

Volunteers remove remains of White's Bridge

by Karen Jack

White's Bridge was destroyed by fire on July 7. It was ruled an arson by the Ionia County Sheriff's office.

On Monday morning, an all-volunteer group demolished and removed the last remnants of the historic bridge.

Led by the group "Rebuild White's Bridge," they commissioned Eco Demolition out of Holland to conduct the clean-up effort.

Eco donated their services for the day, saving taxpayers about \$40,000. They also used community volunteers to get into the water and move the floating pieces to where they could be picked out by Eco's machines to help save on costs.

"Rebuild White's Bridge" is led by Paul

Phenix, a longtime Belding resident, who now resides in Alma. Phenix said he has gotten involved because

he has fond memories of his grandparents taking him there as he was growing up and he wanted to honor his ancestors in the rebuilding

efforts. A disabled veteran, Phenix suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and says this project has a two-fold effect – he gets to give back to the community, and it's very therapeutic for him in his battle with PTSD.

"I've devoted 100 percent of my time for this, and it has helped me forget about my PTSD issues. It's a win-win situation."

Phenix started the Rebuild White's Covered Bridge group, and they have branched that page out so people can join according to their area, including Lowell, Belding, Ionia, Saranac, Greenville, Portland and those who live outside the listed towns. The purpose of the page is to inform those interested about the progress of the rebuild effort, but for fundraising as well.

The group intends to form a nonprofit organization and is working with state and local government to do so. Once that is done, their fundraising efforts will shift into high gear. As of now, they've raised about \$5,000 just from donations and selling t-shirts, hats and bumper stickers.

Phenix also purchased remnants of the bridge that the Ionia County Sheriff's office recovered when two people were caught stealing for scrap metal. He said he



Paul Phenix



Eco Demolition out of Holland to helped with the clean-up effort.

sold a nail for \$100 and a bolt for \$100. His plans are to make money any way he can for the rebuild and he feels that selling parts of it off is a positive way of raising the needed funds.

The Lowell commander

of the group, Diane Weemhoff, said she was devastated when she heard about the bridge.

"I used that bridge every day on my way to see

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LHS Class of 1940 celebrates at LAHM

The Lowell Class of 1940 celebrated its 73rd reunion on August 8, 2013, at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Luncheon was served to six classmates and nine guests.

The class had 77 graduates and 10 are still

living. This class had more casualties in WWII than any other class.

Since graduation the group has held 16 reunions. This year four were unable to attend. The class has met yearly since their 65th reunion in 2005.

Pictured, standing, left to right: Jack Tornga of Plymouth and John Scripps of Grand Rapids; sitting: Inez Cole Craig of Phoenix, AZ, Marjean Fonger Brillhart of Grand Rapids, Barbara Dawson Shaffer of Alto, and Helen Clark Blow of Saranac.

It's time to place your bid on a Pink Arrow jersey

If you would like to pay tribute to someone who has battled cancer, the Lowell Pink Arrow Pride jersey auction is a way to not only honor them but also help others in their fight.

A few Lowell High School football players have donated

their Pink Arrow jerseys to benefit Lowell area families on their cancer journey.

This year the auction will be held at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium between the junior varsity and varsity football games against River Rouge.

All those interested in bidding on a jersey should be at the stadium on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:00 pm.

Persons with a winning bid will be able to honor a loved one that has been on a cancer journey by placing his or her name on the back of the jersey that will be worn during the Pink Arrow game. Minimum bid is \$250.

The jersey will then be presented to that loved one (or a representative) at the conclusion of the Pink Arrow Pride game against Chicago Hubbard on September 6.



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Football team celebrates the armed forces

by Karen Jack

In an effort to raise awareness of what the Red Arrow mascot really means here in Lowell, head varsity football coach Noel Dean, thought it was important to highlight our armed forces, and has designated the homecoming game to honor them this year.

With no real nickname prior to 1947, Lowell was often referred to as the Red Devils, or some variation of red – Redskins, Big Red, Red Wings, and the like. In 1947, the students voted the Red Devils as their permanent nickname, but many members of the

community were offended by the name and approached the school board to change the name to something more appropriate. The Board went back to the students and told them to try again.

The students knew the Arrow represented speed,

swiftness and accuracy. Match that with the 32nd Red Arrow Division of the United States Army, hailed for their heroism in World Wars I and II, manned with a number of men from west Michigan and Lowell and a mascot was born. The Red

Arrow Division received commendations for bravery, courage and valor, and never lost a battleground territory. Every attempt they made to break through the enemy lines was also successful. Having shot through all obstacles, instead of going around them, the division adopted the arrow as their insignia. So the Lowell students voted the “Red Arrows” as their official mascot, as they thought it was representative of who they wanted to be as athletes.

According to the Lowell football website, the name was chosen not to honor war, but to honor the men who fought in those wars, many of whom were from Lowell.

“The dash of the Red Arrow insignia represents the front line defense and the Red Arrow Division penetrating,” said Dean, which is similar to the football team. This year,

Dean wanted the team photo to include members of four of the five branches of the military to help honor them. “I just wanted to not only honor our service members – both past and present – but I wanted people to remember what the true meaning of what a Red Arrow truly is.”

Sgt. Anthony King represented the U.S. Army, Sgt. Matthew Boulis represented the U.S. Marines, Sgt. Brad Wiebenga and Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Kozak represented the U.S. Navy.

While the football team salutes the veterans, Dave Thompson, post commander for the American legion, was instrumental in a gift back from the Legion - a banner that will hang on the press box with the veterans saluting the Lowell Red and Pink Arrows, both of which are always prepared (Semper Paratus) and always faithful (Semper Fidelis).



Picture with the Lowell football team, left to right: Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Kozak, Sgt. Brad Weibenga, Sgt. Anothony King, and Sgt. Matthew Boulis

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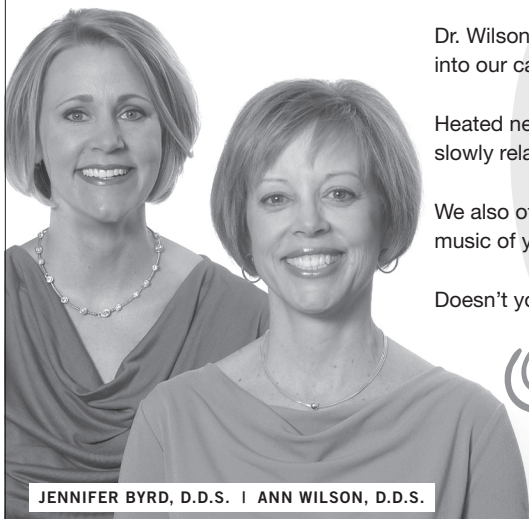
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CALL FOR ACTORS

LowellArts! and ThebesPlayers will present the family comedy, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, at Larkin's Other Place in downtown Lowell, the weekends of October 18 through November 2. Director Matt Tawney is seeking six actors for roles. Approximate ages needed are two males, 50s to 70s; one male age 18-30; two females in their 50s-70s and one female age 18-30. Auditions will be held at LowellArts!, 149 South Hudson, Lowell, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27-28 from 6:30-8:30 pm. For a sample script, stop by LowellArts! Tuesday through Friday, 10am-6pm. Scripts will also be available at the auditions.

