7, 2012 I had a CAT scan for an annoying ache in my back.

On August 13, 2012, my husband Jim and I were together when Dr. Meier told us that I had spots in my left lung that were cancer. We thought we had caught it in its early stages so we were optimistic.

My husband, Jim Hall, was born here and I became a resident in 1968 just before we were married. He and I have four children, Troy, Tanya, Krystin and Andrea, who were raised here in the

city of Lowell. We moved to California for just under eight years, but we both felt we really needed to be back in Lowell so we came home. Jim has always been my strength and the love of my life and we would walk this journey together.

How do you find a surgeon, where do you go and what do you do when you find out you have cancer? First, we told our family and friends. We needed all the prayers and information we could get. One of my good friends immediately called Pink Arrow.

My friend, who I call the

Duchess, is a doer and a shaker. She called and told us, a Lowell resident worked at Lack's Cancer Center, and I could call her and I was given her phone number. I took her recommendation and have never been sorry. Lack's Cancer Center is a part of Saint Mary's Hospital (Mercy Health) and I was given an appointment with a surgeon, Dr. Shabahang on August 23, 2012.

I went to Dr. Shabahang and was sent for a round of appointments getting ready to have him remove the upper lobe of my left lung. We were going for tests and

appointments with doctors almost every day. I prayed that I was healthy enough for the surgery. I am 70-years-old and my age could work against me. The tests were good and the surgery was scheduled. It never occurred to me that the surgery might not be successful.

September brought the Pink Arrow game. I was called and told that as I am fighting cancer, a young lady, Abby Petroelje, would be playing volleyball in my honor as part of Pink Arrow Pride. What a wonderful tribute. Abby is a very special person.

I don't remember the day I had the surgery, September 24, at all except, waking up and having my husband say that wisps of the cancer had spread to my aorta and it was too risky to remove a portion of the lung. I was in terrible pain and felt I had the surgery for nothing as we were told I had months to live.

We asked the oncologist if chemo and/or radiation would prolong my life. Maybe, but only about two years at the most. I was in the hospital several days and found myself grieving for my family, missing weddings, births and graduations.

The grieving was horrible. Nurses sat with me while I cried, not in pain, but from my soul and my heart. My body could heal in the hospital, but I begged Dr. Shabahang to be able to go home so my soul could heal.

The evening I came home,

my soul sister brought me a dinner of chop suey knowing that I love it and needed the love she had put into making it. During the next several months my friends gathered around me and the prayer

wonderful evening it was. I am also going to be alive for my oldest grandson's wedding on July 5, 2013.

I was honored by the Lowell Woman's Club as Woman of the Year. My

"During the next several months my friends gathered around me and the prayer warriors started praying daily for me."

- Bev Hall

warriors started praying daily for me.

I had radiation every day except for weekends and chemo once a week during this period. Twelve weeks or 60 trips to Lack's Cancer Center not including, doctor appointments with the surgeon, oncologist and radiologist. It was a grueling schedule for a well person, but very difficult for someone who just had major surgery.

During this whole experience we have been given gift cards from Pink Arrow Pride to offset the purchase of gas and prescriptions as well as other needs. They also call often asking if there is anything they could do for us. This helps take the stress of extra expenses off of us. We know that Gilda's Club is available anytime for me or for my family if they need it.

I did have Christmas with my entire family together, kids and spouses, grandchildren and their girlfriends. What a

friends from this club, as well as other friends, have been exceptional during this journey and we love them all. My family would not have had an easy time without them.

In January, I started another round of chemo and more doctor appointments. 30-plus trips back and forth to the hospital. On June 10, 2013 I had another cat scan and then saw Dr. Shabahang the next day. He said he was shocked and that I am a very lucky lady as my scan no longer showed any detectable tumor. I asked him about the wisps on my aorta and he said he does not see them. I saw the oncologist the next week and he had the same prognosis as Dr. Shabahang.

We probably have more years than we thought we had. This does not mean the cancer is gone, but it does buy additional time for my family and my husband and for me to make more memories.

Dennis Anchors

Dennis' Story
(told by his wife, Debra)

In July 2012, just after his 65th birthday, Dennis Anchors, a husband of 36 years, a father of four and a grandfather to seven, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, an incurable cancer of the bone marrow. More difficult than hearing the cancer diagnosis was trying to imagine how we could ever share this news with our children. The shock of this news was overwhelming.

