



Relay For Life holds official kick-off celebration

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Relay For Life of Lowell officially kicked off their fundraising season on Thursday, March 6, in the Lowell Middle School cafetorium when they hosted their annual Kick-off celebration.

Current participants and those interested in learning more about the Relay For Life (RFL) initiative were invited to attend the evening event, which aimed to both inform and inspire attendees about the RFL mission.

"The purpose of kick off is to gather people together to get them fired up about Relay season. Also to register new teams, survivors and participants and to give team captains materials they need to get started" said second-year co-chair of the Lowell RFL Lori Ingraham.

RFL is the largest fundraiser for the American

Cancer Society which recently celebrated 100 years in the fight against cancer. The fun and informative 24-hour walking relay features a variety of fun family-oriented events and activities and often touching ceremonies that honor the RFL commitment to celebrate the crusaders, remember the lost and fight back against this terrible disease.

About 50 community members turned out for the event which offered a potluck-style meal. Committee members welcomed guests and offered them the opportunity to ask questions, register to participate and gather fundraising supplies. Attendees also heard from guest speaker Bill Brandner, an active member at Gilda's Club. Brandner, who is a Licensed Professional



Harley Kaminski, Criss Kaminski, Kenny Kaminski, team captain Nanette Grim, Austin Grim, Rudy Smith and Scott Grim with their national fundraising award.

Counselor, has worked for several years at both the Lowell and Grand Rapids Clubhouses as a group facilitator dealing with the topics of cancer and grief. The retired minister and

longtime Lowell resident spoke briefly applauding those in attendance for their philanthropy saying, "I am a supporter of any activity where people come together and support each other like you are doing here."

Team A1 Laser, who has been a consistent driving force in the fundraising

success of the Lowell RFL event, was honored during the night's presentation with a well-earned fundraising award. The team, headed up by captain Nanette Grim, astoundingly earned over \$10,000 individually in 2013, "I am very honored

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Dave Dean leaves a wrestling legacy in Lowell and moves on to college-level coaching



Dave Dean accepts the 2014 state championship trophy from Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA's) Mark Uyl.

by Karen Jack

Wrestling coach Dave Dean will be heading to Cornell University.

Dean touches things and they turn into gold. A prime example is his success as the head coach of the Lowell wrestling program. In his nine-year tenure as the coach, he's racked up seven conference titles, nine

district titles, seven regional titles, three state runners-up titles and two state championships. He also led 75 state placers and 12 state champions individually during his tenure. Add to that the fact that next year, seven of his high school wrestlers will be wrestling for Division 1 colleges, one

can argue that his quest for gold continues.

Dean started his wrestling career as a wrestler at Montrose High School where he was a two-time state champion. Dean went on to wrestle for the

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Ivan K. Blough scholarships available

The late Ivan K. Blough is remembered for his dedication and passion for the Lowell community. No project was too big – or small – for the former resident and community volunteer. Known for the time he spent volunteering on the Lowell Showboat and with community organizations, including his church, Lowell Area Historical Museum and Boy Scout Troop 102, Blough could always be found driving from one project to the next in his red pickup truck.

To honor his outstanding efforts and vocational skills the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation provides the Ivan K. Blough Vocational Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for high school seniors and graduates living within the district boundaries of Lowell Area Schools. Its purpose is to encourage the development of career skills and educational opportunities through underwriting a portion (up to two years) of the post-secondary school tuition costs to vocational or credited institutions. It encompasses the pursuit of agri-science studies and business, local commercial business and technical entrepreneurial endeavors.

Individuals must also promote volunteerism and pride by giving a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service to a church or non-profit organization within the Greater Lowell Community or internship with a Lowell area chamber member's business of chosen career.

Ivan K. Blough Scholarship applications are available at the Lowell High School student's service center or online at www.discoverlowell.org

For more information, contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161. Applications are due at the chamber office, located on Riverwalk Plaza, Friday, March 21, 2014. This two-year student scholarship will be awarded at the May Honors Night at Lowell High School.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Lowell High School seniors, General Local Scholarship Applications are available in the Student Services Center. To be fair to all students, applications will not be accepted after 3:00 pm on Friday, March 14. Don't forget to include two letters of recommendation, transcript and personal statement. For more information please call Mrs. Nauta at 987-2913.

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Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Keene Township Hall, 8505 Potters Road, Saranac, at 6 pm. Public is invited to join the group as they plan to raise funds to restore Whites Covered Bridge. For additional information, email friends.rebuildingwhitesbridge@gmail.com

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Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., March 20 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

LIONS LUNCHING IN THE LIBRARY

On April 4 the Alto Lions club will participate in the World's Longest Lunch Relay. Lions clubs worldwide will schedule lunch at noon local time, following the time zones around the world for 24 hours. You are invited to lunch at the Alto Library. Drop in any time between 11 am and 1 pm. Share a complimentary lunch and find out more about what the Lions club does for the community and how much fun it is to be a Lion.