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FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., Sept. 4 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

PINK ARROW JERSEY AUCTION
All those interested in bidding on a jersey should be at the stadium on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:00 pm. Persons with

White's Bridge, continued

my daughter. The majestic beauty of it has always made me take the back roads just so I could cross over it."

She has taken her grandchildren fishing there since they were old enough to fish. "It has a lot of

significance to me and my family and I want to see it rebuilt." She vows to be in it until the end.

An engineer from Ionia County has estimated that it will take about \$850,000, but Phenix is hoping to find ways to cut costs in order to get it rebuilt. He also wants to see "the Phoenix rise from the ashes" and have the bridge reopened by July 7 of next year.

Another page was started by Michelle Starkey, a senior at Lowell High School, who has had over 8,000 "likes" to date. They are phasing this page out and requesting everybody join their local group, but Starkey took it on her own accord to create the page.

"I started it because I know so many people have such a sentimental connection to the bridge and I'm looking to be an activist when I'm older. This was just a natural reaction to the horror I felt at hearing what had happened," said Starkey.

Anybody interested in donating to the cause can go to www.friendsrebuildingwhitesbridge.org. Phenix encourages people to also go to the facebook page "Rebuild White's Bridge Road," and "like" it to show solidarity in the rebuild effort. You can also purchase t-shirts, hats and bumper stickers through that page.



Volunteers waded into the river to collect debris from the White's Bridge.

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If you want to see what children can do, you must stop giving them things.

~ Norman Douglas

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BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY

Student Picture Day (no appt needed) August 23..... 12:00-8:00 pm
Open House/Meet Your Teacher August 26..... 6:00-7:30 pm
Parent Curriculum Night September 4..... 6:00-7:00 pm

CURIOSITY CORNER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

All 3's and 4's September 3..... 9:00-3:00 and 5:00-7:00

TOTS OPEN HOUSE

September 3..... 9:00-3:00 and 5:00-7:00

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY

Open House/Meet Your Teacher Night August 27
Tour, Visit Classrooms and Booths, Dinner 5:00-5:30 pm
2nd/3rd grade Parent Info Presentation and
4th/5th grade Meet Your Teacher 5:30-6:00 pm
4th/5th grade Parent Info Presentation and
2nd/3rd grade Meet Your Teacher 6:10-6:40 pm
Tour, Visit Classrooms and Booths, Dinner 6:45-7:30 pm

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY

Meet Your Teacher/Parent Info Night August 27
K, 1st, 2nd grade Parent Info Presentation and
3rd, 4th, 5th grade Meet Your Teacher 5:00-5:45 pm
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Signs and symptoms of conjunctivitis include redness; sensitivity to light; gritty sensation, itchiness, or burning; swollen eyelids; discharge; and increased tears. If symptoms do not resolve within the expected time, or if any of the following symptoms occur, then you should seek immediate medical attention, moderate to severe pain or light sensitivity; decreased vision, blurred vision, or double vision that does not resolve; or increased redness

of the eyes. If someone has a cold or respiratory symptoms, conjunctivitis is likely caused by the same respiratory virus. Herpes conjunctivitis can occur when there are herpes-like blisters elsewhere on the body. Bacterial conjunctivitis may cause thick yellow-green discharge. Watery discharge is more common with viruses.

Over-the-counter artificial tears may relieve symptoms. Antibiotics will not treat viral conjunctivitis; some types, such as those caused by herpes, may need antiviral medications. Bacterial conjunctivitis may get better without treatment, but topical antibiotics may shorten the illness. To prevent conjunctivitis, wash your hands, avoid touching and rubbing your eyes, and wash discharge from around the eyes several times a day.

The most popular Michigan baby names

The Social Security Administration announced the most popular baby names in Michigan for 2012. Mason and Emma topped the list.

Boys: 1) Mason, 2) Liam, 3) Noah, 4) Jacob, and 5) Carter.

Girls: 1) Emma, 2) Sophia, 3) Ava, 4) Olivia, and 5) Isabella.

The top five boys and girls names for 2012 in Michigan were:

How does Michigan compare to the rest of the country? Check out Social

Security's website -- www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/babynames -- to see the top baby names for 2012.

While having fun with baby names on www.socialsecurity.gov, people may create a my Social Security account. Social Security's website has the top-rated online services in the U.S., including the services available with a my Social Security account, a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits.

To read about this year's winner for the biggest jump in popularity and to see how pop culture affects baby names, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/pr/babynames2012-pr.html.

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viewpoint

to the editor

not attacks, concerns

Dear Editor,

I have been reading all of the letters that have been posted by several citizens in Lowell. It has shocked me to find that the negotiations are still continuing after two years.

To the mayor, Mr. Hodges, I did not feel there

were attacks. I feel that the citizens of Lowell have come forward to speak and express their concerns.

In my opinion, any opposing views expressed were not even considered by the councilmembers as a concern.

The citizens want answers as to why their government has become so close-lipped regarding negotiations. Ms. Trierweiler has offered some insight into why we are seeing unrest with some of the workers, as she witnessed firsthand similar issues in Ionia County and has a history working with the city manager.

Sincerely,
Pat Holiday

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

What do new investors really need to know?

If you're starting out as an investor, you might be feeling overwhelmed. After all, it seems like there's just so much to know. How can you get enough of a handle on basic investment

concepts so that you're comfortable in making well-informed choices?

Actually, you can get a good grip on the investment process by becoming familiar with a few basic concepts, such as these:

- Stocks versus Bonds — When you buy stocks, or stock-based investments, you are buying ownership shares in companies. Generally speaking, it's a good idea to buy shares of quality companies and to hold these shares for the long term. This strategy may help you eventually overcome short-term price declines, which may affect all stocks. Keep in mind, though, that when buying stocks, there are no guarantees you won't lose some or all of your investment.

By contrast, when you purchase bonds, you aren't becoming an "owner" — rather, you are lending money to a company or a governmental unit. Barring default, you can expect to receive regular interest payments for as long as you own your bond, and when it matures, you can expect to get your principal back. However, bond prices do rise and fall, typically moving in the opposite direction of interest rates. So if you wanted to sell a bond before it matures, and interest rates have recently risen, you may have to offer your bond at a price lower than its face value.