Originally diagnosed with bronchitis in January 2012, Dennis suspected something was wrong when he couldn't shake the nagging cough that never subsided. Dennis was also tired constantly and had completely lost his usual abundant energy.

After adjusting his blood pressure medicine for six months without successfully addressing the symptoms, his local primary physician ordered the simple hematology test in July 2012 that sent Dennis to the Spectrum

Hospital Emergency Room. The E.R. staff was surprised that Dennis walked into the hospital under his own power. Dennis was admitted to the hospital with a hemoglobin level of 6.3

(normal range is considered to be between 13 and 17). Following two days of tests and blood transfusions, Dennis and Debra returned home to await the hospital test results.

A bit devastating and not at all expected, was the news at the end of July that Dennis had a blood cancer, a 'cousin' to leukemia. At the time of diagnosis, no one in our family had ever heard of this disease. Multiple myeloma is a painful bone marrow cancer that affects the plasma cells that make antibodies.

When plasma cells become malignant, they crowd out other bone marrow cells and weaken bones so much that patients can break a bone just stepping off a curb.

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- Dennis Anchors

During the first appointment with his new oncologist at Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion in Grand Rapids, a bone marrow biopsy would reveal that Dennis required 4-6 aggressive chemotherapy treatments followed by a bone marrow transplant. The goal was remission.

The following six months would be a whirlwind and blur of appointments with oncologists on both sides of the State, chemotherapy treatments, blood transfusions, bone marrow

biopsies, a stem cell harvest and a hospital admission as long as a month in Detroit, where Dennis was to receive his bone marrow transplant. The bone marrow transplant would destroy his immune system, necessitating a sterile environment for

Dennis to recover in as his white blood cells rebuild themselves.

The support of family and friends -

If you know the Anchors family at all, you are aware that Christmas is a very big deal at their house.

The Christmas of 2012 would be very different. Circumstances dictated that the family would miss Christmas together that year. Dennis could not have contact with anyone for at least 30 days after his transplant, or until his



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Kelly Fuller

My name is Kelly Fuller and in February of 2012 at the age of 45, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I have had a mammogram every year since the age of 35 because my mother also had breast cancer. It has been 18 years for her and as I remember her going through surgery and chemo, I tried my best to follow her strength, faith and positive attitude.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having yearly mammograms. It truly saved my life. The nurses at Betty Ford and then downtown at Lemmen-Holton were amazing.

The ultrasound technologist, found a "suspicious" area and was determined to make sure the area was biopsied. Without her knowledge and her "magic" with the ultrasound machine, things could have turned out differently.

When I was diagnosed, I was devastated and worried about my family. Strangely enough, I had two very close friends go through breast cancer one year prior to my diagnosis. I watched them go through a year of hardship and although this scared me, I knew if they could do it, so could I.

They dealt with their diagnosis courageously and never complained. I tried hard to remember that as I was scheduling surgery, to make appointments and try to keep things as normal as possible at home.

My diagnosis was invasive ductal carcinoma, stage 1 grade 2, and I decided to have bilateral mastectomies. It did take me some time to

come to this decision.

Although my surgeon thought a lumpectomy was a great option, I couldn't stand the thought of going through mammograms every year and then waiting to see if something was wrong.

My surgeon understood this and worked great with me. Others may feel just fine with a lumpectomy or having one breast removed, this is their decision and the best one they can make at the time.

I have found that being informed and asking questions is very important. Find your voice, this is you and your questions do count. Do not be afraid of talking with the doctor or surgeon, they are people too.

They did a special study on my breast tissue called oncotype DX. This was to determine if I needed to have chemo. The number came back low, so I did not need to have chemo and since the cancer had not spread to any lymph nodes, I also did not need to have radiation.

This is scary to me for I certainly wanted to do everything possible to prevent any recurrent breast cancer. But my oncologist assured me that the recurrent rate was 10 percent with or without chemo so it made no sense to have chemo when in the end it wouldn't make a difference.

I was also tested for the BRAC1 gene. I felt this was important, especially since I have three daughters and I wanted to know if I could have passed the gene on to them. How fortunate it was that I did not have the BRAC1

gene! My daughters still have a one in eight chance of getting breast cancer, just like everyone. However, not having the gene is helpful in many ways.