Bowling Green State University has announced the undergraduate students who have been named to the fall semester dean's list for achieving grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. To be chosen for the dean's list, undergraduate students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Local students are Hannah Thelen, College of Arts and Sciences, of Alto; and Jillian Wray, College of Arts and Sciences, of Lowell.

More than 1,000 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December 2013.

Students from this

area who graduated at the conclusion of the fall 2013 semester in December include: Ada: Paul D. Bratt, BA; David T. Farmer, BS; Dan J. Gerard, MSA; Elizabeth A. Harris, BA; Joseph M. Olson, BS; Aaron B. Pflum, MBA; Kelly A. Schovan, BS; Drew J. Smiley, BS; Paul D. Westdale, BA; and Matthew J. Wolterstorff, MBA; Alto: Darren J. Chase, BBA; Barbara R. deJong, MED; Jared B. Hanna, BBA; Christopher Holling, MBA; and Heidi A. Lenartz, BA; Lowell: Poulomi Chakma, BS; Claire M. Filiatreau, MBA; Chad M. Fopma, BS; Kylee J. Karas, BS; Mitchell C. Malling, BBA; Katie A. Polaski, BS; Kyle D. Stanford, BS; and Rhonda L. Svoboda, BA.

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and excited to have received this award for our team. It is rewarding for all of us



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~Ron Nesen

to know we are helping in the fight against cancer," said Grim after accepting the award. "Our team is a great group of friends and family and we participate in Relay For Life in order to honor and remember those in our family that have been affected by cancer."

A total of 26 teams, consisting of friends and family groups and local businesses and organizations, earned nearly \$60,000 total during last year's Relay season. Ingraham reports that they currently have 16 teams registered to participate and a fundraising goal of \$65,000 for the 2014 RFL.

The event is scheduled for June 20-21 from noon to noon at the Lowell High School football field and is open to the public.

Committee members will be hosting a series of informative team captain meetings over the next few months at the First United Methodist Church. The first is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, at 7 pm. Community members interested in forming their own cancer-fighting team are invited to attend. Registration and more information are also available online at www.relayforlife.org

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P.J. Walsh strikes a hilarious tone at Lowell's LaughFest venue

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

LaughFest returned to Lowell Saturday, March 8, with a hilarious stand-up set from PJ Walsh at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.

The show lasted two hours. The auditorium was about 75 percent full. Lowell luminaries such as mayor Jim Hodges and city manager Mark Howe were spotted in the audience.

Walsh, who had just returned from a comedy tour through Greenland, El Salvador and Honduras, said, "This is the first show I've done for a while where I didn't have to hold in a poop the whole time."

Walsh's humor ranged from topics like his military service and related travels and his close work with President Clinton, to interactions with specific audience members. Walsh got into a pretend argument with one woman, referred to a random man as his "father" for the duration of the performance and climbed on one particularly tall audience member. The show ended with a couple minutes of breakdancing from Walsh.

Walsh, a native of Brewster, New York, has been working in comedy for over 20 years. He has toured with folks like Bill Engvall, Larry the Cable Guy, Ron White, and Jeff Foxworthy all over the world, had his own show on Sirius Satellite Radio and had a small part in a movie called "Delta Farce."



PJ Walsh brought LaughFest to the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center.



Walsh jokes with a member of the audience.



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Christopher C. Godbold

Take steps to protect your family business

There's nothing more important in the world to you than your family. However, your family-owned business probably helps support your family. So, when it comes to protecting both your family and your business, you need to carefully consider your moves.

As you know, you face plenty of challenges to keep your business running smoothly — but it can be even more difficult to pass the family business on to your children or other relatives. In fact, according to the Small Business Administration, only 33 percent of family owned businesses survive the transition from first generation ownership to the next generation.

Why is it so hard to keep a family business intact? Sometimes, it's because no one in the family is interested in running the business — but family businesses frequently disintegrate because of the lack of a succession plan.

To create a succession plan, your first step — and possibly the most important one — is to collect the thoughts and preferences of family members on their future involvement with your business. It's essential that you know who wants to really do the day-to-day work and who is capable. During these conversations, you'll also want to discuss other key business-succession issues, such as the retirement goals and cash flow needs of retiring family owners and the personal and financial goals of the next generation of management.

In developing a plan for the future of your business, you will need to determine who will control and manage the business, and who will eventually own it. These decisions will depend on a variety of factors, such as the time horizon, goals and financial needs of the family members involved.

