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# Annual Christmas Through Lowell this weekend

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

This weekend is the 22nd annual Christmas Through Lowell event.

Local artists in homes and businesses throughout the area will have their creations on display and for sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"It was started way back in the day with some gals and it was purely started for deer widows' weekend," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. "This year it does actually

start on that day. It gave the girls something to do when the guys were gone and that's how it all began. It's grown in leaps and bounds. This year is our biggest year. We have 50 stops total."

This year's featured artist is Jay Tee Products, owned by artists John and Theresa Umlauf.

To get to their home, you head just a little bit out of town, go down a dirt road, then turn onto a second dirt road, through what seems like a tunnel of pine trees and finally into a clearing

with a workshop and their home on a hill beyond. The workshop is decorated with their art and they have coffee available and holiday music piped in. It's right on the border between professional and amateur. The Umlaufs are genial hosts and their prices are reasonable.

"We've been doing this for quite a few years," John Umlauf said. "Every year we offer a new product that nobody has seen for the Christmas show."

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Featured artists Theresa and John Umlauf in their workshop

# Opinions vary on last week's election results

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

All four candidates whose names were printed on the ballot won seats on the city council. Jeff Altoft, the Voters Organized In Civic Excellence (VOICE) candidate, got the highest number of votes out of all candidates.

"We are very proud of write-in candidate Matt Mayer for receiving 242 votes and Jeff Altoft for his landslide numbers of 476 votes," said VOICE's Peggy Covert. "We hope this sends a message and will continue to support them both in their involvement within the community."

"We didn't get a home run but I believe we have sent a message to the city council and Mr. Howe," said VOICE's Barb Barber. "We are not giving up our work to get our city government back to where we think it should be."

"I will always work with whoever the voters decide to send to the city council," said city manager Mark Howe. "I've worked with Jeff in the past and I look forward to working with him again."

Mayer, the write-in candidate, got 17.8 percent of the vote. He may run for a seat in the future.

"I won't be a write-in next time," Mayer said. "A lot of people didn't even know what a write-in was and I think that hurt me. I

think it would've been a lot better had I actually been printed on the ballot. I was at a bigger disadvantage than anyone else."

Only one of the three



ballot proposals, Proposal 1, passed. This law will delay future newly-elected councilmembers' terms of office until the January after they are elected.

The controversial Proposal 3 was soundly defeated, only receiving 31 percent of the vote.

"There may have been some misunderstanding of its intent and thus it will make some future projects either more difficult or impossible to implement," said mayor Jim Hodges. "The parking lot and apartment projects in the south 200 block of Main Street will need to be reassessed."

"I'm disappointed to see that it didn't pass," Howe said. "We were hoping that would help us to move some economic development

opportunities forward, particularly building parking lots in the downtown area, but I certainly respect the decision of the voters. If we did try it again I think we would want to have a conversation with the public about what they didn't like about it and if we could identify what that is then maybe change it so that we feel that it might be more successful and have a better chance of passing."

"VOICE wants to return to our efforts to help the city with improvement projects," Barber said. "That can't happen until we have leadership that respects its citizens and workers."

The school millage passed with 59 percent of the vote. The money will be used for security upgrades and to improve buildings.

"I would like to thank the community for the support of our students as we work to maintain our buildings and increase the level of security at our entrances," said superintendent Greg Pratt.

"I am very pleased that the school millage passed," Hodges said. "It is a reinvestment in the public buildings all of our citizens own and thus it is an investment in our greater community to keep it as a valued school district. It is good for our kids, the property values of our homes and businesses."

Altoft will take his seat on the council at the meeting on Nov. 18.

# Chief bids farewell

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell Chief of Police Barry Getzen retired Nov. 10. He has been Lowell's chief since May 2011.

"Lowell has been good for me," Getzen said. "It's a great experience. I got to meet a lot of people."

Getzen will spend some of his retirement volunteering.



Getzen has been chief since 2011.

"I want to do some volunteer work with trails," Getzen said. "I have a real interest in trails."

Getzen also plans to travel east and visit his children.

"We have a son who's moving out to Boston. He graduates from Michigan State University (MSU) in December, then he's going to work in Boston,

for Microsoft, as a project manager. I've got a daughter; she's in medical school at Wayne State."

Getzen's dream is to travel the USA by boat.

"I have this goal, or this dream, to do the 'Great Loop,'" Getzen said. "It's a 100 percent water route around the eastern United States. I'd start in Grand Haven, then you end up going down the Mississippi and Tennessee rivers, the Tombigbee Waterway through Alabama, then you come back up the Intercoastal Waterway and up the Hudson River valley and then you can either jump into Lake Ontario or you can go across the New York canals or the Ontario canals. You never have to take your boat out of the water; you can do that whole circuit."

If you think that sounds like a long time to spend on a boat, you're right.

"If you do 50 miles a day it takes about nine months, but that's a long way to go on a sailboat," Getzen said. "I'd probably take a year."

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# Tiny trekkers enjoy the outdoors

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Young learners are hitting the trails at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center (WWC) as part of a brand new program of nature exploration specifically designed for children ages three to six.

The program, called Tiny Trekkers, consists of a series of four one-and-a-half hour classes that introduce students, along with their caregivers, to a love of nature via lessons taught in a fun and upbeat format that includes a story time, an art project and a hike in the ample forest at the WWC.

Each class focuses on a different theme. The fall session, which is going on now, explores topics from spiders to seeds to autumn leaves.

Teacher Nancy McIntyre, who just recently returned from retirement to rejoin the staff at the

WWC, has a long history of working with preschool aged children. This is the second nature program she has designed for this age group at the center. Director of the WWC Meggan Johnson says, "We're glad to have her back. She has a ton of nature knowledge and kids love her. She's even toyed around with the idea of starting her own nature preschool!"

The classes are offered on Thursdays with the choice of a morning or afternoon session. While it is too late to sign up for the current session, two others have been scheduled. A winter session covering topics like snowflakes and owls will be held February 13 to March 6 and a spring session is planned for May 1 to May 22. "We anticipate offering a summer session, although dates have yet to be decided," reports Johnson.

Families interested in registering for the winter session can call the WWC at 987-2565. Class size has been limited to 10 students per session. The deadline is Feb. 6.



Tiny trekkers hit the trails with their group leader Nancy McIntyre.



Participants took turns gleefully holding a live grasshopper during their hike.

## Christmas Through Lowell, continued

Most of their art is made of metal. They weld, bend, twist and paint it into the shapes of hands, animals, insects, flowers and various other shapes. Some of the pieces they have for sale include paintings by Cyn Tennant, a local painter.

"We do a variety of things," Umlauf said. "Mostly metal. We have wine bottle holders, wine bottle trees. There's a lot of exterior stuff we make. A lot of laser-cut signs for the schools."

"Our theme this year is 'sparkle,'" Theresa Umlauf said.

Much of the art at the stops, but not all of it, is holiday-themed.

"It is all sorts of different art," Baker said. "You'll find anything from vintage art to contemporary art. Every stop is unique and they each have their own spin on it."

They're all different. Many of the homes have holiday decor. They decorate, they do everything, but they have all their items for sale and it looks like a mini store when you go in there. It's just amazing, what they do."

Not all the stops are open at the same times, so you should plan your weekend with that in mind.

"It's a three-day extravaganza, but some of these stops are not open on Sunday," Baker said. "If you want to try to go to all of them you should at least try to be here on Saturday and finish up on Sunday."

Maps and schedules are available at most downtown businesses.

"It definitely is a shopping extravaganza," Baker said. "I don't know how people choose where they're going to go."



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# Union holds public meeting to clarify contract issues

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell Light & Power workers unanimously rejected a contract proposal at a public meeting held at the Backwater Cafe Monday, Nov. 11.

"Typically the [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers] (IBEW) doesn't open this up to the general public when we have contract talks or discussions with our membership," said IBEW business manager Hank Matulewicz. "But we want to do that for the simple fact that there have been rumors out there that we have been hiding things from

our members, not being honest with our members, which is absolutely false. We're transparent. We have nothing to hide."

The union had several problems with the proposed contract, which they said was not appreciably different from contracts the city has proposed during the last two years of bargaining.

