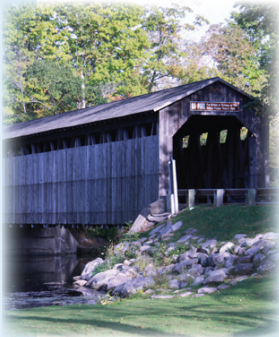


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Final concert sizzles and museum intros new exhibit

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

As the sun set on the final Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the 2013 season last Thursday, the Lowell Area Historical Museum introduced the first installment of their Interpretive Board Project along the Riverwalk Plaza.

Classic rock quartet 13th Hour rounded out this year's concert series with an upbeat mix of 60s and 70s cover

songs. The seasoned West Michigan band led the crowd with high energy and strong vocal performances.

This summer's series featured a diverse lineup of musicians that included local favorites like the Kari Lynch Band and the citizen soldiers of the 126 Army Band and packed the Riverwalk for 10 shows. The series, provided free to the public by the



Classic rock quartet 13th Hour.

Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, will kick up again next June.

Along with the musical entertainment the crowd was also greeted by the unveiling of a unique project brought to the community by the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

The Interpretive Board Project will



The newly installed interpretive boards in front of the Showboat.

eventually consist of 17 boards placed throughout the Riverwalk and the Historic Downtown District. Each board will describe an important topic or period in Lowell history.

Museum executive director Pat Allchin called the project "exciting" commenting that, "Whether you are a newcomer or an old-timer you may not know everything about Lowell."

Each board, constructed of an all-weather material, will consist of photos, graphics and text that explain the history of each site subject. The first five boards are located outside the chamber of commerce office and beside the river and discuss subjects, such as early settlers and the local lumbering industry.

"This is a great way for us to get history outside of

the museum walls!" said Allchin. "And this is so important because Lowell has such a rich history to share."

The project, which will be completed over the next four years, also aims to bring more foot traffic to downtown. It is being funded by King Milling Company and The Lowell Area Community Fund.

Public forum gives citizens a peek at utility contract negotiations

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

On Tuesday, August 20, local advocacy group VOICE of Lowell (Voters Organized in Civic Excellence) organized a public forum at Englehardt Library whereby concerns regarding the ongoing utility contract negotiations could be shared and questions

regarding the process could be answered.

Current VOICE leader Barbara Barber served as the moderator for the forum.

"I have a duty to ask the questions," Barber said.

The forum was called in order to address a series of letters published in

the Lowell Ledger, most importantly a complaint about city manager Mark Howe written by Ionia County resident Barbara Trierweiler and a statement by mayor Jim Hodges claiming that the "negotiations cannot be done in public."

Union steward and VOICE advocate Ralph Brecken spoke first in response to the letter written by mayor Hodges.

Brecken explained that contract negotiations have gone through "good faith" bartering and mediation and are currently in the fact-finding stage. The purpose of fact-finding is to break any negotiating logjams by revealing the facts of



Barbara Trierweiler speaking to those in attendance.

LPD warns drivers to avoid break-ins, lock your car doors

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Several unlocked vehicles were broken into Wednesday night in the North Washington neighborhood of Lowell and over \$1,200 worth of personal property was stolen. Police said thieves were looking for unlocked cars and suggest that Lowell residents should always lock their vehicles.

Two possible suspects, both males, ages 16 and 17, were apprehended near one of the crime scenes, but police do not think the young men were involved in the break-ins. The two youths were seen walking away from one of the vehicles around the time of the incident and were picked up near the cemetery. Police were alerted to their presence by a phone call from one of the victims.

"They were from Lowell, but not from that neighborhood," Lowell police sgt. Steve Bukala said. "They were interviewed and released."

The teens did not have any stolen property on them, nor do police think they had time to hide any items.

Among the property stolen from vehicles was a laptop estimated to be worth around \$1,000 and a GPS unit estimated to be worth \$200 - \$250.

"They're usually looking for small, inexpensive items," Bukala said. "Cash, cigarettes."

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Mark Howe, Lowell's city manager, recently received the credentialed manager designation from ICMA (International City/County Management Association). Howe is one of more than 1,200 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA voluntary credentialing program.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by promoting professional management worldwide and increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

"We are fortunate to have Mark Howe serve

as our city manager," said Lowell mayor James Hodges. "He shares our passion for the community through his volunteer work for the chamber of commerce, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Rotary, and other local organizations. Through the voluntary credential program he has also shown a commitment to improving his knowledge and skill as our city manager."

Howe is qualified by 15 years of professional local government executive experience and more than 25 years in public service. Prior to his appointment in 2011 as city manager of the city of Lowell he served as county administrator for Ionia County. He has also served as staff to members of the Michigan Legislature and a member of congress, including former Senator Dick Posthumus and Congressman Vern Ehlers, who both represented the city of Lowell.

Howe also makes significant contributions to a number of other organizations, including being an active member of the Lowell Rotary Club and treasurer of the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority.

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Cement truck exceeds Fallasburg Bridge weight limit tenfold

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Historic Fallasburg Covered Bridge was closed Wednesday morning after a 31-ton cement truck caused damage to its interior structure.

The cement truck, owned by High Grade Materials, was on its way to a nearby job site.

“The driver was looking at the navigation app. on his phone, which showed the job site was just over the bridge, so that’s the way he went,” said Wayne Harrell, Kent County Road Commission director of engineering.

An inspection Thursday showed the bridge only

suffered superficial damage to its interior cross-bracing and it was re-opened to traffic that morning.