Your succession plan

could be based on a family limited partnership. Under this arrangement, you, as general partner, would maintain control over the day-to-day operation of your business, but, over time, you could gift or sell limited partnership shares to your family members. And eventually, you would also relinquish control of the business to whoever is going to run it.

Another component of your succession plan might be a "buy-sell" agreement, which allows you to name the buyer for your business — such as one of your children — and establish methods to determine the sale price. Your child could then purchase a life insurance policy on your life and eventually use the proceeds to buy the business, according to the terms established in the buy-sell agreement.

We've just skimmed the surface of techniques that might be used alone or in combination to carry out your business succession. The transfer can be complex, so you will certainly need to consult with your legal and financial professionals. It's important that you fully understand the business and tax implications of any succession plan, as well as the financial effects of a plan on all your family members.

In any case, once you've created your succession plan, you'll need to work with your legal advisor to put it in writing and communicate it clearly to all family members. Surprises are welcome in many parts of life — but not when it comes to transferring a family business.

You want to leave your family a legacy. And if that legacy is the family business, do whatever it takes to pass it on in a manner that benefits everyone involved. This will take time and planning — but it can be well worth the effort.

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

I can no longer refrain from writing this letter.

Even during this bitterly cold winter I have enjoyed walking the Riverwalk extension with my dog Gracie. This is such a wonderful addition to this side of town. I must commend councilmember Sharon Ellison for following through on her campaign promise from several years

ago to finish this extension and I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in its completion. Even during this cold, heavily-snowy winter the city workers have been diligent in keeping this area shoveled for us winter lovers to enjoy. Thank you for all your hard work.

Now I come to my huge frustration: someone with an obviously large dog is

neglecting to clean up after their generous pooch. This is becoming a big problem as the snow begins to melt. I see this as being extremely rude and disrespectful to everyone else who wants to enjoy this beautiful area as well as giving a very negative reputation to all of us other responsible dog owners. Someone will have to ultimately do this cleanup and unfortunately it will probably be one of the already overworked

and under-appreciated city workers. I hope if anyone knows who this irresponsible person is they will give them a good tongue lashing and encourage them to either clean up after themselves or keep their dog at home. There are containers at either end of the Riverwalk extension with bags for doggie-poop cleanup. This was such a wonderful consideration in the construction plan as

a welcoming gesture to us dog walkers. I have even added extra bags to these containers. Let's all show our appreciation and respect by cleaning up after our dogs

and helping to maintain the beautiful community we are so fortunate to live in.

Thank you,
Peggy Covert

power lines

Greg Pierce

Last week Lowell Light and Power joined a private developer, Lowell Energy Anaerobic Digester (LEAD), in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Lowell Light and Power Chatham Street facility. The event was a huge success with nearly 50 interested people in attendance. Those who attended received a brief description of the project and some insight into why the project will be a benefit to Lowell Light and Power and the community.

The event was also a preliminary introduction to the changes taking place at our Chatham facility as it transforms into the Lowell Light and Power Energy Center. In addition to information being available on the Bio-digester Project, there were also tours of our new combustion turbine facility. The combustion turbines were purchased primarily to replace, upgrade and keep up with our need to meet the peak demand of the community.

Historically, over the last several decades Lowell Light and Power has been losing its ability to produce electricity locally. Since the 1970s, when we sold our hydro facility, to the 1990s Lowell Light and Power has slowly decreased its number of generating units and has become more and more dependent on outside resources. In 1990 Lowell Light and Power had a total of five diesel engines capable of generating approximately 5.75 megawatts (MW) of electricity. Our day-to-day generation (called

baseload) comes primarily from an ownership interest in Detroit Edison's Belle River and Consumers Energy's Campbell III coal generation facilities. Our 5.75 MWs of local diesel generation were used to meet our peak loads or other needs of the grid, based on what we call economic dispatch (ie. is it more cost effective to operate or buy from the grid). By year 2000, we were down to only 3.5 MW of internal generation and the three

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To The Editor,

While Lowell Sleeps...

Two Lowell managers spend your city capital like it is going out of style. Hard-working city employees are forced to join a union to protect themselves. The managers who are fighting city employees are getting \$18,000 raises while select city employees go for half a decade without a raise. The

mayor threatens to throw people out of a city council meeting.

The mayor and Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) board who say our city employees are overpaid according to the average, decide to give raises to the

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outdoors

big game

Dave Stegehuis

Squirrel hunting is considered the entry level hunting experience for young hunters. There is another option for introducing young and old alike to the hunting lifestyle. Wild turkeys are found all across the Lower Peninsula and most parts of the Upper Peninsula. The large birds have become a popular game species across the country.