The proposed contract would allow the city to replace any worker at any time for any reason.

"This is really devastating," said IBEW attorney Ted Iorio. "They can hire temporary employees, they can have supervisors do bargaining unit work, they can have 'irregulars,' whatever that means, do bargaining unit work, and they can lay the linemen off."

The union said the grievance procedure was totally in the city's favor.

"If they decide to fire Jon Francis, they decide

whether they were right in firing him or not," Iorio said. "It doesn't go to an arbitrator."

The proposed contract required "at will" employment rather than the "just cause" language that is standard in union contracts.

"We can't agree to a grievance procedure that permits them to have the right to fire people at will and we have no way to do anything about it," Iorio said.

"They want to be able to do with us what they want to do to us when they want to do it to us and the employees have no say," said Light & Power lineman Jon Francis.

The proposed contract's health insurance provision stated, "the employer reserves the right to change plans and/or carriers in its discretion."

"So basically all the insurance benefits are illusory," Iorio said. "They

can do what they want with them, when they want. That's been their language since day one, two years ago."

Wages were also an issue.

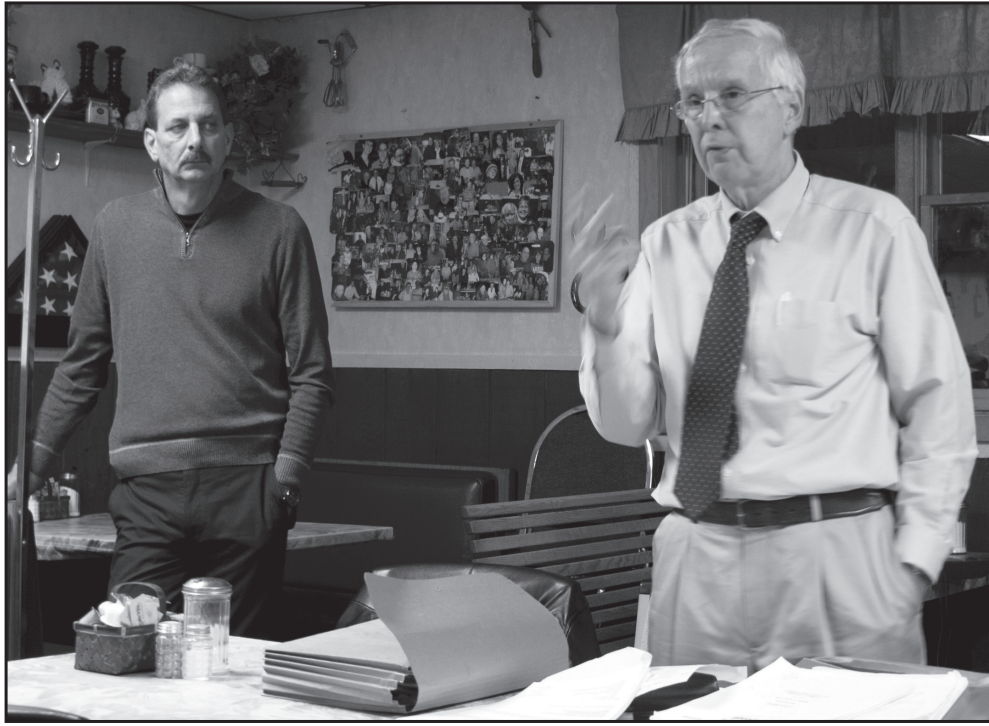
"The linemen have not gotten an increase since July 1, 2011," Iorio said. "It's now 2013. Two years have passed. Their proposal would provide that Jon Francis, who's been here over 10 years, would get an \$.89 [an hour] cut."

"Why do they want me to take a pay cut when everybody else is receiving big pay raises?" Francis asked.

Iorio said the next step is for the union to "file briefs," then both sides will return to bargaining again.

"We want a fair and reasonable contract," Francis said.

"This is extraordinary," Iorio said. "It's uncalled for."



Hank Matulewicz and Ted Iorio of the IBEW.

## Infant found unresponsive at daycare center

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

A 3 1/2 month old boy died Tuesday, Nov. 12 in a home daycare center at 529 Avery. Police received a 911 call at 11:25 Tuesday morning.

"When we arrived CPR was being performed," said Lowell Police chief Steve Bukala. "CPR continued for

approximately 40 minutes before all efforts were called off."

The daycare is licensed for 12 children and services 11. Not all 11 children were in the home at the time. There were two adults on duty at the time of the incident.

An autopsy will take

place at Spectrum Blodgett in Grand Rapids early tomorrow morning.

"We hope to have some preliminary results tomorrow," Bukala said, "but a lot of times with a small infant like that there is no reason and that's the frustrating part for the parents."



The home daycare center at 529 Avery in Lowell.

## Getzen, continued

Getzen left his mark on Lowell in many ways.

"What he was able to accomplish in just a short period of time, anywhere from records management system to looking at bringing code enforcement over to the police department and just the way that he handles himself with the public has been outstanding," said city manager Mark Howe.

"My legacy will probably be making everybody follow the charter and the ordinances," Getzen said. "I always tried to make things happen, or allowed them to happen, but do it the right way."

Getzen was also responsible for an electronic records system.

"I had some modernization," Getzen said. "We've got a computer-based records management system now that we didn't have before. It cost the city no money."

"He's been an incredible professional, an incredible asset to the city of Lowell, to this organization and to me personally," Howe

said. "He's provided great leadership. Even though he was my employee he was a mentor to me. He's going to be a great loss but we're also looking forward to new chief Bukula stepping into that role and confident that he's going to prove to be the best choice overall."

Getzen's successor, Steve Bukula, was a sergeant in the Lowell Police Department.

"We're going to continue a lot of things that [Getzen] established and look at a lot of local projects in order to bring back vitality into the community," Bukula said.



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"I have a special project planned that I'm not ready to unveil yet. It's coming. A lot of the young kids in the high school who need some community service hours are going to be the backbone of this project."

"This was my dream job," Bukula said. "This is going to be the end of the line for me. I have about

12 and [a] half years to go until retirement and I plan on staying here."

Getzen had some parting advice to the city and its residents.

"It's a small community," Getzen said. "We all have to live together, so we all have to be as nice as we can while still trying to accomplish our goals

or our mission. But there's really no reason not to practice civility. It's what we need to do. It's a very nice community, it's a very welcoming community. There's some really neat stuff on the horizon; I think the future looks good. The governments have to come together a little more than they do."

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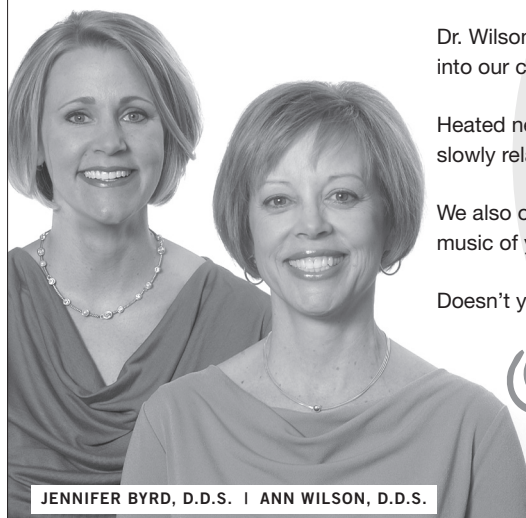
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## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Another aspect (or pillar as Dr. Nathaniel Branden suggests) of self-esteem is "self-assertiveness." We need courage to be assertive. It is so easy just to walk away when life gets hard, but our self-esteem grows exponentially when we confront those difficult issues. When we gain determination, we acquire a measure of self-respect. We gain in self-esteem when we become assertive in tough situations.

First of all, what does self-assertiveness mean? Branden gives this definition, "self-assertiveness means the willingness to stand up for myself, to be who I am openly, to treat myself with respect in all human encounters." Unfortunately, many of us lack this and spend our lives trying to live up to someone else's

desires. When we claim our own identity, we learn to set boundaries to make sure we are the only one responsible for what we do. We learn to set our own agenda rather than living our life at the whims of another. We become more self-assertive when we realize we are not on this earth to live up to someone else's expectation.