Through a friend's suggestion, I contacted Pink Arrow Pride, filled out a Lowell Community Wellness family support form and they donated money to our family. This helped with the gene testing as well as insurance deductibles. It helped us not to have to worry about a few things.

We are so fortunate to have this great service right here in Lowell. Teresa Beachum is such a caring, kind person and was so encouraging to me even though we had never met before. I can't say thank you enough to her and the staff at Gilda's Club.

My family has always supported, volunteered and gone to the Pink Arrow game, but we never thought we'd be a part of it. Walking

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- Kelly Fuller

around the track last September was so powerful, it touched my family more than we could ever have imagined. The smiling faces of friends and the people of Lowell was so inspiring.

My husband, Jeff, was wonderful and supportive throughout the whole diagnosis, surgery and recovery. I am lucky I married such a caring man.



One of the hardest things we had to do was tell our girls. Morgan was 15, Darby 13 and Riley 10.

Again, my husband was a huge support and we told them together. It was rough for us for those days and months before and after surgery, but I could never have made it without them.

co-workers brought dinners, girlfriends cleaned my house and brought my girls home from practices and school/church functions. At work they set up a dinner menu so we would be set while I had time off.

My three close friends made me a basket of all things they thought I might need at the hospital and when I got home. They also set up a meal a week with our other girlfriends.

The teachers at Murray Lake, Lowell Middle and High Schools, kept in touch with my girls to make sure they were all doing okay. Some of my girlfriends took me out to dinner and went to church with me before surgery. It was wonderful and overwhelming at the same time.

What would I have done without all of this support? I truly do not know. The Lowell community took care of me and my family when I was not able to. How truly wonderful and blessed we

are.

One other very important thing to me is my faith. It has carried me and my family through this past year. There were days that I struggled and felt overwhelmed, but I could always count on the strength of my faith, not only in myself, but in others around me. The power of prayer is a wonderful thing. I do know that God has a plan, and though I am not sure what it is, I just have to have faith and believe.

My prognosis is good and I feel good. I know that I am more fortunate than others, but we all need to have hope. There is research happening every day and as long as you see your doctor yearly, have things looked into when you know something is "not quite right," you have a chance. Have your mammograms, have your colonoscopies and prostate exams. They do make a difference.

The Lowell community makes a difference and for that I am very proud and so grateful to be a Pink Arrow!

Dennis' story, continued

immune system was strong enough to battle a simple cold. The last thing Debra wanted to spend energy on was decorating the house.

In early November, the Anchor's children envisioned a surprise for their parents and enlisted the help of family and friends to pull things off within a few hours. The mission? A surprise Christmas!

On the chosen day, Dennis was driving his weekly route to Wisconsin and Debra was treated to a "day away" at the spa. When their parents returned, the home was charming and cozy, dinner was ready and gifts were waiting to be unwrapped under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

We are, and always will be, thankful for the support

of our loving family and friends, who have been there with us every step of this journey. And, the generosity provided to us through donations to Pink Arrow Pride helped us with gasoline and other expenses during our many trips to and from Detroit over this past year. Thank you.

The transplant –

A transplant uses stem cells derived from bone marrow to provide a fresh and healthy source of new blood cells. A bone marrow transplant allows a patient to receive higher doses of chemotherapy to treat certain types of cancer, including multiple myeloma. This ultimately means that a person has a better chance of surviving cancer. Dennis did not need a bone marrow

donor, but was able to use his own stem cells.

Because bone marrow must produce and release an unusually large number of stem cells before the stem cells can be collected. Debra gave Dennis two injections (twice a day for a week), of a growth-factor drug called Neupogen. The drug was used to increase stem cell production until the day of harvest.

Other than tired, and very sore from lying on his back in one position for six hours a day, Dennis experienced a successful two days of stem cell harvest. Blood was removed through Dennis' right arm, and then ran through a Cobe-spectra machine where the stem cells were retrieved. His own blood was then

returned to Dennis through his left arm. With both arms hooked to a machine, Dennis could not change position or move his right arm for fear of dislocating the PIC line inserted into his arm before the procedure.

With the harvest of stem cells complete, the Anchor's were able to return home to observe Thanksgiving with their children and grandchildren. One week later they would return to Detroit, and Dennis would receive his bone marrow transplant.

Dennis celebrated a stem cell birthday on November 30, 2012 at 1:30 pm. His stem cells were returned to him within half-an-hour. In six months, Dennis will repeat his "baby shots" or immunizations.