Turkeys are native to North America, but they all but disappeared after European settlement. After a few failed attempts, turkeys were successfully established in Michigan during 50's, and by 1965 there was a limited hunt. Drawing a turkey license in the 70's required a lot of luck. Today everyone has the opportunity to hunt.

Turkeys are wary creatures, so the hunter must have a strategy based on knowledge of the turkey's habits and behaviors. One successful plan for hunting wild turkeys is to run and gun. The idea is to move through turkey habitat then stopping occasionally to call and listen for gobbles while glassing the area. When contact is made with a bird, the hunter takes a hidden position and imitates a hen call to draw the tom into range. An alternative technique is to use a blind and set up decoys in a pre-scouted location which is regularly visited by turkeys and then proceed to call.

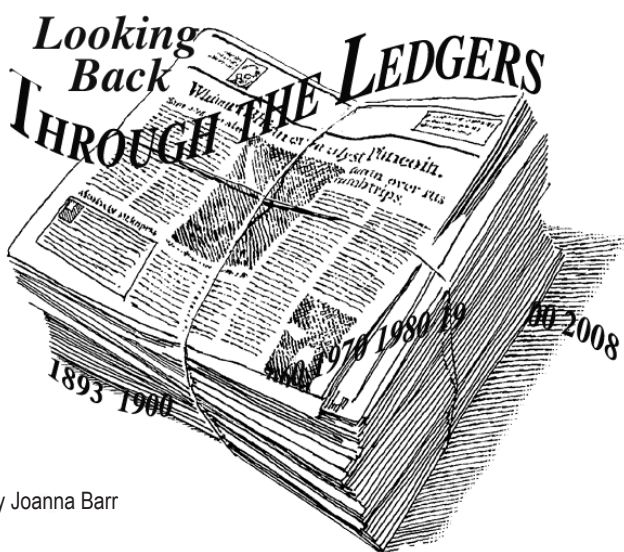
Both methods can be done with a team of two hunters which presents an opportunity to mentor a beginning hunter. Very young hunters must be accompanied by a qualified adult; older novices can also be monitored and advised during the hunts.

There are spring and fall turkey seasons. Mild weather, few insects, sparse cover, and the breeding season for turkeys, which motivates a tom to respond to calling, are all good reasons to hunt the birds in the spring.

As with any sport or outdoor activity, manufacturers and retailers offer a wide range of equipment. A tight choked shotgun and a turkey call are the only essential items, but one may add as much gear as the budget allows.

Although the large birds are routinely observed roaming the countryside, bagging a bird requires a complete set of hunting skills. The hunter must know how to interpret sign, understand the habits and behavior of the game, possess marksmanship skills, know how to properly care for game in the field, follow hunting regulations, and respect the animal by hunting ethically.

Turkey hunting is as exciting and challenging as most big game hunts without extensive travel and expense. Looking forward to springtime in Michigan.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal March 13, 1889

Mrs. Clara A. Stephens, of Austerlitz, Kent County, who sued Moses Brooks and James Barnes for \$5,000 damages, has received a verdict of \$260. She was a candidate for the post office and she charged that Brooks, at the solicitation of Barnes who was postmaster, wrote a letter to Congressman Ford attacking her character and had robbed a letter addressed to her father.

The Methodist minister at Manton has decided that the members of his choir can't lead in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have" or "Sweeping Through the Gates of New Jerusalem" Sunday mornings and then contest for the booby prizes at pedro parties or dance with the worldly and ungodly during the week. - Cadillac Express.

The belief is expressed that the fire which destroyed

Mrs. E. H. Thompson's barn, wagon, etc. near Greenville, recently was the work of an incendiary. She lost about \$4,000 this time and not long ago her house was burned and she has never been able to find the cause.

Reported here yesterday that a fine team of Norman horses was stolen from Theodore Hunt, of Keene, Monday night. No particulars.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 12, 1914

Headline: Bowes home burns - dwelling destroyed Tuesday, will rebuild immediately. The house of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bowes, just east of town, was burned to the ground Tuesday evening, together with a large amount of valuable household goods stored on the second floor. Pat had just sat down for his after supper smoke when a cinder dropped at his feet. Running out, he discovered the roof all ablaze and soon realized the futility of fighting the fire. With assistance of neighbors and friends, most of the contents of the first floor were removed, but the upstairs apartments could not be entered. The house was insured for \$1,000 but the loss on household goods is total. Mr. Bowes is fixing temporary quarters in the barn on the place and will build a new house beginning immediately after the adjustment of his insurance.

Dr. Warthin will give a university extension lecture on Sex Hygiene at the city hall, Monday evening, March 23, to men only. No boys under 16 will be admitted without their fathers. Admission free. Fill the house.