Even though America is known as the land of "individualism," wanting to please others can inhibit our assertiveness. Women sometimes are penalized for being self-assertive, but thankfully much of this has changed over the last few years. Women are declaring their values more openly and more vocally. There have been good changes happening in this area. One of the biggest deterrents to self-assertiveness is fear.

The fear of disapproval and/or rejection can be so great that we choose not to share who we are. Many times in marriages, one or the other feels so dominated by their spouse that they remain silent. Unfortunately, this becomes a way to betray one's own individuality. No amount of admiration of another can justify the sacrificing of one's healthy self-assertiveness. Courage within the relationship is so important, since by exercising courage we become more self-assertive. This, in turn, increases our level of self-esteem.

Next month, we will discuss the importance of self-acceptance. Remember that self-assertiveness is the willingness to stand up for one's self and to treat yourself and your opinions with self-respect. This, then translates into a deep sense of worthiness and happiness. If you have any questions about this article or about self-esteem in general, please e-mail me at kathryndenhouster@gmail.com

## college news

Local student Ethan Sutton has been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management.

Gerstacker members must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in different business settings.

Sutton is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of James Sutton of Lowell and Darla Sutton of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Alma College Jr. LB Sam Young, of Lowell, has been named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) defensive Player of the

Week for football. The honor is based on his effort in a loss at Adrian College on Saturday afternoon, October 12.

Young made 10 tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks, in the Scots' 41-6 loss to the Bulldogs. He also had two quarterback hurries. Young is being honored as Player of the Week (POW) for the first time in his career.

For the season, Young is tied for second on the team with 43 total tackles (23 solo) and has 2.5 sacks, 8.5 tackles for loss, one fumble recovery, one interception and one pass break-up.

Young is the first Scots' defensive player to earn MIAA POW honors since LB Anthony Sabatella was named after week ten in 2011.

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Short-term vs. long-term investments: What's the difference?

At various times, many people may feel frustrated by the performance of their investments. For example, they expect growth, and they don't get it — or they think the value of their investment won't fluctuate much, but it does. However, some of this frustration might be alleviated if investors were more familiar with the nature of their investment vehicles. Specifically, it's important to keep in mind

the difference between *long-term* and *short-term* investments.

What defines long-term and short-term investments? Long-term investments are those vehicles that you intend to hold for more than one year — in fact, you generally intend to hold them for several years. On the other hand, you usually hold short-term investments for one year or less.

You can find several key distinctions between short-term and long-term vehicles. Here are a few to consider:

- *They carry different expectations.* When you purchase an investment that you intend to keep for many years, you may be expecting the investment to increase in value so that you can eventually sell it for a profit. In addition, you may be looking for the investment to provide income. When you purchase a short-term vehicle, you are generally not expecting much in the way of a return or an increase in value. Typically, you purchase short-term investments for the relatively greater degree

of principal protection they are designed to provide.

- *They meet different needs at different times of life.* You will have different investment needs at different times of your life. When you're young, and just starting out in your career, you may require a mix of long- and short-term investments. You might need the short-term ones to help pay for a down payment on a home, while the long-term ones could be used to help build resources for your retirement. But later in life, when you're either closing in on retirement, or you're already retired, you may have much less need for long-term vehicles, with a corresponding increase

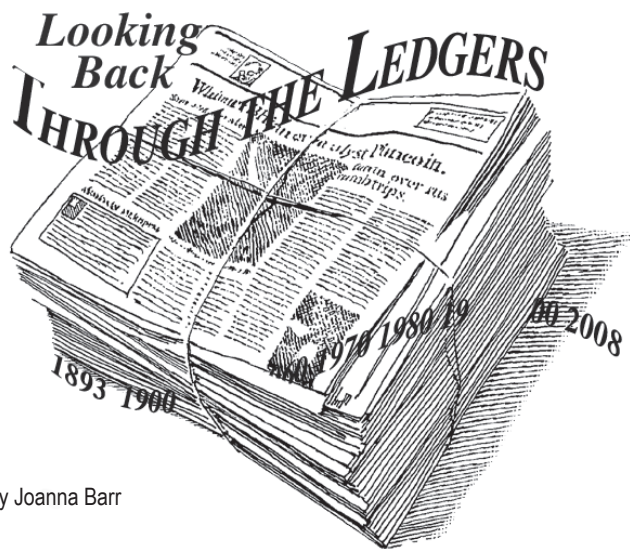
in your need for short-term investments.

- *They can satisfy different goals.* If you purchase investments that you intend to hold for the long term, you probably have a long-term goal in mind — such as building resources to help pay for a comfortable retirement or leaving a legacy. On the other hand, a short-term investment would be more appropriate if you know that you will need a certain amount of money at a certain time — perhaps to purchase a car or to fund a vacation.

- *They carry different risks.* All investments carry some type of risk. One of the biggest risks associated

with long-term investments is volatility, the fluctuations in the financial markets that can cause investments to lose value. On the other hand, short-term investment vehicles may be subject to *purchasing power risk*—the risk that your investment's return will not keep up with inflation.

As an investor, you'll probably need a mix of long-term and short-term vehicles. By knowing the differences between these two categories, you should have a good idea of what to expect from your investments — and this knowledge can help you make those choices that are right for you.



By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Journal November 12, 1873

Several hunters went after squirrels one day last week and brought back the usual story. There must be over a million dead squirrels in the hole of that tree by this time.

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There are a few wretched sinners in Lowell, who, during the winter, steal about three cords of wood a month. This little disregard for a certain commandment saves them money enough to rent a first-class pew in any of our churches.

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal November 9, 1888

Lowell politicians kept things hot right up to election, both sides holding meetings Monday evening. The republicans filled Music Hall to overflowing to listen to William Alden Smith and the democrats heard Dr. Ellsworth at Train's Opera House. Both parties had a band out, the republicans the Freeport Band and the democrats the Lowell Band.

The question now is, with republicans, "Who will get the post office?"

A Harrison boy came to Oren Sayles' the 2nd and applied for keeping until he is 21. Didn't hear his exact weight,

Dr. Rice has been arrested at Flint. He shot at a chicken and hit a man. The man's wound is not serious and the chicken will live at least till Thanksgiving time.

Orley Inslee, the 16-years old son of Jas Inslee, of Smyrna, was found dead in his room Tuesday night, face downward on the floor, with an empty chloroform bottle pressed to his nostrils. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 13, 1913

Mrs. Mary Byrne of Parnell, aged 68 years, mother of the numerous Byrnes of that vicinity, fell on the floor of her home Monday evening with an armful of wood and broke one leg above the knee. She was unable to rise and as she lives alone her plight was not discovered until next morning. She spent the night on the floor, but managed to keep up a fire in the stove by which she fell and so did not suffer from cold. Dr. Lee was called and made her as comfortable as possible.

Herman Friedli, 22 years-old son of Gotfried Friedli, Lowell dairyman, lost all four fingers and part of the palm of his right hand in a corn shredder Friday afternoon. Doctors Anderson and Greene attended the unfortunate young man and he is doing as well as could be expected.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 10, 1938

Another great gala day in Lowell this week Friday in observance of Armistice Day. The annual football game between Grandville and Lowell will bring thousands of people. The Grandville and Lowell high school bands will be out in gay uniforms and there will be heaps of color and plenty of excitement. The game starts at 2:30.

A shadow of gloom hung over Lowell Friday night with nary a smile or cheery word of greeting for anyone—Lowell had lost to East and in such a tough manner! The chins of Lowell fans were dragging on the street and many a tear-stained eye came from Recreation Park after the game. But on Saturday

morning the change had been made and the cry was, "Wait 'til next year!"

Proceedings leading to the construction of a U. S. post office building in Lowell are moving forward. The procurement division of the public buildings branch, Washington, D. C., is now making preparations to advertise for bids and plans and specifications are expected to be on file in the Lowell post office within a very few days.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 14, 1963

Deer hunters will flock to the woods this Friday when the season opens in the lower peninsula at daylight. Several from this area made their annual trek to the upper peninsula last week and are now hunting in several inches of snow. Hunters, don't forget to call the Ledger (TW 7-9261) and let us know what you bag (whether it be two-legged or four-legged). A complete list of good marksmen will be ran at a later date.