For the most part, stocks are purchased for their growth potential (although many stocks do offer income, in the form of dividends), while bonds are bought for the

income stream provided by interest payments. Ideally, though, it is important to build a diversified portfolio containing stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs), government securities and other investments designed to meet your goals and risk tolerances. Diversification is a strategy designed to help reduce the effects of market volatility on your portfolio; keep in mind, however, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

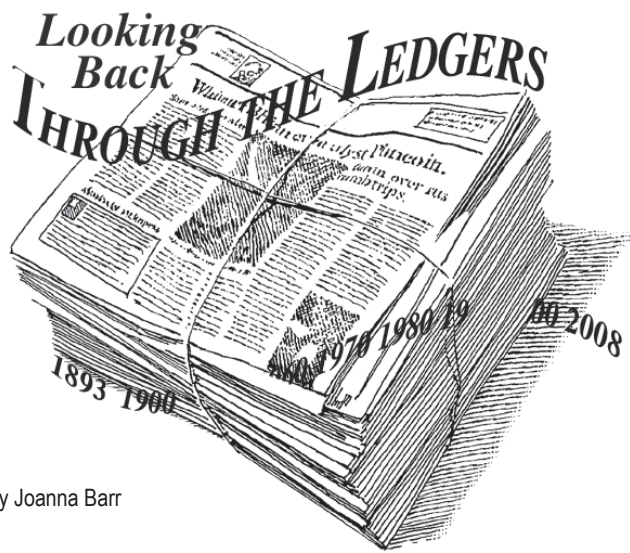
- Risk versus Reward — All investments carry some type of risk: Stocks and bonds can decline in value, while investments such as CDs can lose purchasing power over time. One important thing to keep in mind is that, generally, the greater the potential reward, the higher the risk.

- Setting goals — As an investor, you need to set goals for your investment portfolio, such as providing resources for retirement or helping pay for your children's college educations.

- Knowing your own investment personality — Everyone has different investment personalities — some people can accept more risk in the hopes of greater rewards, while others are not comfortable with risk at all. It's essential that you know your investment personality when you begin investing, and throughout your years as an investor.

- Investing is a long-term process —It generally takes decades of patience, perseverance and good decisions for investors to accumulate the substantial financial resources they'll need for their long-term goals.

By keeping these concepts in mind as you begin your journey through the investment world, you'll be better prepared for the twists and turns you'll encounter along the way as you pursue your financial goals.



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Journal August 27, 1873

We spoke of that Washing Machine last week and we speak of it again this week. We shall probably keep right on talking about that washing machine and the man who invented it. We can't help it. Heretofore we have always been sick, or out, or very busy when a patent right man wanted us to see his patent. We have always made it a rule to keep out of the way of small pox, measles, mad dogs and patent right men; but since Chesebro brought that machine to Lowell we have been converted. In the first place Mr. A wanted to know if we had seen that marvelous machine. We hadn't seen it. Then Mr. B came in and said that all the women in town were going crazy over that washing machine and there wan't one of them but would have it if they had to break up a whole family to get it. Mr. B was a large man and we let him have his own way. In a day or two the rest of the alphabet came in and spoke about that washing machine. And they called it all the pet names we ever heard mentioned. "We must go up with them and see it work. It was the boss patent. It would reconstruct the worst fighting family in the community." "The man who invented it was the greatest benefactor known to the 19th century." They all tooted their horns in our ears in this manner, until we sharpened our jack-knife and went. We expected to see a tolerably good thing; nothing more. A large pile of dirty clothes was ready for cleansing. Mr. Chesebro took up a pair of pants, very badly soiled and sundry other articles in the same condition. He said, "I'll wash these clothes clean in just one minute"—and he did. And when he showed those garments to the bystanders, we looked at that man, then at that machine, then thought of poor frail woman and then wanted to cry. That Washing Machine is the best thing that ever was given to a family. We don't even except a baby. It will do a big washing in a few minutes; it operates with ease and perfection; it is worth more than all other

patents of the kind combined and all who have seen it operate will say so. Every man who loves his wife and a warm dinner, will buy one.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 21, 1913

Headline: A fiend at large. Third horse stabbed by unknown criminal. D. L. Garfield is the latest victim of the horse-stabbing fiend who infests this community. A valuable Allerton colt belonging to Garfield and pastured on Bailey Kereke's land, east of Lowell, was stabbed in the region of the heart last Thursday night; the knife narrowly missing that organ and penetrating the lung, making a wound that was expected to prove fatal. However, the animal was brought to Draper's hospital and is now recovering. This is the third of these devilish attacks on horses in this vicinity of recent date —Jake Staal and S. G. Fryover having had horses stabbed, evidently by the same hand and knife; and the criminal is still at large. Humane agent Randolph and deputy sheriff Raimer have been investigating; but so far as known without result. The feeling is such that if caught there is little doubt that the perpetrator of these outrages would be roughly handled. Wreaking vengeance on dumb brutes for personal spite is low-down business that cannot be tolerated in a civilized community.

Operations at the Heinz pickle station in Lowell are in full swing, with quite a force employed. A number of hands are employed in barreling dill pickles, while a number of others are occupied in weighing and sorting cucumbers. Owing to the hot and dry season, the local crop is not as large as usual.

The King Milling company is making extensive alterations and repairs on its flumes and water power connections in the basement of its east side mill.

Howard & McKay will build a coal house 75 x 15 feet, along the track near the Pere Marquette station. The cement foundation is already completed.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 25, 1938

Foreman's Leghorn in contest lead. One little white hen has taken temporarily at least the egg laying crown from a little red hen in the 16th annual Michigan egg laying contest now in its 11th month on the campus of Michigan State College at East Lansing. The leading lady is one in a pen owned by the Foreman Poultry Farm of Lowell. The deposed queen, unless she deposits more eggs than her rival this month and next, is a little red hen of R. O. Wagemaker of Grand Rapids. Interest in these contests continues

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weddings



Morgan and Regan Doyle

Doyle/Lindsay

Morgan Lindsay and Regan Doyle were married June 15, 2013, at University United Methodist Church in Salina. The Rev. Mike Toluba officiated. Parents of the couple are Brian and Cindy Lindsay, of Brookville; and Brian and Cheryl Doyle, of Alto.

Regan is a 2007 graduate of Lowell High School and of Kansas State University in 2011. He is head miller at Horizon Milling in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Morgan is a 2009 graduate of Ell-Saline High School in Brookville and Kansas State University in 2012. The bride's grandparents are Ed and JoAnn Bass, of Tarkio, Mo.; and Gaylene Lindsay, of Brookville. The groom's grandparents are Clark and

Greta Parsons, of Lowell; and Marie Doyle, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Lindsay, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Smith, friend of bride; Emily Smith, friend of bride; Erin Doyle, sister of groom; and Molly Doyle, sister of groom. Best man and co-best man were Patrick Doyle and Liam Doyle, brothers of groom. Groomsmen were Patrick Walsh, Mike Roth and Brady Luke, friends of groom.

Ring bearer was Marshall Johnson, friend of bride. Flower girl was Mackenzie Blunier, cousin of groom.

After a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple live in Chattanooga.

area births

Catlin

Mark and Kelsey Catlin were pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Karly Bell. She was born Wednesday, July 17, 2013, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. She

was welcomed home by her two-year-old, big sister Kennedy.

Grandparents are Paul and Patty Catlin and Tom and Carol Capps, both of Lowell.



happy birthday!