The saloon has been outlawed in more than two-thirds of the territory of the United States. Prohibition for the entire nation is now predicted to come within

Alto Elementary students raise money to for Mended Little Hearts



Jennifer and Caleb Dougherty accept a check from student councilmembers: Sophia Powell, Evyn Dent, Maeve Dougherty, and Sam Dougherty at the presentation

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Third- through fifth-grade student council members at Alto Elementary recently raised \$850 in just eight days for Mended Little Hearts (MLH) of West Michigan, a charity formed by Alto resident Jennifer Dougherty.

Councilmembers, along with long-time council advisor Sharon Vensas, lead a schoolwide coin

drive and sold paper hearts for a dollar that students personally decorated. These hearts were then displayed around the school and will later be placed inside care bags provided by the charity to children and families dealing with congenital heart defects. The fundraiser was met with great support by the Alto community of students who cheered with

pride and surprise when the large check was presented.

Dougherty started the local chapter of MLH after her own son Caleb was born with a serious heart defect in 2010. Despite five open heart surgeries and a heart that functions on only one side, the happy and active toddler is well and was on hand to personally

thank students for their donations during the check presentation. His mother echoed that appreciation, "I am absolutely amazed by the efforts from this fundraiser! There are so many wonderful things that the Alto families support, I never expected anything close to the amount we raised."

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molluscum

Molluscum Contagiosum is a common skin disease, similar to warts, that is also caused by a virus. It most commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It causes small pink or flesh-colored bumps with a dimple in the center. These bumps are smooth and firm and can appear anywhere on the body. They may become sore, red and swollen, but are usually painless. These bumps normally disappear within six to 12 months without treatment.

Molluscum is contagious and can spread to different parts of the body. This spread occurs by touching or scratching a bump and then touching another part of the body. This virus can spread from person to person via direct contact when skin touches skin. It can also spread by sharing certain objects with an infected person, like clothes, towels and toys. Certain contact sports are higher risk of transmitting the virus, like football, basketball, and wrestling.

Sometimes molluscum can also be transmitted sexually.

The best way to avoid spreading the virus to yourself or others is to wash your hands frequently and keep your nails cut short. You should avoid sharing personal items with others. You should avoid scratching or picking at the bumps. You should keep the bumps covered with clothes and or bandages. You should not take part in contact sports unless all bumps can be completely covered with clothes or bandages.

Treatment is typically not necessary, as the bumps will usually disappear within six to 12 months spontaneously. Some treatments do exist for those cases where the bumps do not resolve, become painful or spread rapidly. Some of the treatments currently available include cryotherapy and a prescription cream. If you have a new rash and suspect it's molluscum, you should see your healthcare provider to get an accurate diagnosis.

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Pupel is Murray Lake's staff member of the month

The Murray Lake Elementary staff member of the month for February is Ausma Pupel. This is her first year teaching at Murray Lake, but she isn't new to the district. This is her 27th year of teaching in the Lowell school system. She has worked at Bushnell, the Bushnell Annex, Cherry Creek, and now Murray Lake. Most of her teaching years have been spent working with fifth graders. "When I was hired by principal Bill Kirby and superintendent Dr. Fritz Ecsh in 1987, I was on top of the world. I had always wanted to be a teacher, studied education at

Michigan State University (MSU) and had volunteered during college years to work at elementary schools in the East Lansing area. Lowell has been the perfect fit for me."

"Ausma is a team player and has fit in extremely well with us this year. She puts in a lot of time to make fifth grade successful for the students," commented fellow fifth-grade teacher, Mike Fillman.

Pupel gets the biggest kick out of seeing former students as young adults. A few of her former students

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Ausma Pupel surrounded by her students.

Power lines, continued

remaining diesel engines had been converted to dual fuel to take advantage of cheaper natural gas. These three engines were 1960/70 vintage, were not very efficient to run and therefore were called on to operate less and less often. In 2008 they were called to run once and during 2009 and 2010 they were not called to run at all. By 2010, impending EPA air emission regulations further impacted the future economic potential of these units to operate cost effectively.

During this 30-year period the leadership of Lowell Light and Power recognized our ability to provide for peak generation was decreasing while our need for peak generation was increasing. The electric requirements of the community have continued to increase and our peak demand has grown from 12.5 MW in 2000 to 15.7 MW in 2013, a 3+ MW increase. Ultimately the board of Lowell Light and Power made the decision to decommission the older 3.5 MW units and to focus on more modern alternatives for providing local peaking generation.

When the two combustion turbines became available, the board of Lowell Light and Power realized the unique

opportunity being presented. Not only would these two turbines replace the 3.5 MW of decommissioned diesel generation but would also cover the 3 MW of new peak and allow for some additional community growth. Beyond the ability to meet our peak demand with cost-effective local generation, the board saw the potential for these combustion turbine generators to become an integral part of Lowell's generation strategy for the future. Several other scenarios exist where by these units could become a more important piece of our generation portfolio and potentially afford us the flexibility to take a more active role in managing our generation costs.