Because his immune system was being destroyed by chemotherapy and would eventually be non-functioning after the transplant, Dennis needed to recover from his transplant in a home that was as sterile as possible. Debra was in the process of deep-cleaning the house before leaving for the hospital, when their daughter told her to, "Stop, we've got this."

The children and their families got together as a team on the weekend before Dennis and Debra returned home from their very long stay in Detroit to 'deep clean' the house for them. They moved furniture and cleaned the carpets and steam mopped all of the hardwood floors, cleaned blinds, washed windows,

bleached the tub and sinks, etc.

Dennis had his six month post-transplant appointment in July 2013. The Myeloma protein remains present, but the amount is so minuscule it is not measurable.

Yes, there is a chance Dennis will relapse and eventually face more treatment. But that is not the case today. Today the family is happy, the grandchildren are giggling, and Dennis is strong and in remission.

Note: Anyone wishing to read more detail and view images of the transplant itself can visit the website Debra established for their family and friends to follow: <http://hammeronline.blogspot.com>

Michele Rowe

Behind The Scenes

Position: Postmaster for Lowell Post Office

Education: Attended Michigan State University

Experience: 25 years in postal service, labor relations, consulting, postmaster for Lowell and Marne, city letter carrier in Grand Rapids.

Family: Husband, Bill, 9-year-old daughter, Madiline and four step-children.

Interests: Avid reader, doing things with family including boating, tubing and biking.



New postmaster wants public to know that the door is always open

by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

If you were to walk into the Lowell Post Office during the weekday, one of the first things to come into sight would be the large wooden door with the word POSTMASTER stamped firmly at eye level.

Most would not know at first glance, but the woman behind that door has only been there for a few months.

Michele Rowe took office as the new Postmaster at the end of May, and has been working to connect with the community as well as to encourage community and business relations with the post office.

“A huge part of the postmaster’s position is to facilitate rural reach, which is rural carriers working with their customers, as well as working with businesses to provide mailing needs,” Rowe says in regards to her job description. “I’ve really enjoyed it so far, this community has been amazing.”

Every morning Rowe commutes from her home in Rockford (approximately a 20-minute drive), with a “help first” mentality in mind, while walking across the gray marble-stone floor in the entrance of the post office.

In her last job, Rowe did not have the interpersonal reaction that she has had in this one so far.

“I worked in labor relations in Grand Rapids prior to this for four and a half years,” Rowe says. “I had to present arbitrations in my former job and that was very stressful. This feels a lot more real, a lot more tangible.”

Going further back, Rowe was the postmaster of Marne in an even smaller office and smaller community. Working with customers is where she found her calling before taking a detour into labor relations.

In fact, she first began her career with the postal service as a city letter carrier in 1988.

With a 9-year-old daughter at home and a husband who also works for a post office in the Lansing area, Rowe has tried to keep her door open for anyone, including customers.

“The girls up at the front laughed at me because I put my business cards up front,” Rowe says smiling.



Lowell's new postmaster, Michele Rowe on the phone in her office.

“They asked me, ‘what are those for?’”

Rowe’s supervisor, Marie Schweitzer, has taken notice of all the subtle differences she has brought to her position.

When Rowe was first informed of the FROM Food Fight, the post office started to chip in as well -- something they have never done before.

“Look for her to be involved more in the community events. She’s probably going to drag all of us with her,” Schweitzer laughs, pausing to admit it’s

for their own good. Coincidentally, this is not the first time the two have crossed paths.

About seven years ago, Schweitzer and Rowe made each other’s acquaintances at a training session in Holland, where Rowe had just been made supervisor for the Holland Post Office at the time.

“We were there for a training on city delivery,” Schweitzer remembers. “I didn’t see her again until she came in to interview for the position.”

After the post office’s postmaster retired earlier in the year, Lowell went through three temporary

postmasters, while in search of Rowe and her unique take on customer service.

Rowe proceeded to jump into the position after the flood wreaked havoc to the town, where she began to stress an importance on raising revenue, talking to customers and all the carriers.

It came as no surprise to Schweitzer, who first saw her potential back in Holland.

“Dedicated. She’s really dedicated,” Schweitzer says when asked to describe her coworker in one word. “She’s very family and community oriented.”