Armistice Day 1963, in Lowell saw a full house attend the annual dinner at the American Legion Hall on Monday evening, but the morning celebration was marred by the delay of the erecting of the American flags on Main Street. Upon investigation, it was found someone just forgot—the flags were flying at 1:30. Only three businessmen remembered, congratulations.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 9, 1988

Headline: Gould will take showboat helm. Gordon Gould, who has been actively involved in the Lowell Showboat since 1966, was selected and approved as the new showboat president at the Nov. 1 showboat board meeting. Gould first served as an endman two years prior to becoming interlocutor, a position he has held for the last 20 years. The last three years, Gould has also served as the showboat board vice president. This announcement comes in the wake of the resignation of board president Ray Quada, who stepped down from the post due to changes in his job. "In light of recent positive changes in my employment and some turn of events that will allow me to become more involved in Equity Interest Partners, I must respectfully tender my resignation as president and as a member of the Lowell Showboat board of directors," Quada said.

# KSRP riding program awarded for excellence

The Kent Special Riding Program (KSRP) won the Non-Profit of the Year Award. This award recognizes the organization that demonstrates overall excellence and conducts a superior level of service to the community by helping their constituency.

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member station, WGTV Public Media, honors local individuals and organizations dedicated to helping the community and all its citizens to reach their best potential with the 2013 WGTV Engage I HAVE Made a Difference Awards. The awards, which are part of a national program for PBS stations, recognize excellence in the local non-profit community, bringing accolades to those

who share WGTV Public Media's commitment to offer everyone opportunities to "make a difference." The 2013 I HAVE Made a Difference awards ceremony was held at the L. William Seidman Center on the downtown campus of Grand Valley State University on Nov. 8, 2013.

The awards are offered in eight categories, each honoring a different aspect of making a positive difference in the lives of people within the community.

The Kent Special Riding Program wrapped up its 37th year of providing therapeutic horseback riding to handicappers in Kent and surrounding counties. To learn more about KSRP or to explore volunteer opportunities visit [www.ksrp.org](http://www.ksrp.org)



KSRP instructors Amy Plets and Jackie Foster receiving the GVSU Non-Profit of the Year award on behalf of the Kent Special Riding Program.

## ★ In The Service

Army Pvt. Matthew T. Vandenberg has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

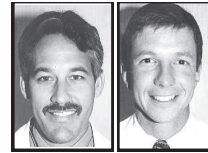
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and

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.

Vandenberg is the son of Gail Vandenberg of Lowell.

He is a 2011 graduate of Lowell High School.

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If you hear a popping sound followed by knee pain and swelling, you may have an ACL tear. You may also

feel instability in the knee. The tear is confirmed by getting an MRI.

Not all ACL tears require surgery. It depends on your age, activity level and athletic status. If surgery is needed, the doctor will take tissue from another part of your body to replace the ACL. After surgery you will need physical therapy to improve movement and strength in your knee joint. The recovery time varies from patient to patient.

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# Four Lowell athletes commit to colleges

by Karen Jack

Four colleges have won the recruitment game with four of Lowell's best athletes, winning three wrestlers and one basketball player.

it was hard to not want to be part of the program," Stehley said. "They have so much going on there and have great coaches. I'm really excited to be part of a



**Garrett Stehley**

Garrett Stehley, last year's state runner-up and three-time all-stater, has committed to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania to wrestle for the Mountain Hawks. Stehley is Michigan's #11 recruit in the senior class, according to Michigan Grappler and was highly sought after from teams such as Michigan State University, University of North Carolina, Duke University and Southern Illinois University. Lehigh is a powerhouse wrestling team in the college ranks and Stehley felt it was the best fit for him.

"Between the education and the wrestling program, their alumni and fan base,

rich tradition."

Stehley hasn't decided on his course of study right now, but knows he's going to get a great education from Lehigh. He is the son of Rob and Sheri Stehley.

Kanon Dean, who placed fifth in the state



**Kanon Dean**

last year, has committed to Harvard University for wrestling. Dean carries a 4.4 grade point average (GPA) and has had his heart set on Harvard since his freshman year. Dean was also looking at Columbia and University of Chicago, but ultimately chose Harvard.

"The academics speak for themselves, but the people were great when I went out on my visit," said Dean. "The coaches welcomed me with all the sincerity and kindness you could ask for. I'm excited to be a part of that, as they want me to become the best man I can become."

Dean plans to study social sciences of some sort – either pre-law, economics or political science. He is

the son of Noel and Jill Dean.

Both Stehley and Dean will be competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) conference, which is the same conference as Gabe Dean, Kanon's brother who also graduated from LHS, is in at Cornell University, so Lowell kids who were all once on the same team will now be competing against each other in college.

Bailey Jack, the defending state champion and three-time all-state wrestler, has committed to Duke University in the ACC (Atlantic Coast conference). Jack looked at Columbia University, University of Virginia, University of

North Carolina and North Carolina State.

"I went there and it felt different than any other campus. I really liked the coaches at Duke. My ultimate goal is to be an All-American and National College Athletic Association (NCAA) champion and I think with their help, I can get it done. Plus, academically, I'm excited about the challenges Duke will bring me." Jack plans to study pre-med. He is the son of Karen Jack, of Lowell and Glen Jack of Tallahassee, Florida.

Aubreigh Steed, the all-conference standout

basketball athlete, has chosen Lake Superior State University. Steed looked at Grand Valley State University, Tiffin University, Saginaw Valley State University and Hope College.

"I chose Lake Superior because I got along with [the] girls really well and I really liked the coaches. Also, the educational options were the best fit for me." She is not sure what she wants to study – either occupational or physical therapy or business marketing, but is truly undecided at this time. Steed is the daughter of Roxanne and Doug Steed.



**Bailey Jack**



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# Senior Neighbors host luncheon to honor area Veterans

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Volunteers at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center (LSNC) held their first veterans luncheon on Monday the eleventh in honor of Veterans Day. Military members past and present were invited to attend the event, which LSNC coordinator Pam Krause says she plans to make an annual affair, to honor the veterans for their service with a community meal and a show of sincere gratitude.

The center, which seats forty, was nearly filled to capacity for the inaugural event. Servicemen from nearly every arm of the United States Military, along with their spouses, were treated to a free hot lunch along with beverages and a yummy dessert of red velvet cake and ice cream sponsored entirely by the LSNC. Veteran guests were also gifted a card of thanks along with an additional free meal ticket to be used at a date of their choosing. The

center currently offers lunch to seniors at noon every weekday for a nominal donation of less than three dollars.

Krause opened up the luncheon with an official welcome and message of thanks to the veterans in attendance. "We are very excited to have you all here!" she said enthusiastically. Her opening was followed by an address from American Legion post commander and retired Navy commander, David Thompson, whose jovial nature inspired smiles and laughter throughout the center. His light-hearted banter encouraged the fun rivalry held between the branches of the military. The commander, who will be celebrating his 80th birthday next week, closed out his time by thanking the LSNC for the invitation, "We are just very pleased to be here," he said.

Jan Thompson, wife of David, announced the success of her charitable event, Cookies for Veterans, which was held last Saturday the 9th. "Lowell once again came through! We had a total of 6,079 donated cookies and as best as I



A group of local veterans and their spouses at the first annual luncheon.



American Legion Post Commander David Thompson addressing guests at the luncheon.

can tell about 110 families or individuals took part," she reported to the group. This is the seventh year for the event which distributes the donated sweet treats to veterans at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home.

Many of the former soldiers shared their own military stories while enjoying the luncheon held in their honor. After being drafted Herm Weststrate Jr., army veteran and commander of the Lowell VFW, deployed for Vietnam just 19 days after getting

married. The couple is now celebrating 46 years together. Wife of soldier Jim Alexander shared that her recently passed husband served proudly in the navy and as a paratrooper for the army during his time in the service. Captain Frank Jacobs Dearmins, now age 91, enlisted in the army flight school just two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Richard Vanderkooz, grandson of Dearmins, will be entering his 20th year of service for

the military next year at the age of just 43.