“There was nothing in our evaluation that required us to keep the vehicle closed to passenger traffic,” Harrell said.

It is still undetermined

who will be responsible for paying to repair the bridge.

“The normal process is, it would go through their insurance if their vehicle damaged anything,” Harrell said.

However, any repairs to the bridge will be made by the county.

“We have our own crew and we would make the repairs with them,” Harrell said.

In a statement High Grade Materials released to local media, the company apologized for the accident. The statement also said, “the driver responsible has been suspended indefinitely pending an internal investigation,” but did not provide the identity of the driver.

“The name of our driver will not be released,” said Jared Watson, High Grade Materials’ safety director, in an email to the Ledger. “There are no beneficial or constructive outcomes from releasing that information.”

The bridge has been damaged in the past, although the culprits are unknown.

“Some years back we had to do repairs on the west side of the bridge, because a large vehicle got on there,” Harrell said. “There are scrapes on the west end of the bridge wider than the ones caused by the concrete truck. It looks like a vehicle started to enter, figured out they were going to hit it and

backed out. We had the floor beams repaired and those repairs are holding up fine.”

Fallasburg Covered Bridge was built across the Flat River in 1871. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972. The bridge had various repairs and upgrades in 1905, 1945 and 1994.

The Kent County Road Commission intends to repair the damage before the end of the year.

“We’ll probably do those repairs this fall, when we were planning to apply a flame retardant to the bridge,” Harrell said. “A security camera is also something we’re considering.”

Weight limit signs are posted at the entrance to the bridge, but the driver either didn’t see them or ignored them.

“There are some things that happen and you just kind of shake your head,” Harrell said.

“This was the first and last time any of our trucks will cross the Fallasburg bridge,” Watson said. “It was a one-time mistake that will not happen again.”

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THURS: Chicken taco on WG soft tortilla shell (WG breaded chicken nuggets served at Bushnell), refried beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, red pepper strips, peaches, apple, milk.

FRI: Pink Arrow Day. Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, seasoned corn, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, pink applesauce, orange slices, milk.

Break-ins, continued

A backpack and some childrens’ jackets were found in the road near one of the burglarized vehicles. Those items were returned to their owners on Wednesday.

“If you can limit opportunity, you won’t have items missing. It’s as easy as locking it up,” Bukala said. “People will argue they don’t want their windows broken, but smashing

windows creates a big scene. Locking your car gives them less of an opportunity.”

The police don’t believe these break-ins have anything to do with the “Felony Lane Gang” crimes on August 12 in Rockford and Ada, when several cars were broken into and purses and wallets stolen.

“Please, meet us

halfway and lock your vehicles,” Bukala said.

Police have no suspects at this time.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Work to become a better investor

Next week, we observe Labor Day. A federal holiday since 1894, Labor Day celebrates the achievements of American workers — people, like yourself, who work hard for their money. But to make progress toward your long-term financial goals, you need to do more than just earn money — you have to invest it wisely. And that takes work, too.

Fortunately, there's no real mystery to the types of labor in which you'll need to engage to become a good investor. Here are a few suggestions:

- Work to make investing a priority. Many people delay investing until they "have a better handle" on their finances. But these good intentions frequently go unfulfilled because there will always be something else on which to spend one's money. To work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement or a child's education, you need to put away some money regularly. If you're just starting out in your career, you might not be able to afford much, but even a small amount can help. And when your salary increases,

so can your investment contributions. To make it easier on yourself, consider arranging for your bank to automatically move money each month from your checking or savings account into an investment account.

- Work to understand what's in your portfolio. Some investors aren't certain about what investments they own — and this uncertainty can lead to poor decision-making if it becomes necessary to make changes. So make sure you know what's in your portfolio — and why.

- Work to keep your portfolio current with your goals. Even if you know why you initially purchased certain investments and how they fit into your portfolio, you can't put things on "autopilot." Over time, your goals may evolve, which means you'll need to be vigilant in working with your financial advisor to adjust your portfolio accordingly.

- Work to diversify your holdings. No matter where you are in your life, you will still need to diversify your portfolio by owning a variety of investments —

stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles. Consequently, you'll need to review your portfolio regularly to ensure that it's still properly diversified. Diversification is a strategy designed to help reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings, but keep in mind that even a diversified portfolio can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- Work to maintain a long-term perspective. No matter what you might hear from anyone else, there's no "shortcut" to investment success. Many people hope they will "hit" on that one investment that will make them rich quickly — but that's pretty much a fantasy. To help achieve your goals, you will need to invest for many years, through good markets and bad. And during those inevitable downturns, you'll need to focus on your long-term objectives and follow a consistent investment strategy, making only those adjustments that make sense for your situation.

As you can see, you'll need to work on many aspects of investing to stay on the road toward success. But you don't have to work alone: Investing can be complex, so you may want to get help from a financial professional — someone who knows both the investment world and your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,
I'm writing in reference to the letter written by mayor Jim Hodges in the Aug. 14 Lowell Ledger.

The letter said in recent weeks there has been a number of letters concerning the union negotiations with

the city, as well as personal attacks directed at our city manager.

The letter also noted that the letters and comments recently published have been emotional and not based on fact.

But wait just a minute

Mr. Hodges, that's just one person's opinion. When the city council was confronted about the negotiations I didn't see the city council offering any facts, just excuses.