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North Lowell takes lead into final Food Fight Parade

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

At the end of the third quarter, team South was trailing in their total donations for the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) Food Fight, but Food Fight finds its origins in the South with self-proclaimed Food Fight referee Rick Seese of Greenridge Realty.

Like many of the featured companies and individuals involved with Food Fight, Rick and Jodie Seese are heavily involved in the community. Those who need proof need only attend a concert during the 2013 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series to find their name printed on the stage with the other sponsors.

Seese is quick to defer any appreciation he gets and points it toward someone else.

"I appreciate the Greenridge opportunity, but would rather get others in the game," Seese said.

When Seese started the Food Fight five years ago, the first donation came from another South side team, River Valley Credit Union's Cutter Phillips.

"He also donates additional dollars every year from his Holiday Skip-a-Payment program," Seese said.

There are many other unsung heroes of Food

Fight that Seese wanted to celebrate as examples of what it means to be a neighbor. Alto Beauty Shop, Deer Run Golf Club, Lowell Mobil, Ice Cream Caboose,

parade on Saturday, July 14, red barrels will be placed on the North side and white barrels on the South side of the parade in order to collect last minute donations.

With rumors circulating that Rick and Jodie, the father and mother of Food Fight, might be handing over the referee whistle to someone else in the next

year or so, FROM director Tamela Spicer wanted to make certain Lowell gives the Seeses some credit that they cannot defer to anyone else.

"It would be nice if we honor all the work they've done," Spicer said.

Rick and Jodie Seese can be honored best with a flood of last-minute food and cash donations.



Whether North or South pull ahead, the true victors are those whose meals come from the shelves at the FROM Food Pantry.

Alto Marathon and the Alto Bar participate in Food Fight despite being closer to Cascade Road than Main Street.

All of these individuals fight viciously for a Southern victory, but more importantly to benefit those who depend on food donations to get by.

Seese wanted to make sure that everyone is on the same page during the last few days of Food Fight 2013. On Friday, July 13, all buckets and barrels will be collected in order to prepare for the final count. During the Riverwalk Festival

"The parade is also known as the two-minute-warning, as in [a] football game," Seese said.

Seese said it is entirely possible that donations gathered during the parade could decide the entire competition. That is how evenly matched North and South sides have tended to be.

"It looks like another exciting finish to a great competition," said Seese. "The North team definitely has the edge at this point, but there are rumblings of a South Team rally."

STONERIDGE DRAIN COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO APPORTIONMENT OF COST STONERIDGE DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the cost of the Stoneridge Drain, located in the Township of Lowell, has been tentatively apportioned as follows to wit:

Lowell Charter Township	94.85%
County of Kent {on account of drainage from county roads}	3.61%
State of Michigan {on account of drainage from state roads}	1.54%
Total	100.00%

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain will meet on the 25th day of July, 2013, at 8:15 A.M., at the Kent County Administration Building, 300 Monroe, NW, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the said apportionment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that at said hearing, any public corporation to be assessed, or any taxpayer thereof, will be entitled to be heard.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that after consideration of all objections to apportionment, the Drainage Board may confirm the apportionment as tentatively made, or if it considers the apportionment to be inequitable, it shall re-adjust the apportionment as provided in Section 469 of Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended. After confirmation, the Drainage Board shall issue an order known as the Final Order of Apportionment. Section 483 of Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended, provides that the Final Order of Apportionment shall not be subject to attack in any court, except by proceedings in certiorari brought within 20 days after the order is filed in the Kent County Drain Office, the Office of the Chairperson of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain, and that if no such proceeding shall be brought within said 20 day period the legality of the assessments shall not thereafter be questioned in any suit at law or in equity, either on jurisdictional or non-jurisdictional grounds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if the Drainage Board enters the Final Order of Apportionment, an assessment roll assessing the estimated cost of the drain project against the public corporations in accordance with the confirmed apportionment will be prepared and presented to the Drainage Board for approval.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that the information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Kent County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Kent County Drain Commissioner (616) 336-3688 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

This notice is given to and for the benefit of the aforesaid public corporations and all taxpayers thereof by order of the Drainage Board for the Stoneridge Drain.