Every story was unique, but all displayed an attitude of bravery and selflessness that is to be admired. Comradery was apparent between the veterans no matter the war fought or the branch of military served. Handshakes, smiles and well-earned pride lined the patriotically decorated tables at the center and deserved appreciation and thankfulness were felt by all in attendance.

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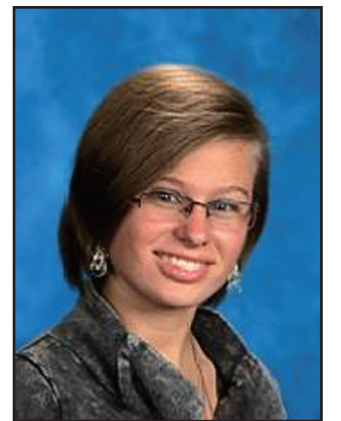
## LHS November Students of the Month

Lowell High School has announced Mathea Ismond, 10th grade; and Mark Slaktoski, 12th grade; as the Lowell High School (LHS) November Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Ismond and Slaktoski. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Jeff Larsen nominated Ismond and he writes, "This year, in English 10, all students are required to read at least 500 pages of fiction for an independent reading project. Mathea Ismond completed this task in the first two weeks of school.



Mark Slaktoski



Mathea Ismond

Mathea is not only an avid reader (she's read at least 10 novels this trimester), but an excellent student as well. In addition to earning A-grades in English 10, Mathea has a positive influence on her classmates. She volunteers to participate in nearly every class discussion and has earned the respect of her peers (and this teacher) for her excellent work ethic." Slaktoski was nominated by Nathan Masterson and he writes, "Mark is consistently my go-to student with anything I or the choirs need. Mark

is involved in several after-school programs in music and theatre. He is helpful in every aspect and pushes himself to become better if he does not fully understand something. He consistently stays after school to go above and beyond any other student to make sure performances with the choir and any performance in the Lowell Performing Arts Centre (LPAC) goes on without a hitch. Mark is a model student for others to emulate."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.

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**Only exceptionally rational men can afford to be absurd.**

~ Allan Goldfein



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell ends their season against Muskegon

by Karen Jack

In a heart-breaking loss on Friday night, the Red Arrows ended their title run to Muskegon in the district finals, 28-21. For the fourth straight year, Lowell and Muskegon have had to face off in the early rounds, even though both teams were highly touted throughout the state.

Even though Lowell dominated Muskegon in the passing game with 287 yards as opposed to Muskegon's 160 yards, two big plays were the only difference in the outcome.

The game was scoreless going into the second quarter, then Muskegon scored two straight times to jump out in the lead 14-0. The first touchdown was the result of a Lowell fumble at the Muskegon 37-yard line. On the next Lowell possession, Muskegon got an interception on the 34-yard line resulting in their second touchdown.

Lowell got on the board midway through the second quarter when Lowell got the ball on their own 48-yard line. Kanon Dean rushed for 14 yards, Kyler Shurlow passed to Kyle Blough for 28 yards and Dean rushed again for another two yards. A pass to Jeff Houston for six yards ended up in a touchdown for the Arrows.

Muskegon scored again on their second possession of the second half to go ahead 21-7, but Lowell came right back and scored again on a 68-yard march to the goal line. Shurlow passed to Gabe Steed for 61 of those yards and then a seven-yard pass to Jeff Houston for the score. Unfortunately for Lowell, Muskegon scored again on the very next drive with only 8:50 left in the game.

Lowell got the wrong end of a controversial touchdown pass into the

end zone but it was waived off, which could have been the difference in the ball game. On Lowell's next two possessions, Muskegon managed to intercept, but the Lowell defense held them scoreless.

The Arrows scored their final points with only 16 seconds left in the game on a 20-yard pass to Houston, but time ran out to end the season.

Dean led the rushing with 27 yards and Dylan Brower had 15 yards. Houston led the receivers with 118 yards, followed by Steed with 61 yards and Blough with 39 yards. Brower led the returns with a 56-yard long run and Andrew Metternick had a 52-yard return in the game.

Josh Colegrove led the defense with 11 sacks, followed by Houston with eight and Brower with seven.



Kyle Blough goes after Muskegon's quarterback.



Kanon Dean runs the ball.



Kyler Shurlow fakes a handout to his brother Trevor Shurlow.



Jeff Houston and Ben Bigham get the runner.



Jeff Houston catches a touchown pass.

# Lowell Red Arrow robotics competes in WMIC

written by:  
student Brendan Philo  
and mentor Sarah Philo

On October 26, Lowell Red Arrow robotics took a trip to the West Michigan Invitational Competition (WMIC) hosted at Zeeland West High. It's meant for new students to experience what a competition will be like, using the last game, which was Ultimate Ascent.

In Ultimate Ascent you could block frisbees of opposing robots, shoot frisbees into goals and climb a three-stage pyramid or a combination of the three. For shooting frisbees there were four goals (a one-point goal, a couple of two-point goals and a three-point goal). The pyramid had three different levels: the bottom one scored 10 points, the middle one scored 20 points and the top level scored 30 points. The robot had to climb the pyramid one

level at a time completely clearing the previous level before it could advance to the next. If the robot could climb all the way up, it had a chance to score in a goal right above the top level worth five additional points.

There were three different drive teams for the WMIC comprised of Andy Hudson, Austin Sherrill and Mark Winogrocki; Caleb Kauffman, Chloë Johnson and Steven Endres; and Allison Annable, Cameron Philo and Nick Longaway. Each match starts with an autonomous mode (fifteen seconds where the robot is controlled by a program written and installed earlier by the team) and a tele-operated mode (two minutes where the drivers control the robots movements and shooting and the human player feeds the robot frisbees).

The first drive team drove for the first two qualification matches, but the robot had communication interference. The team did their best to work through the issues, still scoring a few goals in each match and

hung on the bottom rung of the pyramid in their first match.

The second drive team drove for our third and fourth qualification matches. Some of the interference issues had been solved. This drive team shot several goals and hung once on the bottom of the pyramid in their first match.

The last drive team drove in the final two qualification matches. They experienced issues with the frisbee shooting mechanism. In autonomous mode the shooter worked fine, getting almost every shot in, but in tele-op the shooter jammed. With quick thinking the drive team switched from offense to defense and blocked as many robots as possible to prevent them from scoring and hung on the bottom rung of the pyramid in both matches.

The contestants for the finals of the WMIC drive team were Allison, Cameron and Nick. The talented pit crew (a mixture of students and mentors) fixed the shooter mechanism just before the elimination matches (best two out of three). In round one they got a perfect autonomous score, three more goals and hung on the bottom rung of the pyramid. Yet, lost to the other side, 64-58. In round two, they had another perfect autonomous score, but the shooter jammed forcing

them to go on defense again and finishing with another hang on the bottom rung of the pyramid. Once again, losing to the other side, 156-

64. Thus, after a good fight the crew eliminated in the quarterfinals.

As a team they learned a lot through triumphs and

defeats and now everyone is anxiously waiting to find out what this year's competition will be at Kickoff on Saturday, January 4, 2014.



Pictured: Austin Sherrill, Steven Endres, Dylan Odland, Cameron Philo, and Allison Annable.

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# Elementary student is *Principal for a Day*

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

First-grade student Kyle Stauffer was recently selected in a school raffle to act as Principal of the Day at Bushnell Elementary. Stauffer worked side by side with principal Roger Bearup for the duration of the school day doing everything from writing the school's weekly newsletter to playground inspections.

Stauffer earned entrance into the raffle via his participation in the Champs on the Run fundraiser held this past month. According to his mother Michele, "He wanted to be principal from the time the contest information came out. He was very proud that he won."

Stauffer put all four of

his earned tickets into the principal drawing forgoing entries for more popular prizes like electronics and a hotel stay.

"He did a great job!" said principal Bearup, "We started our day by walking around to each class and introducing "Mr. Stauffer" as the Principal of the Day. Then, after doing some office work, we visited classrooms to observe the learning that was taking place."

They then enjoyed a lunch together at McDonald's before coming back to the school and assisting students with their lunches.