In searching for the truth all articles should be significant. An letter in the Aug. 7 Viewpoint by Nancy Stroosnyder said it all. A portion of the letter said, *(while I generally oppose worker's unions, the overpaid union officials and*

thugs that support them, I must say that I support the union workers of the Lowell Department of Public Works based on what they've openly presented and the Lowell city council has not. What these workers are asking for is nothing more than what a conscientious employer would do for their employee, leaving me to wonder what the real issue is with councilmembers.)

I would like to answer Nancy's question of what I

believe is the council's real issue.

I believe the real issue is that the city council is a self-serving city council with agendas other than what's been brought before the constituents. They are acting as the sole decider

and that's not what they were voted into office to be.

They were voted into office to be the servant and have failed miserably at doing so.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

outdoors

special season



Dave Stegehuis

Fall is a very special time of the year in Michigan. Many subtle changes in our daily lives take place against a backdrop of colorful landscapes.

Back to school sales are the first hint that change is on the way. Returning to school is an exciting time for families of students from pre-school to college. Football games add another dimension of interest and excitement to the season. Just walking and spending time outdoors and experiencing the sights and smells of fall is something everyone can look forward to.

Fall is the time of harvest for gardeners and farmers. Roadside stands appear along highways and back-roads around the state. The cool weather enhances the tastes and smells of fresh produce and hot cider or maybe even a fresh donut. Festivals of all kinds take place in the fall, but usually have the common theme of celebrating the harvest.

Fishermen also take advantage of the season of plenty. Seasons are open for taking most fish and game during this time of year.

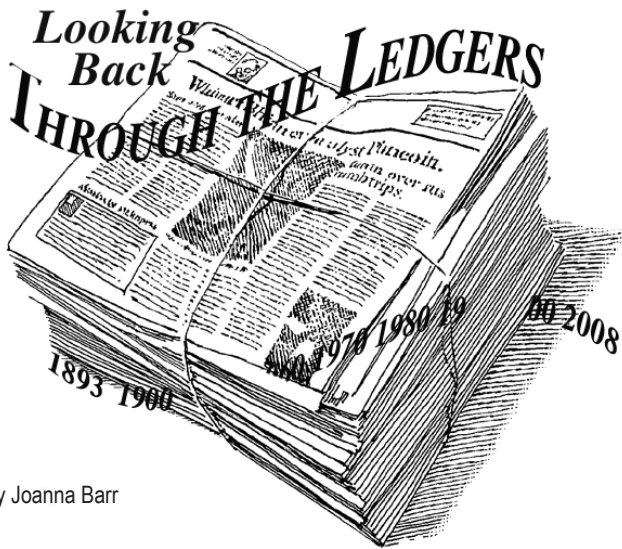
Anadromous fish make their way to home streams to spawn. Near shore schools waiting for favorable stream conditions to begin their run upstream provide good fishing for many anglers.

Enthusiastic deer hunters will sit in ground blinds, up in trees, and on stumps waiting for a wandering whitetail. Others will carefully explore the woods for sign to follow the quarry. A few hardy hunters will spend cold wet mornings in the marsh with an eager retriever on the promise of encountering a passing flight of ducks. Upland game hunters will roam the brilliant fall woods with hardworking bird dogs. Beagles excitedly yip and howl on the erratic trail of cottontail rabbits. Youngsters can share the experiences with a parent, relative, or friend.

Few people around the world have the opportunity to take part in the activities and adventures you have at your doorstep. It is easy to take all this for granted. The weather is great, the scenery spectacular, and so much to do, so get out and enjoy the season while it's here.

act out his cunning until justice puts him where the dew can't fall on him and where striped garments are worn. Publishers will please make a note of the above for the benefit of the fraternity. Any information regarding the whereabouts of Frank W. Hathaway will be cheerfully received at this office.

That washing machine we spoke of last week is still performing miracles in town. It goes from house to house and gets the clothes all ready to hang out before the girl gets up the clothes line. The ladies call it "a love of a thing" and men call it "old business." There is no discount on that machine. It fills the bill and cannot fail to find a ready market. We understand that Mr. H. A. Rice, ex-pres. of the Lowell National Bank, talks strongly of investing in territory and will probably secure the states of Michigan and Wisconsin.



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Journal September 3, 1873

Hughson the tailor, strongly intimated that he would speedily prepare the body of his wife for interment but Mrs. Hughson objected and Mr. Hughson has been sent up for 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 49.7 seconds.

Misfortunes don't come straggling along simply singly sometimes. Last week we had a printer named Frank W. Hathaway, who knocked a great quantity of type into "pi." This week we have the "pi" but no printer named Hathaway. He went to Grand Rapids last Monday morning, taking what few worldly effects he had, also a small amount of money belonging to us, which he took the liberty to collect just before starting. Previous to his departure, he also purchased a new hat and recommended us as his paymaster. Arriving at Grand Rapids he informed several friends that he should take the train that night for Detroit but this turned out to be a work of fiction as he was not seen after noon of that day in the city. He probably left on some train going south or west. He performed many difficult and pleasing feats of the above nature, but gave no reason for doing so, except that he desired to find a more lucrative field of labor. He went to the Times office and engaged a sub. to come and help us a few days. Very thoughtful. He remarked that it would'n't do for him to ever come back to Lowell. Very prudent remark. He is a fast youth, weighs about 100 lbs., is a little over five feet high, occasionally gets on a good deal bigger high, is about 22 years of age, active, intelligent, has sharp brown eyes, dark hair, two or three crooked fingers and a devil in him bigger than an "injun." He is welcome to the money that belongs to us, but we would like to converse with him and have him meet some of our friends who hold positions of trust. Just how much deviltry he has indulged in, has not yet come to light, but he has, to the knowledge of many, done enough to cover his name with lasting disgrace. He deserves severe punishment and will undoubtedly

125 years ago Lowell Journal August 28, 1888

Some devil in human form has gone into the dog poisoning business. So far Ed. Craws little terrier and J. McPherson's dog, besides a number of others, have fallen his prey—both were inoffensive and harmless dogs.