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Stoneridge Drain

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obituaries

COBB

Alice Faye Cobb, age 74 of Ada, passed away at home surrounded by her family July 7, 2013. Alice was born in Mass city, Ontonagon county June 3, 1939. She was the daughter of Albert and Marie Ross. She is survived by her husband, Gail; daughter Robbin (Kenyon) Knuth; grandchildren Shawna Burns, Angie (Dan) Rausch, Christi (Nick) Pedala, Kyle Phillips; great-grandchildren Dylan Bushong, Harlie and Alyssa Rausch, Kendrick Burns, Daniel Rausch, Savanna Burns, John and Kemper Pedala; siblings Clyde (Marilynn) Ross, Art (Karen) Ross, Larry (Van) Ross, Donna (Robert) Store, Norman (Betty) Ross, Jean (John) Savila. The family wishes to thank two special ladies, Marcia Inman and Deb Spruit, as well as Hospice for their help. A Funeral service will be Thursday 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Rev. Stephen Otto of St. Peter's Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave SE, Ada MI 49301-3701 or the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



KRUSZKA

Mary A. Kruszka, 92, formerly of Bronson, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at her daughter's home in Lowell. Mary was born January 28, 1921 in Wyandotte to Walter and Theresa (Herman) Antoszkiewicz. She married Jacob L. Kruszka in Bronson in May of 1950. He preceded her in death in February of 1979. Mary worked at Douglas Autotech from 1943 until her retirement in 1981. She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Church where she was active in the Ladies Rosary Society and also the Bronson American Legion Auxiliary and the UAW. Mary loved gardening, crocheting and cooking, especially traditional polish food. Mary is survived by her son, Jacob (Nancy) Kruszka of Coldwater; her daughter, Theresa Engle of Lowell; her brother, Joseph (Clara) Antoszkiewicz of Bronson; her sister, Regina (William) Molargik of Corunna, IN; her grandchildren, Candie (Ken) Rule, Jennifer Engle, Jared Kruszka, Paul Kruszka; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her son, Benedict Kruszka in 1981; her brothers, Raymond and Frank Antoszkiewicz. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at St. Mary of Assumption Church in Bronson with Rev. Fr. Evans Njogu officiating. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Church. www.dutcherfh.com.



VANCAMP

Rob VanCamp, age 55 of Lowell, passed away early Saturday morning on July 6, 2013. He was a dedicated husband to wife Lisa, who he adored and a loving, irreplaceable father to his two children, Kimmy Noall and Matt VanCamp, as well as his two step-children, Elizabeth and Andrew Woroniecki. He is also survived by brothers Mike (Deb) and Thomas (Kathy) VanCamp; and niece Amanda VanCamp. He will be missed by all in the loving community of Crosswinds Marina Dock A that served as a second home to Rob and his family. A funeral service will be held Thursday 5:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Rev. Robert Holmes of the Christian Life Center officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral chapel.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-1, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 19-2, "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS," AND SECTION 19-3(A) AND (D) "DISPLACING, OPENING UP PAVEMENT," OF DIVISION 1, "GENERALLY," AND SECTION 19-23, "EXISTING CONSTRUCTION NOT IN GOOD REPAIR," AND SECTION 19-27, "PERMIT," OF DIVISION 2, "SIDEWALKS, RETAINING WALLS AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES," OF ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 19-46, "SIDEWALKS AND AREAS TO BE CLEARED," OF ARTICLE II, "SNOW REMOVAL," AND SECTION 19-71, "LIGHTS REQUIRED," OF ARTICLE III, "SNOW PLOWING," OF CHAPTER 19, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13-02 amending Section 19-1, "Definitions," Section 19-2, "Standard specifications," and Section 19-3(a) and (d), "Displacing, opening up pavement," of Division 1, "Generally," and Section 19-23, "Existing construction not in good repair," and Section 19-27, "Permit," of Division 2, "Sidewalks, retaining walls and driveway approaches," of Article I, "In General," Section 19-46, "Sidewalks and areas to be cleared," of Article II, "Snow Removal," and Section 19-71, "Lights required," of Article III, "Snow Plowing," of Chapter 19, "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on July 1, 2013. Ordinance No. 13-02 adds the definition of the term "trail" and makes several grammatical clarifications and expansions as well as statutory references. A complete copy of Ordinance No. 13-02 is available for review at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours.

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sales

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JULY 12 & 13 - Fri. 9 to 5 & Sat. 9 to 3. Costume jewelry, books, furniture, VHS, junior & plus size clothing, baby stuff, Barbie Dream Boat (1974), maternity clothes, Pfaltzgraff York Towne dish set, camera, & much more. 11404 Foreman Farms Ct.