AUGUST 21
Madelyn Pfaller, Charlene DeShane-Dalga, Joshua Hobrta, Tom Barnes, Ethan Shindorf, Katelyn Videto, Emma Yeiter.

AUGUST 24
Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, April Barnes, Kelly Johnson, David Vankeulen, Nicholas Myers.

AUGUST 22
Mike Blough, Shane Teelander.

AUGUST 25
Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Margaret Rozeboom, Misty McClure-Anderson.

AUGUST 23
Kacy Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, Ron Kennedy, Jesse Carr, Katie Peterson, Chad Peterson.

AUGUST 26
Teresa Kimble, Regan Doyle, Dianne Gee, Elva Ayres, Brandie Barnes.



AUGUST 27
Virgil Roudabush.

In The Service

Army Pvt. Mercedes M. LeVault has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier

studied the army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons,

chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

LeVault is the daughter of Thomas LeVault and stepdaughter of Fawn LeVault, both of Dujanado Court, Alto. She is also the daughter of Theresa Connors of West Fourth Avenue, Brodhead, Wis.

She is a 2010 graduate of Caledonia High School.

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City council proclaims September 6 Pink Arrow Pride Day

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Pink Arrow Pride Day, a chili cook-off and a costly building project were among the topics discussed at last night's Lowell city council meeting.

September 6 was unanimously proclaimed "Pink Arrow Pride Day" in Lowell. The Lowell High School football, girls' outdoor volleyball and boys' soccer teams will all wear pink uniforms during their games that day. Lowell residents can buy "Pink Arrow Force VI" t-shirts to commemorate the occasion. Proceeds from shirt sales will benefit Gilda's Club of Lowell, Lowell Community Wellness for Pink Arrow family support, the Dr. Don Gerard Medical Scholarship, and the Kathy Talus Scholarship. This is the sixth annual Pink Arrow charity event.

"Hats off to the entire Lowell community, as well as the football team, for initiating this and making our town a very strong supporter of many great causes," mayor Jim Hodges said. "This particularly is one that affects all of us."

Heifer International will hold a charity event called "Live, Love, Livestock" on Sept. 14. The festivities will include a chili cook-off, a silent auction, beer and wine, and a live performance by country band Kris Hitchcock and Small Town Son. Last year's event raised over \$8000 for Heifer International, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending world hunger by providing livestock, seeds

and trees to starving people in over 125 countries. City Manager Mike Howe said the National Park Service wants to use "the old cable TV building" for the local headquarters of the North Country Trail, a 4,600-mile trail that stretches from New York to North Dakota and passes through Lowell. Federally-mandated renovations to the building are estimated to cost the city over \$195,000.

"It would be a wonderful thing for us and for the community," said Howe, "but at what cost and what amount of time do we want to put into it?"

The project would create three park service jobs and could potentially pay for itself in five years.

"I don't feel that this... is where we need to be putting our money right now," Howe said. "I think

we need to be putting our money into streets and other infrastructure improvements."

The board unanimously passed a resolution making September 20 "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action

Recognition Day" in Lowell. The chamber of commerce, planning commission, downtown historic district commission and the arbor board are all looking for new members.



The Lowell City Council show their support by donning their Pink Arrow Force VI t-shirts.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Renae Smith, who wishes to establish a group day care home for up to 12 children at 519 N. Monroe. With R-2 zoning, a special use permit is required under Section 7.03 G. Thus, a Special User Permit is requested.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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Volunteers sought for river clean-up

The 18th annual Thornapple River Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, at 8:00 am. This year, the Thornapple River Watershed Council and the Barry Conservation District are seeking volunteers for on-river clean up in areas from Vermontville to Ada.

Starting locations will be Good Time Pizza in Nashville, Tyden Park in Hastings, Stage Coach Park in Middleville, Ruehs Park in Alaska, Leonard Field Park in Ada and Coldwater Park on Morse Lake Road. Free lunch will be provided to all volunteers at the Nashville, Hastings, Alaska and Ada locations following the clean-up.

Volunteers are asked to pre-register for the

event, either online at thornapplesriver.org or by phone at (269) 948-8056.

The Thornapple River Watershed Council asks that you provide your name, contact information, what area you would like to assist in and the names of other members of your group. Free t-shirts will be provided to all pre-registered volunteers, so please include your shirt size when you register. This year, some locations will require that you have your own boat, so please indicate whether you are able to provide your own canoe or kayak. Each volunteer will be contacted before the clean-up to confirm starting locations.

The Watershed Council can also use help in

organizing and carrying out this annual event. If you are interested in assisting with registration, lunch or transportation, please be sure to include your interest area when you contact us.

This year's clean-up is supported in part through a grant from the Great Lakes Commission. Additional support for the annual Thornapple River Clean-up comes annually from local businesses and individuals. If you or your business would like to make a donation in support of the annual Thornapple River Clean-up, please send it to the Thornapple River Watershed Council, P.O. Box 382, Caledonia, MI 49316 or donate online at www.thornapplesriver.org

Lowell teen helps patients at DeVos Children's Hospital

When Paige DeHaan was hospitalized for five days, at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, she discovered how difficult it was to wash her hair. The hospital had a salon sink but no salon chair to use with it.

Her family tried a stool and an office chair but nothing worked with the sink. DeHaan's sister, Lauren, decided to raise money to buy a salon chair so other patients would be able to wash their hair during their stay at the hospital. She raised enough to purchase the chair and also enough to donate shampoo and conditioner in single-use cups.

They had a cover made for the chair and Lauren decorated it with get well wishes and happy sayings. The hospital staff truly appreciated the donation and recognized Lauren for her community service.



Water quality grants awarded to assist monitoring Michigan's waters

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) awarded five water quality monitoring grants, totaling \$197,115.89, to assist universities, local governments and nonprofit organizations to monitor the quality of Michigan's waters.

The following are recipients of the grant funding.

Eaton Conservation District has been awarded \$40,982.60 to monitor and track sources of E. coli in the middle Grand River. Sampling will be performed in the western tributaries where limited monitoring has taken place and canine tracking will be performed in the current total maximum daily load reach.

Grand Valley State University, Annis Water Resources Institute, has been awarded \$32,707.40 to assess the presence of the cyanobacterium, Gloeotrichia, in Silver Lake, Michigan. Silver Lake has suffered the past two years from outbreaks of Gloeotrichia, which can overwinter in sediment. This

project will complement other studies to determine stressors to the lake and put into place best management practices to improve and protect the lake.

The Kalamazoo River Watershed Council has been awarded \$70,335.60 to monitor water quality improvements in Lake Allegan. The role of

phosphorus release from the sediments is not known for this system and was not considered as a source in the total maximum daily load (TMDL). A better understanding of the nutrient contribution from the sediment will allow TMDL partners to better address the issue of excessive phosphorus in

the lake, as well as better determine the time it will take to meet the goals of the TMDL.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has been awarded \$35,828.50 to perform aquatic invasive

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'The Conjuring' instills the classic scare

by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

When the floorboards began to creak and doors were mysteriously thrust open, a hapless family cryptically began to regret their move to a remote Rhode Island farmhouse.