Notice to the public - Whereas my wife Ida VanDerBroeck has lately left my bed without instant cause or provocation. Now therefore this is to notify the public not to trust her on my account for I shall not pay any of her bills after this date: either store or board bills. Dated Lowell, Mich., Aug. 27th, 1888. Floretus VanDerBroeck.

Jimmie Monks, of this village and a young fellow by the name of Benson, while riding in a skiff on Morrison Lake, were run into and capsized by the steamer, last Wednesday. Both were picked up after getting a good ducking.

Edwin Taylor lost one of his horses last week and a subscription was taken up around town and enough raised to get him another.

Mrs. Samuel Day, of this [Saranac] township has been insane for years and arrangements are now being made to have her sent to the Kalamazoo asylum.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 28, 1913

Advertisement: All honest people are supposed to retire not later than twelve.--midnight. If out after that hour one is open to suspicion and liable to arrest. If your watch runs slow, have it cleaned, oiled and regulated, it may save you a lot of trouble and expense. R. D. Stocking, Jeweler. Victrolas, Edison Phonographs and the late Records.

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Chris Moore and Katherine Serne

Pat and June Serne of Lowell happily announce the engagement of their daughter Katherine to Chris Moore, son of Julie Cushman of Mazomanie, Wisconsin.

Katherine is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University. She is a national account manager for Sperilex Corp. and resides in Omaha, Nebraska.

Chris is a graduate of Wisconsin Heights High School and attended the University of Minnesota. He is a general manager with Craftworks in their Old Chicago Restaurant division of Omaha, Nebraska. He also resides in Omaha.

An October 26, 2013 wedding is planned at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Madison, Wisconsin.

Catlin



Karly Bell Catlin

Mark and Kelsey Catlin of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter on July 17, 2013, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.

She was welcomed home by her two-year-old big sister Kennedy and grandparents, Paul and Patty Catlin and Tom and Carol Capps, all of Lowell.

happy birthday!

AUGUST 28
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SEPTEMBER 1
Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic, Chuck Myers.

AUGUST 29
Donna Jean Hathaway, Betty Heaston, Kenney Vickers.

SEPTEMBER 2
Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen, Virginia Conner, John Stevens, Bryant Sloan-Johnson.

AUGUST 30
Jim Austin, Herb Swan, Jordan Cloud.

SEPTEMBER 3
Bailey Allen, Fay Johnson.

AUGUST 31
Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson.



Touched By Adoption 5k

Adoption Associates, Inc. is hosting the second annual Touched By Adoption 5K run on August 31 in Portland. The Kids' Fun Run begins at 9 am; with the 5K Run/Walk starting at 9:30 am. MSU's Sparty will be there to cheer on the runners. This year the run is endorsed by the Michigan Governor's Council on Fitness and Health.

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Flat River Outreach Ministries holds block party

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

After the Flat River Outreach Ministries' (FROM) fifteen year birthday party, one thing was certain, the people at FROM no longer need to prove that they know how to party. On Saturday, August 24, with the help of First Baptist Church and the Valley Vista community, Tamela Spicer and FROM renewed their love to get down at the Valley Vista Block Party.

For Christy Johnson, the manager at Valley Vista, the block party was a chance to bring members of the Valley Vista community together, to get to know one another and have some fun. Johnson personally invited all of the residents to join in for music, a beanbag toss and bouncing.

For Pastor Jon Pickens of First Baptist Church, the block party was a chance to serve. Pickens' church, located just down the street, provided hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and many other foods. They were involved in setup and the organization of the event. Not only did Pickens bring snacks, he brought generosity and hospitality, promising that if anyone needed a place to worship they could join him at First Baptist.

For Tamela Spicer of FROM, the block party marks the unofficial kickoff of Neighbor 2 Neighbor, where FROM partners with the Lowell Ledger in order to match those in need in Lowell with those who wish to help.

Despite the three different goals presented, when asked, Johnson, Pickens and Spicer saw unity in their understanding of the block party.

"The overall goal is just to build community," Pickens said.

"Valley Vista is a vibrant community," Johnson said.

If the praise band and singing puppets weren't enough, neighbors had the chance to win prizes, both by joining the beanbag toss tournament and by entering a drawing for gift cards and school supplies.

Valley Vista Block Party was a collage of smiling children, satisfied bellies, fun, sun, and games.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor officially kicks off on September 16.



Balloon hats were worn by the kids.



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The thyroid gland is located at the base of the neck. The thyroid produces thyroid hormone, which helps regulate many body functions. In hyperthyroidism, the thyroid is overactive and produces more hormone than the body needs. Women are more likely than men to have hyperthyroidism and it affects younger persons more than elderly persons.