Stauffer, who is in Mrs. Price's classroom, even granted his own class a free

recess saying, "I needed another recess because I was working hard!" The well-dressed mini principal thoroughly enjoyed his role as principal smiling ear to ear all day and for many hours after the final school bell rang, "Being a principal is fun. You get to meet all the classes and see what they are doing. You make sure everyone is safe and good at their job. If they are not, then they have to see Mr. Bearup and Mr. Stauffer."

Stauffer says that he hopes that everyone can be principal someday and according to Bearup, "Mr. Stauffer," would make a fine one. "He will be a great principal some day if he chooses it as a profession!"



Mr. Bearup and "Mr. Stauffer" at their desk in the principal's office.

## EARTH TALK ™

### Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** What's the skinny on essential oils? I love them, but a friend told me they are no good for the environment. - Mary M., via e-mail

Essential oils are more popular than ever for medicinal and therapeutic purposes as well as in fragrances and flavorings for food and drinks. Typically produced by harvesting and distilling large amounts of various types of plant matter, essential oils are in many cases all-natural and can take the place of synthetic chemicals in many consumer applications. But some wonder whether our fascination with essential oils is so good for the planet, now that their popularity has turned them into big business.

"It often takes hundreds of pounds of plant material to make one pound of essential oil," reports aromatherapist and author Mindy Green of GreenScentsations.com. She adds that it takes 50-60 pounds of eucalyptus to produce one pound of eucalyptus oil, 200-250 pounds of lavender for one pound of lavender oil, 2,000 pounds of cypress for a pound of cypress oil and as many as 10,000 pounds of rose blossoms for one pound of rose oil. Production of these source crops takes place all over the world and is often organized by large multinational corporations with little regard for local economies or ecosystems.

"Growing the substantial quantities of plant material needed to produce essential oils results in a monoculture style of farming, with large swaths of land dedicated to a single species," says Green. "These systems are most efficiently managed by intense mechanization, and irrigation is frequently used for optimal oil production of the plants."

"As global citizens we have not learned how to equitably distribute vital resources like food, and water

resources are trending toward a crisis of the future," adds Green, "so there are deep ethical concerns about devoting croplands to essential oils destined for use in candles, bath oils, perfumes, or lavish massage and spa purposes." Green also warns that many essential oils are not produced from sustainable sources. "Some species are at risk, particularly those occupying marginal habitats such as dwindling tropical forests," she reports, adding that the poverty-stricken in developing countries will harvest and sell whatever they can, in order to put food on their own tables.

Cropwatch, a non-profit that keeps tabs on the natural aromatics industry, maintains a list of wild species threatened by the fast-growing essential oil trade. Of particular concern are essential oils derived from rosewood, sandalwood, amyris, thyme, cedarwood, jatamansi, gentian, wormwood and cinnamon, among others, as they may well be derived from threatened and illegally harvested wild plant stocks.

Also, some essential oils must be treated as hazardous if spilled and should be kept out of sewers and local waterways. Mountain Rose Herbs, a leading

retailer of essential oils, reports that if its tea tree oil spills, it should be absorbed with inert material and sealed in a container before disposal at a hazardous waste collection site. Such information is included on the company's Material Safety Data Sheet for every essential oil and includes information about flammability and chemical composition. Consumers would be well served to check the MSDS for any essential oils they might like—Mountain Rose will supply them to customers by request—to make sure they are using (and disposing of) them correctly.

**CONTACTS:** Green Scentsations, [www.greenscentsations.com](http://www.greenscentsations.com), Cropwatch, [www.cropwatch.org](http://www.cropwatch.org), Mountain Rose Herbs, [www.mountainroseherbs.com](http://www.mountainroseherbs.com).

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Some wonder whether our fascination with essential oils is so good for the planet, given that it can take hundreds if not thousands of pounds of plant material to make just one pound of an oil. Pictured: A lavender field at the Norfolk Lavender farm and nursery and distillery in Heacham, Norfolk, England.



# obituaries

## LUCCHESI

Joan C. Lucchesi, age 78 of Ada, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Sam; daughters Joni Boire, Karen (Mark) Hays, Kim (Dan) Courser, Brenda (Mark) Schwartz; siblings; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Following Mrs. Lucchesi's wishes, a private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.



## SCHWACHA

*They just don't grow on trees...  
Those special people that make*

*you smile when you see them,  
Or make you feel loved when you think of them.  
If you're a dog, you wag your tail and come to them.  
If you're a child, you raise your arms and ask to be held.  
If you're a son, you aspire to be like them.  
And so it is with Arlene Angelia Schwacha.*



Arlene A. Schwacha, age 95 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, November 10, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and granddaughters Stephanie Marie and Randi Kay. She is survived by two sons, Jon (Cathy) and Kim (Beth), grandchildren, Eric (Danielle), Melissa (John) Evans, Toni Schwacha, 6 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of good friends. She loved her family, working with children, bowling, gardening, golf and dogs. She will be dearly missed. A celebration of her life will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Rev. Thurlan Meredith officiating. The family will meet with friends and relatives Wednesday 6-8 p.m. also at the chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Angel Tree Program, C/O The Salvation Army - Donation Processing, 1215 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



## VANSPRONSEN

Roger Jay VanSpronsen  
July 25, 1964 - Nov. 7, 2013

Roger, 49 of Ada, passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013 in Middleville, with family by his side. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 12. He is survived by his mother Carol VanSpronsen, three children and many loved family members. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions to



Hospice of Spectrum Health and/or Ada Christian Reform Church. Roger was a very kind man who will be forever missed.



# Avoid winter's perils by going online for Social Security business

Old Man Winter will be here before you know it. For much of the United States, including Michigan, that can mean the possibility of temperatures below freezing and winter storms. So isn't it nice to know that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century you can take care of most necessary business online - including Social Security.

Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Here, you can handle much of your Social Security business

quickly and securely from your home or office computer, or your tablet. At the Social Security website you can - create a *my Social Security* account for quick access to your information; get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits; apply for retirement, disability, spouse's, and Medicare benefits; check

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-194643-GA

In the matter of SHARON TICHELAAR. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Amy Tichelaar and Tina Tichelaar, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on December 6, 2013 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint Phillip and/or Richard Tichelaar guardian(s) of Sharon Tichelaar.

11/6/2013

Karen S. McFadden (P57043)  
403 W. Main  
Belding, MI 48809  
616-794-1220

Phillip Tichelaar and Richard Tichelaar  
9619 Foreman and 9771 Foreman  
Ada, MI 49301  
616-897-7661/9419

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-194669-GA

In the matter of NATHANIAL PALMER, alleged incapacitated individual. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: All known or unknown children of Nathaniel Palmer who address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred

or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on December 11, 2013 at 1:30 pm at 180 Ottawa Avenue, Ste. 2500 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: for appointment of a guardian for Nathaniel Palmer, and appointment of Carolyn Palmer Garmon as such guardian, and determination that Nathaniel Palmer is a legally incapacitated individual - full guardianship.

November 7, 2013

Carolyn Palmer Garmon  
1847 Bradford St. N.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI  
458-6077

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 13-194675-CA

In the matter of RONALD VOOGT. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: the missing and unknown children of Ronald Voogt whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 12/04/2013 at 1:30 p.m. at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:

on the petition of John Stafford for the appointment of a conservator for Ronald Voogt..

11/11/2013

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

John Stafford  
121 Franklin SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
616-826-5316

## STATE OF INDIANA KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

IN THE KOSCIUSKO SUPERIOR COURT #1 2013 TERM

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF BRIAN L. YODER, Petitioner, and AMY MARIE YODER, Respondent

CAUSE NUMBER 43D01-1310-DR-319

## NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

The Respondent is hereby notified that the Kosciusko Superior Court #1 has set final hearing in the Superior Court #1 courtroom located in the Kosciusko County Justice Building, 121 North Lake Street, Warsaw, Indiana, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the 13th day of December, 2013. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Warsaw, Indiana, this 6th day of November, 2013.