Larger municipal utilities such as Lansing and Holland have made the decision to move from coal generation to combustion turbines. Consumers Energy has announced the decommissioning of several older coal plants and is

replacing that generation with combustion turbine generation. Your board at Lowell Light and Power has stepped out and made similar, sound energy decisions by purchasing and installing combustion turbines while fostering the development of a local renewable energy source with the bio-digester. Their goal and challenge has been to provide a sound energy threshold for the future of Lowell and to accomplish that goal debt-free through prudent use of electric funds. So far the challenge is being met. One of the combustion turbines is fully installed and ready to operate for the 2014 peak season. The second turbine should be ready to operate during the 2015 peak season and the bio-digester is scheduled to be operational by the first quarter of 2015. The final

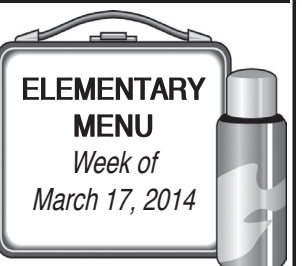
installed cost for the first turbine was \$1.516 million and so far we have spent \$.913 million on the second turbine. The combustion turbine project is expected to be completed as budgeted and the total installed cost for the turbines will be approximately 50 percent of current market rates. The savings is due primarily to the level of installation we are completing ourselves,

the national economy at the time we purchased the turbines and the lack of finance costs.

I know this has turned out to be lengthy, but I thought it was important to portray the history, the rational, the perspective, the dedication and the commitment involved in developing a strategy that will move Lowell Light and Power into the future. We

continue working to provide you with cost-effective, reliable, sustainable electric and energy services and thank you for your support.

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MON: WG cheese quesadilla w/salsa, refried beans, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, pears.

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WED: Cinnamon glazed French toast w/sausage, hashbrowns, fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cauliflower bites, pear, orange slices.

THURS: Mexican burrito & mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), WG breaded chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, pineapples, apple.

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Lowell FFA successful at state convention

Submitted by Kevin Nugent

The Lowell FFA completed a successful trip to the Michigan FFA Convention March 5-7. Twenty-six members from Lowell traveled to Michigan State University to receive awards or compete in state-level competitions.

Lowell senior Emma Blough was elected to serve as the 2014-2015 State FFA Reporter. Blough advanced through regional and state level interviews and gave a speech in front of the convention delegates. After counting the votes, Blough came out on top and will represent Michigan as one of twelve state officers. Emma is the 15th member from Lowell to serve as a State Officer and joins a list that includes Sen. Dave Hildenbrand and Rep. Lisa Lyons.

Members from Lowell competed in three State FFA Leadership contests. The leadership contests are designed to help the



Nate Blattner, Emma Blough and John Mark received Proficiency awards at the state level with Blough and Mark being named state winners.

students build teamwork and communication skills in order to make them better leaders and more prepared for the future. In order to qualify for the state contests, members first had to advance through district and regional contests, finishing in the top two at each level. Lowell had 31 members compete at the district level, 13 advanced to regionals and 12 competed at the state contests.

The team of Maria Blough, Jessica Graves, Mary Leasure and Anna Reynolds received a silver award in the Agricultural Issues contest. Their presentation showed the issues surrounding organic beef production.

In the Jr. High Conduct of Meetings contest, middle school members show their ability to run an efficient meeting using correct Parliamentary Procedure. Team members include Keana Fahrni, Jenna Harper, Abigail Kastanek, Lizzie Kuhns, Keegan Mebert, Samuel Misak, Haley Nieuwkoop, and Connor Nugent. The team competed on the first day of contests, advanced to the second day and received a silver award.

In Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Brad Depew received a bronze award. Depew was given 30 minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech.

In addition to the Leadership contests, individual members were

recognized in other award areas.

In the State Proficiency awards, Nate Blattner, Emma Blough and John Mark were all recognized. The proficiency awards recognize students that have outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). Blough and Mark were both named state winners in their areas. Blattner earned a silver award in the category of Fruit Production through his work at his family orchard, Twin Bee Orchards. Blough was named the state winner in Agricultural Sales for her work at Heidi's Farm Stand. Mark competed in the category of Diversified Horticulture for working at Geldersma Farms and was also named a state winner. As state winners, Blough and Mark will both have the opportunity to submit their applications to the National FFA for recognition at that level.