More than 70 percent of cases of hyperthyroidism are related to Graves' disease, an autoimmune disorder in which the body produces antibodies

to its own tissues. These antibodies cause the thyroid to make too much thyroid hormone. Some persons with Graves' disease develop an eye condition called exophthalmos, in which the eyes begin to protrude because of swelling of the tissues behind the eyes. Other medical problems that can cause hyperthyroidism are toxic nodular goiter, exposure to iodine in medications or x-ray dyes, subacute thyroiditis (inflammation of the thyroid), and postpartum thyroiditis (inflammation of the thyroid after pregnancy).

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism are weight loss without eating less or exercising more, palpitations (rapid heart rate) or abnormal heart rhythms, heat intolerance and sweating, nervousness, tremors, and eyes that seem to protrude. Symptoms may be less severe or even absent in older persons with this disease.

Medical history and physical exam may indicate the possibility of hyperthyroidism. Simple blood tests show the presence of too much thyroid hormone. A thyroid scan may be performed using an injection or pill containing a small amount of radioactive material. Treatment of hyperthyroidism depends on the cause. Graves' disease may be treated with medications, radioactive iodine or surgery to remove the thyroid gland.

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- 2:30 pm GATES OPEN
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- 3:45 pm VARSITY SOCCER GAME - Lowell vs. Greenville
- 4:25 pm Volleyball introduction and match - Lowell vs. Greenville
- 6:00 pm Survivor and Honor Walk - Song by Nick Smith
Walk starts at high school main entrance
- 6:35 pm Football Player and Honoree introduction *on field*
- 7:00 pm National Anthem presented Brennan Prill
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Youth advisory council enters \$100K grant contest

by Karen Jack

The Lowell high school Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a service learning club that focuses on teen issues. Recently they are focusing the efforts on teen driver safety. Last year, they held assemblies at the school and created a public service announcement that was shown at the school. The teen driving video is now available for viewing on YouTube.

Now, thanks to local agent, Deborah Wilks, they're entered for a national State Farm grant for \$100,000. State Farm is giving away 10 grants of \$100,000 for the top 10 schools with the most votes.

The Celebrate My Drive program was created in 2012 to share the belief that safe driving is a lifelong commitment and is a chance for communities to rally around young drivers and encourage them to make safe driving choices every time they're behind the wheel.

According to State Farm, auto crashes are the number one cause of teen deaths in North America. The program is designed to encourage good driving habits such as "2N2" – keep two eyes on the road and

two hands on the steering wheel.

Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to visit www.celebratemydrive.com from Oct. 18-26 to vote for Lowell as they vie for the \$100,000 grant.

According to founding YAC member, Kanon Dean, "Teen driving is a huge issue with teens, and we're here to remind our classmates to drive safely each and every time we're behind the wheel."

Derek Massey, who joined the group last year, says he likes being part of an organization that focuses on teen issues. "It's important that we work with our peers and talk to them about safe

driving, because we are at risk."

Other members of the group include: Zeth Dean, Jake North, Kelsey Emmanuel, Hannah Draigh and Zach Ritchie.

"We're a small group, but we're trying to pack a punch by selecting important issues to focus on. We're hoping that our message sticks with our classmates when they climb behind the wheel."

If they win the grant, they've designated 30 percent to go to arts at the high school, 30 percent to technology, and 30 percent to athletics. The group will keep 10 percent of the money to continue putting their messages out.



Founding Youth Advisory Councilmembers, Kanon Dean and Derek Massey.

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In The Service

Navy Midshipman Grayson Q. Karber, son of Trina L. Thornton of Buhl, Idaho; and Steven R. Karber, of Saranac, recently completed 'Plebe' Summer at the U.S. Navy Academy.

Plebe Summer began on Induction Day, June 27 and concluded after seven challenging weeks of basic midshipman training.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help "plebes" prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenges leading to graduation and commissioning as a Navy or Marine Corps Officer. Plebe Summer is run by upper-class midshipmen who are specially trained in their leadership roles to effectively develop plebes into successful midshipmen.

Plebe Summer activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing,

obstacle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills, as well as 40 training hours devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and formal parades.

Throughout the summer, new midshipmen rapidly gain general knowledge of seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing and handling yard patrol craft. Plebes also learn how to use 9mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the academy's plebe or freshman class and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer.

This year the Naval Academy received over 17, 500 applications for the Class of 2017.

Karber is a 2010 graduate of Saranac High School.

Looking Back, continued

who watched the performance said he was welcome to it, so far as they were concerned. The fellow fell seventy feet recently in Grand Rapids and broke an arm. He is on his way to Detroit to paint the staff on the Ford building, 300 feet in the air. Do you want his job?

The idea of teaching every girl to thump the piano and every boy to be a book-keeper, will make potatoes eight dollars a barrel and meat out of reach of the ordinary mortal, within ten years.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger September 1, 1938

The Kent County 4-H Club Fair here last week had no more interested spectator than C. H. Runciman who visited the grounds as often as his duties would permit. In fact, on Thursday morning, Mr. Runciman was on hand before six o'clock. "And wasn't it an agreeable surprise to find scores of these youngsters up and about, grooming their livestock and entering wholeheartedly and with pride in the preparation of their entries. And girls were right there, too," added Mr. Runciman, "slicking-up their entries, determined not to be outdone by the boys."