The home stinks of evil from the very beginning and director James Wan generates a tactful sense of foreboding throughout "The Conjuring's" gothic motif.

Leading the pack of

the last decade's modernized gross-outs with the "Saw" series, Wan garnered early success in frightening viewers through continuous, sadistic indulgence.

But here, he dangles the horrifying incidents in front of viewers, allowing them to settle into a creepy lull just waiting for the horrors to make themselves known. Audiences know something is coming, but soon begin to wonder when.

Modernizing the aging haunted house concept, paranormal investigators are brought in to use science and technology to fend off the demons. But Wan chooses to further the unique setting, placing the film back in the 1970s.

Viewers well familiar with the digital technology on display in the recent "Paranormal Activity" franchise are given a clever look into analogue gadgetry and equipment that serves as the tools for "The Conjuring's" macabre investigation.

Patrick Wilson plays the nervous, but earnest lead investigator, while Vera Farmiga portrays his mysterious and sensitive clairvoyant wife. The duo performs well together and their onscreen chemistry shines even brighter in front of a fairly forgettable supporting cast.

Starting out as an eerily subtle and slow-moving thriller, the film does indulge "Saw's"

bloodthirsty fan base in the latter stages as camera cuts become quicker and serve to startle audiences rather than disturb.

As the mobile camera work drags audiences through one spine-chilling hall after another, they are forced into an evil tour of the disturbing locale. Placing cameras behind the actors as they stumble about the house helps the film

maintain a sense of realism that is often forgotten in recent horror flicks.

And although it contains its fair share of scary clichés, "The Conjuring" threatens to disbar the gory effects that have overtaken its genre in recent years. It could mark the beginning of a return to the dark psychology of Hitchcock and one of the

final nails in the coffin of the disgustingly predictable body horror that its director himself perpetrated.

He himself drew the intellect from horror with his earlier works, but perhaps a guilty Wan is now looking to re-inject its psyche.

Genre: Horror
Rating: R
Runtime: 112 minutes
3 out of 5 stars

August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month, time to raise awareness and support

Governor Rick Snyder has declared the month of August to be Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan. To highlight the commitment Michigan has made to ensuring the long-term health of all mothers, infants, and children in the state, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is encouraging men, fathers, family, and friends to support new mothers as they begin to breastfeed.

Studies have shown that when mom has support, she's more likely to breastfeed so that both she

and baby get the maximum health and developmental benefits. This year's theme, "Breastfeeding Support: Close to Mothers," highlights the importance of peer support. Researchers have found that with support, women breastfeed longer. This is important considering the well documented evidence that breast milk is important for the health and well-being of both mother and infant.

"Breastfeeding is about babies' healthy nutrition, and so much more," said Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Medical Executive with

the MDCH. "We know that babies who breastfeed have less chance of childhood obesity, and better protection against illnesses than babies who do not breastfeed. Plus, breastfeeding helps build a close bond between mothers and babies, and fathers can be part of that bond too. Raising awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding not only with moms, but with men as well, is key to supporting the overall health of moms and their children."

On August 7, MDCH held their annual 'Walk a Mile to Support Breastfeeding' event to encourage breastfeeding and breastfeeding support by walking a mile around the Capitol building in Lansing. This year several dozen people attended, including women, their babies, and more men than in years past.

Michigan has made the reduction of infant mortality and the improvement of overall health for women and children a priority. Breastfeeding is a proven prevention strategy, protecting both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute disease and conditions. Research shows that breastfed babies have fewer colds and ear infections. In addition, the nutrients in breast milk help build the baby's brain and immune system.

The MDCH, Michigan Breastfeeding Network, and the United States Breastfeeding Committee, along with many more community breastfeeding coalitions across Michigan are working throughout the month of August to raise awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding in an effort to make Michigan a more 'breastfeeding friendly' state.

For more information about the benefits of breastfeeding, visit www.michigan.gov

Tim Clements, Secretary
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The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request:

APPLICANT: Vergennes Broadband LLC
9769 Vergennes St
Lowell, MI 49331

REQUEST: A Special Use Permit to place a 150 ft. tower.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 11407 36th Street, Lowell, MI - PP# 41-20-16-300-007.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Looking Back, continued

each year. Unusual this year is the fact that the 17th annual contest, not scheduled to start until October 1, already has attracted more entries than can be accommodated. C. G. Card, contest superintendent, has requested some of the nation's leading breeders to enter but one pen instead of several. What kind of a record can a topnotch hen show? In 10 months the White Leghorn now leading has laid 262 eggs rating 284.25 points. The Wagemaker Rhode Island Red has laid 265 eggs for 283.25 points.

Wind of near cyclonic proportions accompanied by a deluge of rain struck this vicinity around 5:30 o'clock last Saturday evening. Scores of shade trees were shorn of their heavier limbs and in some cases trees were uprooted. And for a time some of the streets ran like rivers of water. Fortunately, no serious damage resulted, although the roof of the Frank Keiser house on West Main Street sustained some damage from a falling tree. For about one-half hour the down-pour of rain was so heavy that one could not see halfway across the street. The storm did great damage along the western Michigan shore line where the waters from Lake Michigan rolled in like a tidal wave. The Ionia Free Fair, just getting under way on its final day's activities was forced to call a sudden and almost complete halt as the grounds began to resemble a miniature lake.

Be on your guard against roving gypsies. Order them off pronto if they enter your premises. A few days ago an elderly gentleman living in Boston Township was frisked of his money. A farmer residing north of Lowell was shy of about \$20 after receiving a visit from the thieving gentry.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 22, 1963

"Get that fish net in the car," former Lowell resident Mrs. Pat Ann Holliday told her young son Monday afternoon as they were pulling up to a Wealthy Street stoplight in Grand Rapids. Little Terry Lee, two [years old], who had been dangling his dad's fish net out the car window, promptly obeyed his mother's command, brought the fish net back into the car—and dropped it neatly over his mother's head. Result: Mrs. Holliday's car plowed into the rear of another car stopped for the light and pushed it into the rear of a third auto. Mrs. Holliday suffered an arm bruise; no one else was hurt.

Lowell is among 13 Michigan communities whose municipal electric systems are currently involved in testing a new Civil Defense home warning device called "NEAR." E. A. Fullerton, chief of the NEAR project for the Office of Civil Defense in Washington, said Michigan was selected as the first area to be completely covered by the newly-developed alerting system. The NEAR device, when plugged into a home outlet, emits a warning sound to inform homeowners of impending enemy attack. The device is activated by a change in power frequency, transmitted from the power plant which supplies electricity to the community... All costs for the current engineering test phase of the NEAR program will be borne by the federal government.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 24, 1988

It's a privately held little company that unless you've lived in Lowell awhile you might not know it even exists. Root Lowell Manufacturing, while managing to keep a low profile, has grown into the largest sprayer manufacturer in the country, "if not the world" adds Root Lowell marketing manager Pete Lubeck. The Root Lowell Company has been in the Showboat city since 1905 and for the past 20 years, at its present location, 1000 Foreman Rd., manufacturing compressed air sprayers, lawn and garden supplies, industrial and janitorial equipment. Within the last five years it has added consumer water products, hose and accessories. The Lowell company distributes its product to hardware stores, K-Mart, Meijer's and mass merchants. "Our distribution base is broad - We distribute around the country and in Canada," Lubeck said.