Seven members from the Lowell Chapter received their State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest award that the state association can bestow upon one of its members. Of the over 6,300 members in the Michigan FFA, only 377 were chosen to receive this award. The Lowell FFA members that received the award were Emma Blough, Levi Churches, Delaney Droog, Jessica Graves and Jacob Poll, Lonnie Smith and Forrest Stoffers.

In order to be considered for the State Degree, students have to



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Emma Blough was elected to serve as the 2014-15 State FFA Reporter.



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show that they have worked on a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and have been active in the FFA. A student's SAE project combines the information learned in the agriscience classes with the leadership experiences in the FFA. The SAE is tailored to the student's interests in agriculture. These projects can range from fair animals to jobs to community service activities. In order to qualify for the state degree, the student has to document that they have either earned \$2000 from their project, spent at least 450 hours on the project, or a combination of the two.

The Outstanding Junior award was given to six students from Lowell. The requirements for the Outstanding Junior award are similar to the State degree but with lower numbers. Students

receiving the award from Lowell were Nate Blattner, Maria Blough, Emma Clouser, Paul Crosby, Mary Leasure, and Anna Reynolds. The State FFA Choir performed during the convention sessions. Taylor King represented Lowell in the State FFA Choir.

Serving as delegates for the Lowell FFA were Brad Depew and Richard Misak. In addition to electing the 2014-2015 state officers, the delegates had the opportunity to travel to the Capitol building to meet with legislators concerning issues facing the agriculture industry.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Members of the silver award Jr. High Conduct of Meetings' team from Lowell include, front row, left to right: Lizzie Kuhns, Keana Fahrni and Haley Nieuwkoop; back row: Keegan Mebert, Connor Nugent and Samuel Misak. Not pictured are Jenna Harper and Abigail Kastanek.



From Dr. Reagan & Staff

Pictured, from left to right: Gail, Dr. Jim, Patty, Carrie, Erin, Lorie, Becky and Julie

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Lowell FFA members that received the State Outstanding Junior award were, front row, left to right: Mary Leasure and Maria Blough; back row: Emma Clouser, Nate Blattner and Anna Reynolds. Not pictured is Paul Crosby.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Gymnasts finish tenth in the state; Kaufman placed in the individual competition

by Karen Jack

The Lowell gymnastics' team placed tenth at the team state meet this past weekend and it's nothing to shake a stick at, especially when it's the first time in school history that the gymnastics' team has qualified. The team went in with no expectations and coach Michele DeHaan just wanted the girls to enjoy every moment of it, so actually placing was phenomenal.

"The smiles, the sense of accomplishment and team spirit we saw is hard to put into words," she said. She's also thankful to the community for all the support they've received, as everyone knew it was the team's first time and were joking about them being the most publicized team there.

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The individual state qualifies with their coaches. From left: assistant coach Alyssa Buikema, Lauren Browning, Karmen Anderson, Lauren DeHaan, Corah Kaufman, Jordan Lytle and coach Michele DeHaan.



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Coach Dean, continued

University of Minnesota in college. There he was a two-time Big Ten Champion at 177 pounds in 1987 and 1989. After college, he wrestled in the Greco-Roman Pan American Championships in 1994 and placed second to help the United States win the title and was honored as the Wrestler of the Year by the Michigan Wrestling Association. He then became an alternate at the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta.

He started his professional coaching career as an assistant at the

University of Minnesota in 1989-90. He then moved on as an assistant coach at Michigan State University in 1992 and served in that capacity for 13 years. After that, he moved to Lowell and the rest is history.

Dean has accepted a job at Cornell University, where his son Gabe attends and wrestles, where he will be running the Olympic Developmental Program for Finger Lakes Wrestling Club, which is known for producing top-level wrestlers throughout the country.

"This opportunity came

along and I'm excited about it. When I got to Lowell, I had a big challenge to live up to the legacy that the previous coaches left. In this new position, I can go after some things I've been wanting to do for a while now, but couldn't due to my obligations here at Lowell. This position will help me work on a national brand for the support of the sport itself. The resources there are incredible and I am looking forward to a lot of good things coming out of it."

Dean also created the Michigan Youth Wrestling

Association (MYWAY) back in 2001 to make sure the youth around the state had quality tournaments with tough competition. Subsequently, the National United Wrestling Association (NUWAY) was born and has organizations in nine states and it's growing. They also operate in eight other states where they're in newer stages of development.

This year, Dean was also recognized as the Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association and

the Division 2 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"I'm very honored by both of these awards. When your peers recognize you, I have to think about all the support here from all the people who make it possible, including the staff, my family and the wrestlers in the program."

Dean not only is a great coach, but he's also a father to two powerhouse wrestlers, including Gabe who currently wrestles for Cornell; and Max, a sophomore at Lowell

who just won a state title himself. He's also the father of Cassie, an athlete herself, excelling at basketball. His wife, Bethany, and the two kids still at home will hang back while Dean moves to Ithaca in order to not disrupt their school and then will reassess in a year to see how it goes.