Ann Torpy, Clerk  
Kosciusko Superior Court #1

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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**office hours:**  
**Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Fri. 8 a.m. - noon**  
**closed Sat. & Sun.**

# classifieds

## for sale

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

**FEDEX NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BUYERS GUIDE** Buyers Guide, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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

**ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE** - with a Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. 25 year warranty. Big Sale Call for details, SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

**AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES** - 16" - 18" homemade outfits, \$10 & under. Come to Vergennes United Methodist Church, Nov. 14 & 15 (Christmas Thru Lowell) or come to my home (6 miles East of Lowell). 616-642-6097.

**SEMI LOADS 10 CORDS OF 8 FT. LOGS** - 10 in. average diameter. See pictures at [www.coxx.com](http://www.coxx.com), movies on YouTube (alanj-cox) or call Al at 231-846-0346 anytime.

**3 WONDERFUL THINGS FOR SALE** - Total Body Works weight bench, pretty much new, \$140; Treadmill, pretty much new, \$300; size 18 white strapless beaded wedding dress, \$300 or best offer on any item. Please call 517-526-3070 for more info.

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

**GUNS** - H&R break action with 4 barrels, 12 gage rifled with cantilever scope mount, .30-30 cal. 20 gage, and .410 gage, \$390. 12 gage double 3/4" chambers, \$170. Call 897-8632.

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

**CUSTOM EMBROIDERY** - Personalized embroidery. See **Idea to Stitches** at Christmas Through Lowell #21 for that one-of-a-kind present, or call 240-6110 for an appointment.

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

<sup>TFN</sup>

## for sale

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

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

**MAKE SURE YOUR BUSINESS IS LISTED** - in the 2014 Lowell City Directory! Please call Tammy at 897-9560 or email: [citydirectory@att.net](mailto:citydirectory@att.net) for further info or to place your order. Deadline for all advertising is Dec. 31, 2013. Discounts if paid early or if you are a Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Member.

## for sale

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

**ASSISTED LIVING** - Beautiful modern country home in Alto, excellent care. Cathy, 616-891-1840. Email: [AssistedLivingAlto@charter.net](mailto:AssistedLivingAlto@charter.net)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** - in Lowell. \$550/month, \$550 deposit. Heat & water furnished. Call 291-6387.

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

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

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 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.  
 Phone 897-9261  
 Fax 897-4809  
[www.lowellledger.com](http://www.lowellledger.com)

## wanted

**CRAFT/VENDORS** - for 3rd Annual Bushnell-Cherry Creek Holiday Bazaar. Thurs., Dec. 5, 5-8 p.m. Email: [bushnell.cce.familylinks@gmail.com](mailto:bushnell.cce.familylinks@gmail.com) for an application. Or pick up application at Bushnell or Cherry Creek office.

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

**LOWELL SCHOOL ARTISTS NEEDED** - to participate in Art Show contest during 3rd Annual Bushnell-Cherry Creek Holiday Bazaar. FREE entry fee. Event on Thurs., Dec. 5, 5-8 p.m. Prizes awarded for each age group. Email: [bushnell.cce.familylinks@gmail.com](mailto:bushnell.cce.familylinks@gmail.com) for application.

## help wanted

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY** - King Milling Company is seeking a qualified individual for a first shift (7a.m. - 4 p.m.) Sanitation Technician/Trailer Washing position. Applicant must be self motivated, and have a clean driving record. Please apply at 115 S. Broadway in Lowell.

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

**ANIMAL CAREGIVER** - Looking for an ambitious, physically fit person to care for many small dogs in a large, impeccably clean facility. 1st or 2nd shift, includes some weekend hours, Alto area. E-mail resume/inquires to: [animalcaregivers@outlook.com](mailto:animalcaregivers@outlook.com)

**DRIVERS** - CDL-A. Dedicated lanes! Company drivers & owner operators. Teams & singles. \$1,000 sign-on bonus for O/O! Fuel discount, safety bonus program, excellent fuel surcharge, 6 mos. verifiable exp. Call 800-599-0087.

**ACTIVITY ASSISTANT** - Part-time, 2nd shift, must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma. Please apply at The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell.

**FULL-TIME COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN** - 5 years experience, Michigan & I-Car certification a plus. Stop by Berger Motor Sales or call 616-527-4800 to schedule an interview. You can also email your resume to: [bergercollisioncenter@yahoo.com](mailto:bergercollisioncenter@yahoo.com)

## services

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

## services

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**AFTERNOON CAREGIVER OR ASSISTANT** - in your home. Can run errands around town and also do light housekeeping, Lowell area. Call after 1 p.m., 897-6320.

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

**BUSINESS CARDS** - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

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## services

**LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE** - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Cards, .50 each, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, \$1 each. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**FALL CLEANUP/LEAF REMOVAL** - customer satisfaction guaranteed. Call Tyler, 616-329-1823.

## misc.

**IF YOU'VE EVER WANTED** - to know what Teen Bible Quizzing is like, please join us Sat., Nov. 16 for the first quiz meet ever hosted at Evergreen Missionary Church of Lowell. The day starts with an opening worship time at 9:30 a.m. & quizzing starts at 10 a.m. It will last until approximately 2 p.m., with a break for lunch around 12 p.m. It is not necessary to be there the whole time; you are welcome to come & go as you please. Evergreen Missionary Church is located at 10501 Settlewood Dr., Lowell.

## misc.

**3rd ANNUAL BUSHNELL-CHERRY CREEK HOLIDAY BAZAAR** - Thurs., Dec. 5 from 5-8 p.m. Kids crafts, storytime with Mrs. Claus, Craft/Vendor Show & please come vote for your favorite student art project at our first ever Art Show. Location: Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman, Lowell.

**RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE** - for Jean Jeltma/Stormzand at Moose Social Quarters, 210 E. Main, on Nov. 17, 1-4 p.m.

**SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - at 3189 Snow Ave SE, serving a family style turkey & dressing dinner on Wed., Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$10, children 6-12, \$4, 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available.

**CRAFT SHOW** - Larkin's Other Place, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Multiple vendors.

# Coming Events

**PLEASE NOTE** - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are run on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rumage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: [classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com), by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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

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

**WEE WEDNESDAYS** - Every Wednesday, 11-11:20. Rhymes, stories, songs & fun for adult & baby. Babies birth to 17 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

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

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

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

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

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC/JAM SESSION & CHILI PICNIC** -

Sat., Nov. 16 in the King Building at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Jam session from 3-6 p.m. Food & refreshments available. Family friendly. Bring your instrument & join in or just come to listen.

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

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 102** - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372** - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 3188** - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

**QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB** - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to [www.qua-ke-zik.org](http://www.qua-ke-zik.org) for information. New members welcome.

**LOWELL LIONS CLUB** - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

**FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS BRICKS PARTY** - Tues., Dec. 31, 1 p.m. Design, build & bond w/the whole family w/building blocks. For all ages. Englehardt branch library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 784-2007, [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org)

**LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE** - is open Wed. & Fri. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop,

897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

**ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER** - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

**AVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA** - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

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# Neighbor 2 Neighbor wish list

**Neighbor to Neighbor is once again organizing to get some of these projects done and disbursed. If you would like to help by donating your time and energy to fulfill one of these requests, contact Tamela Spicer to confirm which project you could complete at [tamelas@fromlowell.org](mailto:tamelas@fromlowell.org)**

A local married couple is in need of a new furnace. Their current furnace has barely kept running for the past two years, but is now unsafe. Due to recent economic challenges the couple is not able to absorb the cost.

Couple needs to repair all of the flooring in their trailer. There are holes and soft spots throughout the flooring in their home. The duct work needs to be replaced as it is not blowing heat to the front of their trailer. Their back door also needs to be replaced. Limited income makes it difficult for this couple to manage the repairs on their own.

A married couple in Lowell has found themselves on harder than normal times. The husband is wheelchair bound due to being a brittle diabetic. The wife has part-time, seasonal work but is limited to the amount of hours she can work due to caring for her husband. This past month the wife had to undergo surgery that has left her unable to work and drive for a month, which has presented many challenges for this household. A recent inspection for their home owners insurance revealed the need for roof replacement. The condition of the roof not only impacts the safety of the home, but also the affordability of the insurance.

A family of four living on Veteran's Assistance and social security benefits is in need of a new furnace and roof repair. The furnace has electrical issues that the family has been unable to resolve. When the furnace goes on, you can see the electricity voltage throughout the vents. The roof also has a big hole, which requires a new application of tar a couple of times each year just to keep things from leaking.