Dr. Robert Reagan. D.D.S. who has been in Lowell

for 35 years, was selected by the "Keeping in Step for Kids" millage campaign as the school millage citizen chairperson. Reagan and his wife, Carol, educated and graduated all 10 of their children from Lowell schools. Reagan spent 14 years on the Lowell Board of Education, seven of which were as board president. "We're excited about Reagan's leadership and direction that he will bring to the campaign," Lowell principal Dick Korb said. "Along with his knowledge and expertise he is credible and well respected within the community." According to Korb, Reagan will be used to speak at small gatherings and functions. "Reagan will be able to talk from the aspect of community life — a community perspective," Korb said. Getting the information to the community is important and Korb said he felt it was important that someone other than a school official talk to the people. "The committee picked someone that doesn't have close ties to the school," he said. Korb added that the millage dollars the school is asking for will allow Lowell students to be employable and competitive in the 21st Century.

Former Major League star found guilty

J-Ad news service

Former Major League Baseball player Chad Curtis, once a World Series hero for the New York Yankees, was found guilty Friday afternoon after a week-long trial on six counts of criminal sexual conduct involving three Lakewood High School teens.

Cries from the victims who filled the back of the courtroom were echoed by sobs from the victim's family after the verdict was read and Curtis was taken into custody by the Barry County Sheriff's deputies.

Curtis showed little emotion as the verdict was read, but leaned on the table in front of him with both hands appearing to try to steady himself after court adjourned.

Circuit Court Judge Amy McDowell gave the jurors instructions about 11:30 a.m. and the guilty verdict was returned at 3 p.m.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Chris Elsworth, who tried the case, credited the young victims for their poise and honesty on the stand.

"All the girls were so believable," said Elsworth. "They testified for a long time with a lot of emotion."

Prosecuting Attorney Julie Nakfoor-Pratt said she was somewhat surprised how quickly the verdict was returned. She said the jury obviously paid attention throughout the week-long trial, discussed the evidence in the jury deliberations and made their decision.

The jury did ask twice for information from the court during its deliberations.

Sentencing for Curtis is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. Sept. 26 in Circuit Court.

Curtis, 44, of Lake Odessa, was a regular substitute teacher at Lakewood High School and volunteered to supervise the weight room and assist students with weight training and workouts.

The week-long trial in Barry County Circuit Court featured testimony from the girls who claimed Curtis inappropriately touched them while alone with them in an isolated training room.

Curtis denied all

charges. He opted Friday morning not to testify at the jury trial.

Elsworth told the jurors in his closing arguments that they needed to use their common sense and their own experiences.

"Why would these girls lie?" Elsworth asked. "There's not one reason they would lie. Their emotions show you they're telling the truth. They lost friends. They lost relationships. They were bullied at school and got negative attention. There's no motivation for them to lie."

Defense attorney David Dodge argued it comes down to the jury's assessment of Chad Curtis.

"You heard about his reputation and that reputation is so inconsistent with the charges that it is reason to doubt," he said.

He told jurors that Curtis' only motivation to giving the massages was to help the students.

"There was no sexual motivation," Dodge insisted.

In addition to the three student alleged victims, two additional young women

testified they, too, had been inappropriately touched by Curtis. Elsworth said that, though the three did not file charges, they were called to testify to show a pattern of behavior by Curtis.

All three alleged victims in the case were students between the ages of 13 and 16 at Lakewood when the alleged incidents occurred. All three said the inappropriate touching happened in a secluded, windowless training room when they were alone with Curtis.

Curtis' defense attorney called more than a dozen students and former students to testify about what they observed in the weight room.

Dodge also called more than a half dozen character witnesses who testified they believe Curtis is a man of high morals and principles.

They described his reputation as being "impeccable," and "flawless." They said they believed him to be honest and trustworthy "to a T."

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Water quality, cont'd.

species (AIS) surveys on 14 lakes and connecting tributaries in the Elk River Chain of Lakes watershed. The results will be used to control the spread of AIS. Project findings will be provided to stakeholders to increase awareness of AIS in the watershed and to implement management and control strategies for AIS.

Timberland Resource Conservation and Development has been awarded \$17,261.79 to monitor and track sources

of E. coli in Tyler Creek, a tributary in the Lower Grand River watershed. This project will direct efforts towards influences of stream discharge and total suspended sediments on E. coli concentrations, with an ultimate goal of targeting riparian restoration efforts to areas where contaminated runoff and sediment input are greatest.

Funding for these grants was made available through the Clean Michigan Initiative-Clean Water Fund.

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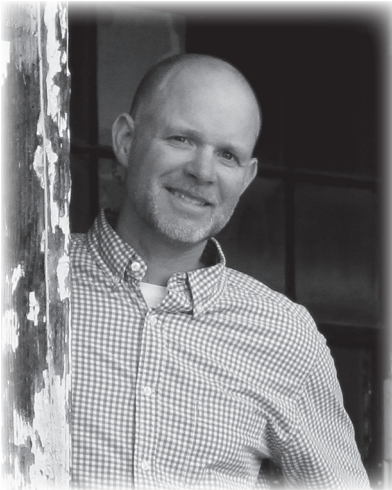
Helen Ruth Alderink, age 102 of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, August 13, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clare; daughter, Kay Alderink; daughter-in-law, Clea Alderink; siblings, Lilah Wylie, Dorothy Brake, Floy Coombe, Gerald Kyser, Leo Kyser, Donald Kyser, Kay Podd, Margaret Rose and Marie O'Connor. She is survived by her children, John (Marcia) Alderink, Miriam (Dewey) Horn, Ronald (Katie) Alderink, Marcia (Greg) Seeley; sister-in-law, Sharon Kyser; 16 grandchildren, many great and great-great grandchildren. Helen was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the South Boston Bible Church. Services have already been held. Rev. Robert Roush officiated. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.