Construction started on two modern homes. During the past few days construction has been started on two modern homes, one by Dr. D. H. Oatley at the corner of Vergennes Rd. and Elizabeth St. and the other by Judd Clark on Vergennes Rd., just north of the house built by Dr. Oatley. Both houses will be of frame construction, Cape Cod Colonial type, each having six rooms. The Oatley house will be 26x32 with separate garage and steam heat. The Clark house will be 24x36 with attached garage and a hot air furnace.

have been taxed an extravagant price for the last five years for the lighting of our village." Furthermore, the letter writers grumbled, the lighting has not given . . . good service to the majority of our citizens." Calling for "a halt in such extravagance of the people's money." The citizens declared that, "what we demand is economy, not style." At the time the letter was put before the council, electric power was being supplied to village residents by "The Lowell Water and Light Co.," a privately-owned business headed by O. C. McDannell.

The council, somewhat alarmed by the hue and cry that had been raised by "a large per cent of the taxpayers of said village," decided to act. A committee, headed by druggist Dexler G. Look, was sent out to investigate.

Encouraged by this report, the council, on Mr. Look's motion, appointed J. Edwin Lee and Christopher Bergin to investigate costs and site possibilities for a Lowell municipal plant.

When Lee and Bergin had completed their extensive pilot study and reported back to the council, they estimated that the proposed dam would cost \$23,000. The council approved of the sum and presented a bond proposal to the public at a special election on December 20, 1895. The people in turn overwhelmingly approved of the project—by a margin of 363 to 68—and the LL&P was born. A year later—in September of 1896—the new power dam was completed and it was accepted by the village with appropriate ceremonies and much rejoicing.

Rates set - There was less rejoicing, however, over the new power rates which had been set by the council long before the new dam went into operation. The rates were low—but not quite as low, naturally, as many wished.

One only needs to remember the lengthy and heated discussions that took place last year when Lowell prepared to abandon the "North Rural Lines." Some were vehemently against the proposal and some were angry and disappointed when it was carried at the polls. And yet all would admit that in the intervening time the LL&P—a community-owned utility—has shown new signs of the continued health and growth to which Lowell has become accustomed. The new Riverside Drive substation confirms this. Further proof is the fact that the original \$23,000 investment has burgeoned into a facility now worth more than three-quarters of a million dollars.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 31, 1988

Most people wait until they're 16 before they drive, Jonathan Smith started at the age of six. Before you pick up the phone to call your friendly Mr. Policeman, Smith drives a Go-Kart, not a car. He's been driving something with a motor on it since the age of two, according to his Dad, Kevin Smith. The 11-year-old practiced on the driver education course, in the Lowell Middle School parking lot for two years with the careful supervision of his dad. But soon, driving in a parking lot wasn't enough and with enough practice, honing his driving skills to where Smith and his Dad felt comfortable, he began racing under the governed rules of the World Kart Association. The Grand Prix takes place on the streets of Battle Creek, in from of roughly 3,000 people. "Nervous? Yes! Especially if I'm in the middle of the pack," the Smith youngster said. The nervousness doesn't end there. Father is nervous too - especially at the start when all the Go-Karts are bunched together. The Kart has state of the art handling components, a digital tachometer and temperature gauge. The engine is a 6,000 r.p.m., alcohol burning, blue printed five-horse Briggs and Stratton engine. Smith races in the 8-12 bracket and in some races he contends against 15-[to] 16-year-olds. Although the advantage he lacks in age, he makes up for in weight. His smaller, lighter framed body is an advantage coming off the corners. In his biggest race of his young Go-Kart life, Smith won his first feature race at Wayland on Aug. 13. He took a third place at Battle Creek. When he isn't buzzing around in the Go-Kart, Smith enjoys biking, skate boarding, football and baseball. His racing idol? Cale Yarborough. "I'd like to road race someday," Smith said.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 29, 1963

Headline: New power switched on - New link with Wolverine Electric Cooperative (WE Co-op) latest step in 68-year Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) saga. LL&P tapped a new source of electric power last week when switches were thrown and current started feeding from the WE Co-op into the local lines.

The sub-station installation and the practice of purchasing power from a co-op source are the most recent developments in the long and varied history of the municipal utility. Since its founding almost 70 years ago, the community-owned light plant has been both a bone of contention and a source of pride for the people of Lowell and the story of its growth has been enlivened with electrocutions, power houses toppling into the river, a few fires, disastrous floods, and other such dramatic events. The saga of the (LL&P) company began in 1895, when over 200 Lowell residents banded together and fired off a hotly-worded letter to their councilmen, complaining that "we

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obituaries

HARKNESS

Jack Wesley Harkness, age 77 of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from an accidental construction accident. He was preceded in death by his youngest son, Pat. He is survived by his wife, Regina Jill Harkness; children, Joe (Marlene) Harkness, Chad (Kristie) Brigham, Jason (Kelly) Ginsberg, Travis (Mary) Ginsberg; brothers, Jim Harkness and Bob (Pat) Scott; sister, Grace Cook; nine grandchildren. He watched and loved to play hockey for 65 years and was still playing to this day. A celebration of Jack's life was held Monday, August 26 from 1-4 PM at the V.F.W. Post 8303, 3116 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell.