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-194032-CA, 13-194033-GA

In the matter of TERRY L. BROWN.

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

Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Sue Ann VanTuinen for the appointment of a guardian and conservator for Terry L. Brown and to approve a personal injury settlement.

07/02/2013

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

Sue Ann VanTuinen 15090 Meddler NE Gowen, MI 49326 616-200-5122

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 26, 2013 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW,

Coming Events

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KID CRAFT SATURDAY - Third Saturday of each month. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. - noon. Make a craft & take it home. All ages are welcome. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

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

FREE ZUMBA ON THE RIVER - Starting Mondays until Aug. 26. Classes are held outside by the Lowell Showboat at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1983 - 30 year class reunion. Sat., July 27, 5 p.m. on the Showboat at the Riverwalk Plaza.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1963 50th REUNION GATHERING - Sat., Aug. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Lowell Chamber, on the Riverwalk.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM REGISTRATION - is open at the Alvah N. Belding Li-

brary. Programs are available for everyone ages 2 years through adult. Activities begin the week of June 17. Call 616-794-1450 or stop in to the library, 302 E. Main St., Belding for more info & to sign up.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - with Ann Bromley. Mon., July 15, 6:30 p.m. Yes, you can teach an old (& young) dog new tricks. Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. Call for more info or to register, 616-794-1450.

MICHIGAN AUTHOR GORDON GALLOWAY - Wed., July 17, 6:30 p.m. Hear true stories about a wide range of people from a WWII infantry, veteran, to a county sheriff, from a football star to sawmill loggers, to a power lineman who writes poetry about his life. Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. Call for more info or to register, 616-794-1450.

DECLUTTER YOUR LIFE - with Alicia Burgstiner. Mon., July 22, 6:30 p.m. Organizing help for your home, office & life! Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. Call for more info or to register, 616-794-1450.

MICHIGAN AUTHOR PEGGY HOUSE - Mon., Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. Join Peggy as she presents her new children's book, Prairie Anna. Hear true historical facts & stories from the Prairie Years in America. Bring the family. Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. Call for more info or to register, 616-794-1450.

Church members picket sign's double meaning



by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

About a half a dozen members of the Bible Believers Church were spotted picketing along M21 on July 3, hoping to raise awareness about a sign

outside of Pauly's liquor store.

"We are out here trying to stand against it," said Joshua Langdon, who was holding one of the many signs on the side of the road. "We just wanted this

to be visible to people in the community."

The sign that the church and its members had a problem with was the portion that read, "Sofa King." The sign was a play on words with the f-word.



JULY 4 - JULY 9

- While Edward Snowden's asylum quest was met with plenty of rejection, the NSA whistleblower's asylum request is going smoothly with Venezuela, one of a handful of Latin American states seemingly opening their borders to the American. Snowden said that, "it is unlikely I would receive a fair trial or proper treatment (in the US)," adding that a return home comes with the "possibility of life in prison or even death."
- Texas Gov. Rick Perry announced Monday that he will not seek a fourth term, fueling speculation of another White House run for the nation's longest-serving chief executive. Perry said he plans to spend the final 18 months of his term fighting for the same conservative policies that he said have produced more than 1 million new jobs on his watch, and have made Texas an economic model.
- Asiana Airlines said Monday that the pilot in control of a Boeing 777 that crashed at San Francisco International Airport Saturday had little experience flying it and was landing one for the first time at that airport. San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee said at a news conference Saturday evening that all 291 passengers and 16 crew members onboard the plane had been accounted for, but officials said 182 people were taken to area hospitals.
- The three women who were kidnapped by a Cleveland man more than a decade ago have come forward to give their first public statements since being rescued back in May. Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight all made their first public appearance via a YouTube video that was posted late on Monday night. More than \$1 million has been donated to the Courage Fund, which was established to help the three women, and daughter of Amanda Berry, who was born during her captivity.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Applicant: Arlene and Marshall Pederson
Address of Variance: 10515 Braska Avenue SE, Middleville, Michigan 49333
General Location: West side of Braska Avenue, approximately one-half mile north of 108th St. SE
Zoning of Property: R-2 Low Density Residential