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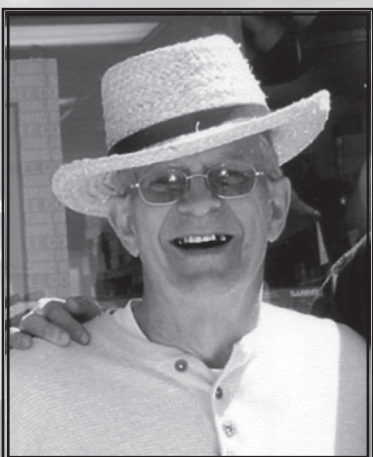
BLACKPORT

Thomas William Blackport, age 45, went to be with his Lord, Friday August 9, 2013. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Tammie and his sons, Thomas, Nolan and Owen; his parents Ronald and Donna Blackport; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gary and Marlene Knottnerus; sister Mary Jo Blackport; brother Michael (Debbie) Blackport; sister-in-law Tawnie (Randy) Reitsma; brother-in-law Mark (Sandy) Knottnerus; nieces and nephews, Brooke, Ty, Samantha, Kyle, Jessie (Jordan), and Akrisa (Brant). Tom will be remembered by his boys for being an amazing dad, for his quiet demeanor, always being ready with a dry, ill-timed joke, and a graceful athleticism. He had a deep passion for baseball and a love for coaching his players at Northpointe Christian. Tom was a fiercely devoted fan of Michigan Football. He was deeply devoted to his family and was always finding a way to serve others. He was a long-term employee at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. In honor of Tom and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.



Donald L. Reedy Sr.

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with love, never to be forgotten

...Connie

MARBLE

Glenn R. Marble, age 73, born on March 13, 1940, in White Lake, passed on August 10, 2013, in Detroit. Beloved husband of Janet L. Marble for 12 years and preceded in death by his first wife Susan P. Marble; loving father of Richard (Victoria) Marble, Robert (Christina) Marble, Bonnie (Ron) Osborne, Matthew (Paula) Peters, Grace Carter, Benjamin Peters, and Adam (Shanon) Peters; cherished grandfather of 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brother of Lynn Robert (Andrea) Marble, Norma Jean (Gary) Melton; dear brother-in-law of Sharon Marble; Glenn will be missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Glenn retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years and became a farmer during his retirement. He also enjoyed traveling and was an avid pilot. Services were all ready held. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home Highland. Memorials are appreciated to the White Lake Library and Be the match Foundation. Please visit www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com



SPEERSTRA

Richard Henry (Dick) Speerstra, age 89, passed away peacefully last week. Being a story teller of the highest magnitude, anyone who came near would hear of his lifelong adventures and escapades. Many were caught in rapt attention to his tales of walking barefoot behind a horse drawn plow (you only had one pair of shoes each year in those days), hauling water for the cattle as a child the old fashion way, in pails, by hand; picking up discarded potatoes in the fields as partial pay and food on the table during the depression, of walking all the way to town and back to see the ten cent movies, and certainly swimming in the Flat River. He was an avid hunter, especially during his youth, when a rabbit or two made dinner for the family table. As a teen he was known to tromp the fields and woods of Vergennes Township for miles and miles with only his favorite dog and a shotgun. Renowned for his keen eye and expert marksmanship, he planned a hunt and brought home a buck from Munising or the Dead Stream Swamp every single year after the war 'til recent years when he could no longer make the trip "up north." Dick was a lifelong resident of Vergennes Township and as a member of the "Greatest Generation," at age 18, left his mother and father, Ben and Tillie Speerstra, his friends and family and the one room Vergennes schoolhouse behind and volunteered to fight the Japanese as an Electrician's Mate aboard the destroyer USS Brownson in the South Pacific. Many sat at our kitchen table over the years for the retelling of the events of the day after Christmas 1943 at 2:45 in the afternoon when 108 young American men lost their lives violently for our freedom. Japanese dive-bombers struck the Brownson as her guns protected American troops during the first landings on New Britain off Cape Gloucester. One of the last to leave the smoldering deck of the rapidly sinking ship, he recalled the days of swimming the muddy Flat, pulled off his shoes and socks, and swam for his life through the still raging battle in the far away South Pacific. Upon his return from his adventure in the Pacific, the Navy immediately assigned him to duty as a teacher at US Naval Station Great Lakes, IL. Now a battle-tested sailor at age twenty and while teaching math and electrical theory to the uninitiated, he married Zoia Ellen Green (his long-time sweetheart from Lowell,



of course). As the war ground on, they started a family (that was how it was done in those days). I was born one day after Pearl Harbor day in December 1945 and brother Tom came along about five years later. Possibly resulting from the trauma of the South Pacific, or perhaps just a cantankerous disposition, Dick had a career that read like an encyclopedia. He was a journeyman electrician and worked at that trade 'til his mid thirties. The rest went like the Frank Sinatra tune *That's Life*: "I've been a puppet, a pauper, a pirate, a poet, a pawn and a king." Then...with all that behind him, he became one of the most respected beekeepers in West Michigan. I peered with awe into the first 55-gallon barrel of honey he produced as a result of his own self-determination and will power. Dick was the youngest of the Speerstra kids, having three older sisters surviving childbirth, Ida, Alice and Irene who have all preceded him in passing. When great great-grandpa Peter Speerstra arrived at Lowell all those years ago and built his home and dairy on Foreman Road and raised up all those Speerstra boys; Herm, Al, Pete, Joe and Ben; I'll bet he never thought that Dick would be the last Speerstra boy to swim the river and plant a garden and pat his grandkids on the head in that tiny, dirt road town a century later. My psychiatrist called him a "survivor." That term would describe most of the men I have known of that generation. He was the kind to stand up and fight for what was right, with his fists if necessary. He could pour cement, build a house, tie a fly and wire your kitchen. He did his math with a pencil on a scrap of cardboard and wore bib overalls. He drank his share of whisky and chewed tobacco, 'til Zoia finally made him quit. He lived, loved, and cried, as a man should. It has been tough to see him resigned to a slower pace and less active life the last few years, not knowing where he left his keys and finally losing all of those wonderful memories he shared with those around him. Now we must buy our honey at the grocery store and the grandkids won't eat peas 'cause they aren't from Grandpa's garden. I think I will hold him in my mind as he is in the photo we have of him taken at the Lowell dam as a very young man, poised to take a dive of faith over the rail into the Flat and the life that lay before him. What a splendid story to tell. The body has been cremated and as Dick requested, there will be no ceremony or memorial.

WORTHINGTON

Ruth Diane Worthington, age 73 of Lowell, passed away Monday, August 12, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Worthington, Sr. and sister Betty Mitchell. She is survived by her children Dianna Worthington, Wayne Worthington, Jr., Tracy Worthington and Billie Worthington; grandchildren Ashley and Summer Worthington, Blake Jones, Rachel Lepard and Jacob Worthington; also, brothers and sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews. Services have already taken place. Interment Fallasburg Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Ionia, P.O. Box 124, Ionia, MI 48846.



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Love you Mom.
We miss you.

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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.