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MIX

Thomas Lee Mix, aged 74, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. After a difficult battle with Lewy Body Dementia, he is finally at peace and at home with his Savior. He was born in Frankfort, to Lawrence and Thelma Mix. He is survived, by his wife of thirty-seven years, Gisele; his children, Terri Mix, Tammy Mix, Sheri (Mike) Volkhardt, Matthew Mix, Adam (Jessica) Mix, and Ryan (Abbey) Mix; fourteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; also, his sister, Barbara (Chuck) Bugielski, who loved her older brother; his stepmother, Ida Mix, who cared for him as one of her own; and many cousins, sisters- and brothers-in-law. Besides a long and varied career, including law enforcement, radio broadcasting, computer software development, and sales management; his interests were many, amateur radio, photography, camping, flying, gardening, boating, and his children's sporting events. But his greatest joy was his grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 30, 2013, at 11 am at First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St., Lowell. Visitation will be at 10 am at the church. Interment will be at Ada Cemetery, Ada. For their compassionate care, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Fountain View of Lowell, 11537 E. Fulton, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 or Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. SW, Byron Center, Michigan, 49315. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.mi-cremation.com



HANSEN

Lyle Hansen 80, was ushered by heavenly angels into the arms of his loving Savior on August 26, 2013. Lyle was born May 22, 1933 in Pentwater. He was proceeded to Glory by his wife of 49 years Mary Ellen Hansen, his father, Hans Hansen, mother, Flora Schram, brothers Lloyd Hansen, Lawrence Hansen, Leeland Hansen and Lester Hansen, and sisters Gladys Lauber, Emily Bolenbaugh, Beverly Hansen, Geneva Kaiser and Florence Hansen. Lyle is survived by his brother Leonard Peterson and his



children Sandra F. (John) Ruder, Brenda (Stephen) Nauta, Bill Hansen and Nancy Hansen, as well as 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, soon to be 4 great-grandchildren. Lyle was a dedicated soldier serving in the Korean War. He was employed for almost 30 years as an accountant for the state of Michigan retiring in September 1984. Most of all Lyle was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ using his musical talents as well as serving for years as a church board member, Sunday school superintendant and Sunday school teacher. Today, Lyle can walk again. His hands will again be able to play his guitar, and his voice will praise the Lord in song. He will again hold his wife Mary Ellen and he will meet Jesus face to face. Although Lyle will be missed by family and friends, we know it is but for a little while. For one day we will join him as a family choir in praise and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ. A funeral service will be held Saturday 11 a.m. at the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash, Lowell MI 49331. Pastor Robert Holmes officiating. Interment Bailey/Vergennes Township Cemetery. Visitation Friday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell 49331. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1550 E. Beltline Ave. SE, Grand Rapids Charter Township, MI 49506, Leaves Person Care Services, 2850 Thornhills Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or Trillium Woods Faith Hospice, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.



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NOTICE OF REZONING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of August 19, 2013, the Lowell Charter Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned the 500 feet of property lying immediately North of the Fulton Street (M21) right of way located at 14043 Fulton Street, Lowell, MI, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-01-200-003, from AG-2 Rural Agriculture to General Commercial with Conditions. That part of the property lying more than 500 feet North of the Fulton Street (M21) right of way shall remain zoned AG-2 Rural Agriculture. This rezoning will take effect September 12, 2013.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

- VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball team makes it to finals in first tourney

by Karen Jack

Armed with a new coach and some new players, the girls' volleyball team started their season with a bang making it to the finals at the Hamilton Invitational tournament this weekend.

The team started out beating Zeeland West, 25-9, 25-10. They went on to win against Cedar Springs (25-16, 25-22), Comstock Park (25-12, 25-9) and Hamilton (25-18, 25-23).

They split with Otsego (23-25, 25-19) but still managed to make it to the finals to bring home the trophy.

In the finals, they met Hamilton again. Having

come out on top against them earlier in the day, the girls were hopeful to bring home the win. They couldn't get past them however and lost (18-25, 23-25) and took home second place.

Abby Bladey led the team in kills for the day with 46, followed by Aubreigh Steed with 35. Bladey, along with Grace Quiggle and Katie Bush, each had five aces on the day in serving. Kortney Beachler led the team with 50 digs. A dig is stopping the ball from hitting the ground after a serve or a spike. Bethany Kaczanowski and Bladey

each had 28 digs. Bush led the team with five blocks.

The team's new head coach, Cassie McFarland, was pleased with the team's performance,

"Taking second in this tournament was a great start to our season. We are excited for what's to come for Lowell volleyball," said McFarland.

McFarland took over the head coaching job this year and has already gotten a great start. She comes to Lowell with plenty of experience having coached the JV team at Calvin College for the past ten

years. Now she's come home to work with the high school team.

"When the varsity volleyball position opened, we felt a calling for me to be here also. I am very excited for this year. I have an amazing group of girls that I am excited to continue to get to know and teach."

McFarland is married to Lowell Middle School teacher, Jason McFarland. They have three boys - Ari, Weston and Jaxon.

The team will travel to Cadillac on Thursday for a tournament in Cadillac that begins at 9 am.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on August 19, 2013, Ordinance No. 01-2013 – Signs Permitted in the Commercial Zoning District, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted, a summary of which follows:

SECTION 1 - Section 18.07(d) of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) A commercial establishment shall be permitted to have either a wall sign or an awning /canopy sign according to the following regulations:

(1) Wall Sign.

(i) Each commercial establishment as defined herein is permitted to have 1.5 sq. ft. of wall sign area for every one foot of lineal width of the commercial establishment with the width measured parallel to and at the main entrance of the commercial establishment between the side walls of the commercial establishment. The maximum size of any single wall sign or the cumulative square footage of all wall signs for a commercial establishment shall not exceed 500 sq. ft. per wall.

(ii) Each commercial establishment may place more than one wall sign on the exterior wall or walls of the commercial establishment which directly face or front upon a public street and above the exterior entrance to the commercial establishment if the entrance does not face or front upon a public street.