Variance Request: Section 3.02 states that an accessory structure shall not be erected in any front yard unless the structure is 200 or more feet from the dwelling, 200 or more feet from the neighboring lot line, and 100 or more feet from the road right-of-way. The applicant seeks to construct a 960 square foot accessory building in the front yard located 95 feet from the dwelling, 9.5 feet from the neighboring lot line, and 300 feet from the road right-of-way. The variance requested is to allow the accessory building to be 105 feet nearer the dwelling than the ordinance allows, and to be 190.5 feet nearer to the neighboring lot line than the ordinance allows.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MI 49302

The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

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Bike tour supports historical preservation

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

Alan Rumbaugh is the treasurer at the Fallasburg Historical Society. Normally, Rumbaugh deals with the financial commitments of maintaining the historical village, but on July 7 he had the pleasure of mingling with bikers at the 19th Annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour.

"Many people have come for many years," Rumbaugh said.

Registration took place on Sunday from 7 to 9 am. During that time, some 125 bikers donated money to the Fallasburg Historical Society in order to ride one of several tours, from 12 to 100 miles long.



A group of bicyclists gather for the Covered Bridge Bike Tour pasta lunch.



One cyclist brought a highly aerodynamic Quest Velomobile to the tour.

This giant confluence of cyclists is normal for the Covered Bridge Tour. Many of these people have been coming for years, but there was no shortage of new riders. Rumbaugh said people were registering from Lansing and the east

side of the state.

While Rumbaugh was proud of the pasta lunch and dinner, it was clear that these people came from far and wide for something more than the starch.

The various tours stretched from Fallasburg into Lowell,

Ionia and Ada. On the roads and trails nearby, bikers of all skill levels - novices in shorts and t-shirts, hardcore bikers in Lycra, and at least one couple on a tandem bike - basked in the majestic scenery and the various attractions of the historical village.

Rumbaugh has worked at the last half dozen bike tours. The Covered Bridge Bike Tour is a major fundraiser for the Fallasburg Historical Society. He pointed to a barn across the street from the dining area and noted that it had been collapsing for years until the society put \$100,000 into repairs in order to restore

it. Rumbaugh clearly has a passion for the old houses, barns, and the covered bridges.

"We lost one not too long ago," Rumbaugh said. Just down the road, one of the wooden covered bridges was recently set ablaze. Rumbaugh suspects it had something to do with carelessness while setting off fireworks nearby, but no cause has been officially announced.

Rumbaugh recounted the last time there was major damage done to a local covered bridge. It was four years ago when a drunk driver smashed into a support beam, and the

bridge was closed for two years for repair.

Rumbaugh wants more people to come to Fallasburg. With the North Country Trail leading through the park, and the potential for school tours of the historical area, he doesn't think it will be too difficult.

Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the Covered Bridge Bike Tour. The Fallasburg Historical Society hopes for a strong turn out. The money collected will be put to good use.

Lowell YMCA Softball Friday night men's league standings

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Record</u>
1.	Larkin's	Vic Davis	8-3
2.	King Milling	Don Lafler	7-4
3.	Ada Boys	Jeff V	6-5
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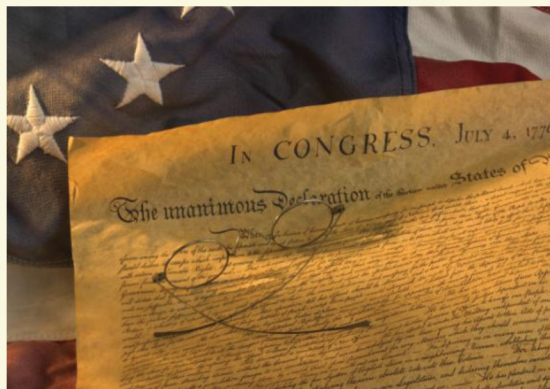
Lowell YMCA Softball Monday night co-ed league standings

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Record</u>
1.	VandenBosch Produce	Brent VandenBosch	7-1
2.	Red Arrow Archery Supplies	Jason DesJarden	6-2
3.	Bowne Center United Methodist	Ray Benedict	5-3
4.	Scotty's Auto	Geoff Emelander	4-4
5.	Family Plus	Scott Ferguson	4-4
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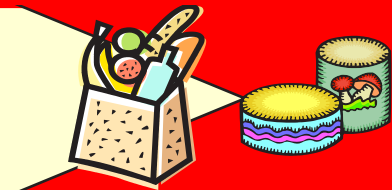
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