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/ adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

MOVIE - Scooby Doo Stage Fright, Aug. 23, 1:30 p.m. at the Clarksville Village Hall. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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GEOGRAPHY 101**

ACROSS

- 1. He had no cause?
- 6. Also
- 9. Captain _____
- 13. Napoleon's stay on St. Helena, e.g.
- 14. Aggravate
- 15. It killed the radio star?
- 16. Serving of parsley
- 17. Actress _____ Thompson
- 18. More ill
- 19. Trying experience
- 21. "Geographia" author
- 23. "Mouth to a river, e.g.
- 24. Call someone
- 25. PC "brain"
- 28. Stupor
- 30. "Gobi or Kalahari, e.g.
- 35. Os in XOXO
- 37. Livens up
- 39. Pang
- 40. "Capri, e.g.
- 41. Anklebone
- 43. Shamu
- 44. Nigerian money
- 46. Dharma teacher
- 47. Chinese restaurant staple, pl.
- 48. Founder of Scholasticism
- 50. Winningest Super Bowl coach
- 52. Marble _____
- 53. First in baseball, e.g.
- 55. Distress signal
- 57. "Tallest mountain
- 61. "Deepest lake
- 64. Japanese-American
- 65. American Gas Association
- 67. Like unspoken agreement

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AUGUST 21 - AUGUST 27

- The White House has a new friend for Bo, a little girl named Sunny, who is also Portuguese Water Dog. Sunny was born in Michigan in June 2012 and arrived at the White House on Monday.
- The summer of 2013 is becoming one of the worst on record for mosquitoes. Experts say it's been a bugger-than-normal summer in many places around the U.S. because of a combination of drought, heavy rain and heat ,especially in the Southeast.
- Boston Red Sock's pitcher Ryan Dempster hit Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez with a pitch. Yankee manager Joe Girardi insists it will be "open season" on Alex Rodriguez if Major League Baseball fails to suspend Dempster. "That baseball is a weapon. It's not a tennis ball. ... It's a weapon and it can do a lot of damage to someone's life," Girardi said.

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- 1. Hi-_____
- 2. Montreal baseballer
- 3. Ethiopian currency
- 4. Omit or suppress
- 5. "On a map
- 6. Cash cache
- 7. Bonanza find
- 8. Similar to giraffe but smaller
- 9. Tarantino's "_____ Bill"
- 10. Not in action
- 11. Believe
- 12. Nemo's forgetful friend
- 15. Shrinking _____
- 20. To modify a book into a screenplay, e.g.
- 22. Slight amount
- 24. Get off an airplane
- 25. "Most populous country
- 26. South Korean port
- 27. a.k.a. Tangelos
- 29. Eagerness
- 31. "_____ me the money!"
- 32. It may get you to first base
- 33. *_____ Mountains
- 34. Flirt
- 36. Bone-dry
- 38. Form of wrestling
- 42. Chip dip
- 45. Even though
- 49. No _____
- 51. Hang around
- 54. Up or down step
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- 57. "National Velvet" author _____ Bagnold
- 58. "Tropical rainforests contain ninety percent of the world's _____ species
- 59. "_____ quam videri" or "To be, rather than to seem (to be)"
- 60. Instrument type
- 61. To be very hot
- 62. Yearn or pine
- 63. Told an untruth
- 66. Bearded antelope
- 68. Give it a go

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Guilty, continued

Jurors also heard the first interview with Curtis and Barry County Sheriff's Detective Jay Olejniczak.

"I'm really hurt to know she was uncomfortable and hurt to know she was uncomfortable enough to take this step."

He said he had no idea the girl was uncomfortable when he took her to the training room for stretches and massaging her muscles. He told investigators he helped massage sore muscles and injury areas. Curtis said in the taped interview that he felt he was doing what was beneficial to the student as a rehabbing athlete.

The girl alleged Curtis massaged not only her legs, but also her buttocks and that his hands went up to her underwear during the massage.

A massage therapist called to testify for the defense, said it is common to massage the butt area when treating sore muscles in the legs, hips and back.

Elsworth said after one girl made police contact, others also related incidents.

"The girls trusted him," said Elsworth. "He was a professional athlete and a mentor to them."

In his opening statements to the jury Elsworth referred to the innocence of children.

Dodge told the seven female and eight male jurors and jury alternates he believes there is reasonable doubt in the case.

He said the charges stem from overinflated incidents of typical training practices.

The first alleged victim testified about two incidents that happened to her in the training room on separate occasions. She admitted to not reporting either incident initially, partially because she believed it would never happen again and because she was good friends with Curtis' daughter.

"I decided I was going to pretend like nothing happened. It was a lie," she said.

She admitted regularly seeing Curtis in the weight room. She testified Curtis took her into the training room where he massaged her body, including her exposed chest.

She said Curtis apologized to her and told her he had an angel on one shoulder and a demon on the other.

"He said something like it was wrong, but it wasn't too wrong," she testified.

She also said he told her it was the most unfaithful he's ever been to his wife — a similar statement echoed by another witness.

"I was under the impression that he was a very Christian man, and I did look up to him a lot," she said.

The second incident involving the same teen happened Labor Day 2011 when the two were again alone in the training room. During this incident, Curtis allegedly again inappropriately touched and kissed her breast, among other things.

She said the two eventually prayed together about the incident — that he prayed for his family and for her and for himself to make sure something like that never would happen again.

But then, as she was leaving, she said Curtis asked her something that stunned her.

"He asked, 'Did you enjoy any of that?'"

When she said she did not, he told her it was good because then she would know what to do if a boy

ever puts her in a similar situation.

A second alleged victim testified Tuesday. She, too, was an athlete. As a freshman, she injured her knee and Curtis offered to help her with some fitness exercises.

After the workout, she told Curtis she was sore, especially her injured knee. He offered to message her legs and took her into the training room.

She said Curtis started rubbing her knee, then moved up her leg to the thigh and groin area with his hands under her Spandex shorts and near her underwear.

"I didn't really know what to feel. I was scared. I wasn't sure what happened," she said.

It happened again the next day when Curtis excused the girl out of gym class to take her to the training room.

"I trusted Mr. Curtis," she testified. "I didn't think he would do anything like that."

A third alleged victim testified Wednesday morning that Curtis also took her into the training room, even when she didn't

complain of any soreness or injury.

Another time, he lifted her sports bra, exposing her breasts while he wrapped her ribs with an elastic bandage.

"I was very uncomfortable with it. I didn't know what to say at that point," the teen told the court.

The teen admitted having a crush on Curtis, but said that's as far as it ever went. She said anything else would be "gross."

"I just thought he was a good guy," she said.

At least one male witness told jurors he thought Curtis did pay more attention to the third victim. He also testified that he never received massages even after tough workouts.

Two other females, not involved in the criminal complaints, also testified they had felt uncomfortable at times with Curtis when he touched them or rubbed lotion on them.

One teen testified to going on spring break vacation with the Curtis family.

During that week, she

said, Chad Curtis jumped in bed with her one morning and always wanted to put suntan lotion on her for the day.

The teen baby-sat for the Curtis family at times and was friends with Curtis' children.

She said, at times, Curtis would also rub lotion on her in the weight room office and sometimes made her feel uncomfortable when he got too close to her while spotting her during weightlifting.

The other woman testified she too would baby-sit for the Curtis family as a teen. She said Curtis rubbed aloe on her sunburned legs, belly and chest.

She said Curtis later apologized and told her it was the closest he had ever come to cheating on his wife.

Curtis is a former professional baseball player who, from 1992 through 2001, was a member of the California Angels, the Detroit Tigers, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Cleveland Indians, the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers.

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