A senior widow living on a fixed income is in need of tree removal. She currently has her daughter and granddaughter living with her to help them through a period of unemployment. There are many unstable trees along the house that need to come down to prevent potential damage to the home. This homeowner hopes to donate the wood to another family in need. Answered by a local business.

A single mother is in need of a new bathroom floor. She recently lost her full-time job and is getting some part-time work through Manpower. There is no extra room in this single mom's budget to fix the floor.

A local family is in need of a new roof for their garage. What started out as a bee problem in the soffit area of their garage has now turned into a bigger problem of needing a whole new roof replacement. Unsteady employment and health issues in the last couple of years have left this family with little resources to replace the roof themselves.

A single mother of two is in need of all new windows throughout her mobile home. There are no screens and locks on them to insure proper weatherization as well as to keep intruders out. Answered by a local business.

A retired male needs help before the weather turns colder. His furnace needs to be replaced and he does not have the resources to manage this on his own.

A single woman whom purchased her home in 2008 has fallen on hard times. When she originally purchased her home, she was working two jobs and lost them both in 2009. She was unable to find employment even with a Master's degree. She has started her own business to try to pay her current bills and is barely making ends meet. She is in need of many repairs for her home which include electrical, plumbing, driveway replacement/repair as well and the repair/replacement of the foundation of her home which is leaking water into her basement. There are structural issues with the garage and flooring issues with the bathroom.

A married couple is struggling to make necessary repairs for a mobile home. They have been piecing together dry wall as their resources allow them to, but need help finishing the work. All of the flooring needs to be replaced throughout their home. They need all new windows as well as insulation to ensure proper weatherization. Their porch is falling apart. They currently have no kitchen cabinets. All of the walls in their bathroom need to be replaced because of mold concerns. The bathroom faucets also need to be replaced.

A widow needs help. Her husband's extended illness and fixed income since his passing have made it difficult for her to keep up with much needed home repairs. The window in her bedroom rotted out and currently has a piece of wood and a blanket covering her window. She has leaky faucet and mold in the basement resulting from a leak on her deck. The dry wall and insulation needs to be replaced to ensure proper weatherization. There is a hole in her driveway that she would like to refill with asphalt before winter comes in order to ensure that the hole does not get bigger. Answered with the help of community members and local businesses.

A widowed senior citizen whose only source of income is her social security benefits is in need of some help. The roof needs repair for safety and weatherization reasons. Both the dining room and bedroom flooring needs to be replaced due to termite damage.

A married couple with three children need help replacing two broken windows. One of the windows has a rotting window sill that needs to be replaced. One of their daughters has recently been diagnosed with asthma. The mold from the rotting window sill is contributing to her asthma symptoms and the family does not have the financial means to replace or repair the window. Answered with the help of community members and a local business.

A single lady who receives disability benefits is in need of some home repairs. She has a basement window that has no glass to ensure proper weatherization and security. She has been using plastic as well as a bale of hay to cover the window. There are two holes that are unreachable to her on the outside of her home that need to be repaired to ensure that rain and snow doesn't come through. She needs a storm window in her kitchen as well as new kitchen faucet.

A single retired woman, living only on her Social Security benefits, is in need of some assistance cleaning out her gutters and removing a brush pile in her back yard. She has recently acquired double-vision and is not able to do as much work around her yard as she used to.

A married couple with two children is in need of some help with weatherization of their home. Both adults are working, yet are struggling to make ends meet. They are currently on the budget plan and pay over \$200/month in heating bills. They are hoping to have someone come out to their home and wrap their home in plastic and would like assistance on energy savings efforts.

A married couple who just recently combined their families is in need of transforming their three season porch into a room for their two young boys that just moved in with them. Both adults are working at this time and earning just over minimum wage, which allows them to pay for basic needs. However, this is a need that exceeds their means.

A single lady whom just recently acquired custody of her granddaughter needs to replace a broken window. The broken window is located in the granddaughter's bedroom.



The grandmother is working full time, yet is living paycheck to paycheck and cannot pay for the repair. She also needs help winterizing her front door.

A single lady, whose only source of income is SSI, is in need of some home repairs. Numerous health issues have left her unable to do the repairs herself. She needs the trim around her doors and windows to be installed to prevent air from getting in. She has the trim but is not sure if the cut is correct. There is electrical work throughout the home that needs to be addressed to ensure proper safety, especially in the kitchen area. She has most of the parts for all of these projects and is hoping for some extra hands to help with the repairs.

A single man living off of Social Security is in need of a new refrigerator and stove. His refrigerator is turned up to the highest level possible to ensure that his food does not spoil. He does not have the resources to replace these appliances himself.

A single mother of a two-and-a-half year old is in need of a new furnace. This single mother works full time and does not receive any sort of government assistance. However, she is living paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to replace her furnace on her own.

## Social Security, continued

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- 1. Trigonometry ratio
- 6. \*It offers three games on Thanksgiving
- 9. Beauty salon sound
- 13. Throat dangler
- 14. Chapter in history
- 15. Connect by dialing
- 16. An episode of "The Brady Bunch," e.g.
- 17. Boozehound
- 18. Sty sounds
- 19. Edit for publication
- 21. \*Thanksgiving cause for celebration
- 23. Tokyo, formerly
- 24. Done to a heart?
- 25. Loquacious person's gift
- 28. Medicinal house plant
- 30. Be owned by
- 35. \*You don't want turkey cooked this way
- 37. \*Running all day?
- 39. Mekong or Zaire
- 40. Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
- 41. Relating to birth
- 43. \_\_\_ Scotia
- 44. Shaped like a cone
- 46. Stretched ride
- 47. Capital of Ukraine
- 48. Catch in a snare
- 50. Vegas glow
- 52. Brut, as in champagne
- 53. Type of carpet
- 55. Wicked Witch of the West to Dorothy
- 57. \*Thanksgiving dessert ingredient
- 61. \*Presidential act
- 64. Quick
- 65. Toothpaste type
- 67. "M\*A\*S\*H" extra

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**DOWN**

- 1. Mutt
- 2. Ham radio ending
- 3. "Absolutely!"

- 4. Circumvent
- 5. \*One of two countries celebrating Thanksgiving
- 6. \*It fills once again on Turkey Day
- 7. "To" follower
- 8. Wood turning device
- 9. Gangster's blade
- 10. "All or \_\_\_"
- 11. Signs
- 12. Exterminator's target
- 15. Hotel employee
- 20. Part of gastro-intestinal system
- 22. Priestly garb
- 24. Get-together
- 25. \*Followed with "amen"
- 26. Packers' quarterback
- 27. Force of the blow
- 29. West Wing's office
- 31. Clickable text
- 32. Shaped like an egg
- 33. "Never say \_\_\_"
- 34. \*Meal topper
- 36. Arab ruler
- 38. Christening acquisition
- 42. Washing sponge
- 45. Last resting spot
- 49. Sigma \_\_\_ Epsilon
- 51. Everyday
- 54. Ticked off
- 56. Swelling
- 57. End to hostilities
- 58. Wrinkly fruit
- 59. Demeanor
- 60. Surveyor's map
- 61. Blueprint
- 62. Thor's father
- 63. Typical start of workday
- 66. Part of the beholder
- 68. As opposed to "sin" in trigonometry

*Puzzle solutions on page 12*

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NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 12

- Fewer than 50,000 people have successfully navigated the troubled federal health-care website and enrolled in private insurance plans as of last week. The figure well short of the administration's target of 500,000 enrollees for October.
- The United States Post Office lost nearly \$16 billion last year. Package delivery, however, has been profitable and now, a partnership with Amazon might give them an advantage over private companies. "As online shopping continues to increase, the Postal Service is very happy to offer shippers like Amazon the option of having packages delivered on Sunday," said Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe.
- Rabbi Noah Muroff, of New Haven, Connecticut, bought a desk he found listed on Craigslist; inside it was a bag filled with \$98,000 cash. The Rabbi and his wife called the person they bought the desk from; it was her "nest egg" and she didn't realize it was in the desk she had just sold. They gave the money back to her.

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