(2) Awning/ Canopy Sign. Each commercial establishment as defined herein may place one awning/canopy sign on the exterior wall or walls of the commercial establishment which directly face or front upon a public street and above the exterior entrance to the commercial establishment if the entrance does not face or front upon a public street. Such sign shall not exceed 32 square feet in total sign area.

SECTION 2 Section 18.03 of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance being Definitions within Chapter 18, Signs and Billboards is hereby amended to **ADD** the following definition:

Commercial Establishment - a business operating alone in a free standing building; a business independent of other businesses located in the same freestanding building; in a strip mall, a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door that may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business; in an enclosed structure with a shared climate controlled area; a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door or entrance that may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business and that may be closed to the public even while the common area is open to the public; and in an office building, a business holding itself out to the public as a single entity, independent of other businesses or persons.

This Ordinance shall become effective September 4, 2013. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township



Kourtney Beachler digs in, above, and Aubreigh Steed gets one over the net.



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30. Ready to be assembled
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11. Sad grimace
12. _____ Royal Highness
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20. Depart
22. Strike caller
24. Most foolish
25. *Boasters beat this
26. Mad one
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29. *Don't throw this out with bathwater
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- August 28 marks the 50th anniversary of the day Martin Luther King delivered his most famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington D.C. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. One of the most memorable lines of that speech was, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."
- A huge fire burning in Yosemite National Park is 20% contained. The fire has grown to about 252 square miles.
- The penalty phase of the trial that ended in a guilty verdict against Maj. Nidal Hasan has begun. The jury of 13 military officers must be unanimous to deliver a military death sentence against Hasan for killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 others at the Texas military base.

**THIS WEEK'S
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With no resolution yet between the city of Lowell and the union - after 20 months - who do you think is most responsible for prolonging the process?

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Public forum, continued

the case to the public. Furthermore, there are two unfair labor practice (ULP) charges filed with the Michigan Employment

Relations Commission (MERC) going to trial and these trials are also open to the public.

Brecken responded

to mayor Hodges that the public can and should be involved in the entire trial according to Michigan law.

Trierweiler was present to flesh out her complaint about city manager Howe. Howe and Trierweiler had worked together in Ionia County when Howe was Ionia County Administrator. Trierweiler outlined stories of, in her words, manipulation and deception, whereby Howe blocked out the public and mistreated public employees. When asked if she had documentation of

any misdeeds, Trierweiler spoke of fudged financial ledgers that she had gone through line by line.

"He was an expert at distraction, deception and playing a really mean shell game," Trierweiler said.

Lowell Light and Power board member Perry Beachum thanked Brecken for his educational speech but scorned Trierweiler for being unproductive.

"I feel like I'm at a meeting that is trying to remove councilmembers," Beachum said.

Fellow Lowell Light



LL&P board member Perry Beachum.



Mayor Hodges addressed some questions.

and Power board member Greg Canfield said that he came for a question and answer session, not for an indictment.

Lowell Light and Power employee Jon Francis addressed Beachum, Canfield and their fellow board members for Lowell Light and Power and the city of Lowell by saying he believes they are good people, but that Mark Howe is not telling them everything. He explained that utility employees were asked to abandon their pre-existing careers and in exchange, they were given a list of benefits. They carried out their end of the deal, but now the city legislature is attempting to deny the need to carry

days of impasse after fact-finding has concluded, the last, best offer presented by the employer is the contract. The implication, which board members disputed, is that the process is being stalled in order to force the union's hand.

Barber stated that her goal was to prompt city officials to wonder why so many people suddenly wanted a union especially when, as Francis pointed out, these were the same employees who voted down a union years ago and who have a strong distaste for unions.

Canfield was positive about the results of the negotiations.

"A contract will get

Did you lend a hand? We need one more thing.

Information request

For the City of Lowell, the job's not over until the paperwork is done and part of that is tallying volunteer hours. If you volunteered filling sand bags and responding to the "Great Flood of 2013", the City needs to know.

To properly file for relief money from the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the City needs to add up how many volunteer hours went into the response. Please help by being counted by August 31st.

- What:** Your name
- When:** The dates you volunteered
- Work:** The work you did
- Time:** How many hours you worked each day
- Other:** Please provide this information by email to the City Clerk at bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us. Or, calling City Hall at 897-8457. Anyone who answers the phone can help you.

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LL&P employee Jon Francis.

out their end. Francis said that there was no apparent reason for benefit denial. In fact, he claimed that Lowell Light and Power had a great year fiscally. Francis said the explanation they were offered was, "Well, that's what Mark Howe wants to do."

Beachum argued that some new benefits had been substituted for the old benefits but the results of that claim were contentious.

Several other residents told the stories of local utility workers who have sacrificed much in the several years they have been employed by Lowell, especially in light of the recent flood.

"It's a process," Hodges said. "It takes time."

When asked whether the city gets to force their contract on utility workers if the process takes too long, Hodges would not give confirmation. Brecken stated that according to law, if there are at least 60

negotiated and settled," Canfield said. He added that service will not change and that hopefully employees will stay.

Because of his years of service in the Lowell community through Canfield Plumbing & Heating and various volunteer endeavors, Canfield's promises were hard to discredit. But the purpose of VOICE setting up this discussion was to give the people of Lowell the information to judge for themselves so they don't have to simply trust their elected officials.

People on both sides of contract negotiations were able to admit that this was the best discussion they have had on the subject in two years. Barber and VOICE of Lowell hope that it will be the first of many.

For more information on VOICE of Lowell, visit voiceoflowell.org