Leaving in April, Dean hopes it all works out both professionally and for his family. As with everything else he touches, he's hoping to create more gold for wrestlers throughout the country.

Gymnastics, continued

"Coaches and judges I didn't even know came up to me and said they saw everything that was on social media and that we were so lucky to have such

a supportive community. Believe me, I know how lucky we are," DeHaan said.

The high scorers in the team events were Lauren

DeHaan on vault (9.025), followed by Bethany Kaczanowski (8.8), Lauren Browning (8.875), Meghan Plutschow (8.35) and Colleen Cater (8.35). On bars, Jordan Lytle led the team with 8.5. The next highest scorers were Corah Kaufman (8.35), DeHaan (8.025), Browning (7.75) and Plutschow (7.2).

Lytle scored her personal best on the beam with a 9.275, followed by Kaczanowski (8.4), DeHaan (8.375), Karmen Anderson (8.275) and Kaufman (8.2). Lytle also led the team on the floor with 9.0, followed by Danielle Krajewski (8.425), Kaczanowski (8.25), Browning (8.075) and DeHaan (7.95).

The icing on the cake was to have a state placer in Corah Kaufman on bars with her 8.625 score in the individual competition. Her score was good enough to capture ninth place, when there was 44 other girls competing. "I'm so proud of how far she's come this season," said Coach DeHaan. "To be a freshman and place at state the first time there is quite an accomplishment. She's such a hard worker and will definitely be one to watch over the next three years."

In Division one, Lytle placed 22nd on the floor and 24th on the bars.

Anderson placed 40th on the beam in Division two. On vault, Browning

finished 32nd. DeHaan finished 12th in the all-around competition with 34.55 and also scored her personal best on the bars during the competition with 8.225. She was only 0.175 away from placing tenth. Only 24 girls earned the right in their respective regions to compete in the all-around competition, so finishing 12th in the state is quite an accomplishment.

Six girls also earned academic all-state honors. The honorees are Browning, Cater, Kaczanowski, Krajewski and Plutschow. Kaylee Wold was awarded the Sportsmanship award from the Michigan High

School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association at the state meet as well.

"I am just proud of how this gymnastics program has come. Twenty years ago when I started coaching, I would have never guessed we would ever make it to state as a team when we struggled for so many years just to qualify the team to regionals," said DeHaan. "I am so lucky to have a great assistant coach in Alyssa Buikema and so fortunate to have such a supportive school, district and community. We are already counting down the 238 days until we start our next season."

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An animated masterpiece of storytelling - The Wind Rises

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

For many filmgoers, the film “The Wind Rises” is simply not on the radar. While creator Hayao Miyazaki and the famed Japanese animation company Studio Ghibli have been in the American

spotlight before - the 2002 film “Spirited Away” won Best Animated Feature at the 2002 Academy Awards - many of their following films have not been very well-promoted in America. As such, these films are often

attended by Miyazaki’s cult audience and promoted by word of mouth.

The Wind Rises feels like the sort of film Miyazaki would end his career on. It follows Jiro Horikoshi (voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the English dub), a boy in pre-War Japan who dreams of making flying machines. During the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, Jiro rescues a stranger (voiced by Emily Blunt) while on the way to engineering school and an entire plot of love and loss, dreams and accomplishments unravels from this single event.

Miyazaki’s film catalogue could be understood as an artist dabbling in the realm of dreams. In The Wind Rises, the dream world is bridged, finally, with the real world. A child who dreams of airplanes that look like bird

wings powered by steaming tea pots becomes a brilliant and successful engineer, tasked with catching Japanese aircraft up with America and European fleets.

While most animated films are aimed at children and every-so-often include content that can entertain adults as well, The Wind Rises is first and foremost an adult film. The beautiful animation and wonderful dream sequences would certainly prove exciting for a child, assuming that parents are fine with the occasional swear word and cigarette, but the historical and personal tragedy in the film strike much harder than “Bambi” or “Fox and the Hound.” As soon as Jiro starts making war planes with the Japanese flag painted on them, viewers can’t help but to imagine the “zeroes” that were flown

into American ships on suicide missions. The film’s Japanese Title Kaze Tachinu even calls to mind the word “kamikaze.” On the flip side, because this film was created with both Japanese and American audiences in mind, it is hard not to see the bomb-laden planes without imagining the two nuclear bombs that will be dropped on Japan before the end of the war that Jiro is preparing for.

While there is certainly an anti-war theme in this film, it is non-abrasive, non-partisan and stems from the near universal perspective of a child’s imagination. Famous Italian engineer Giovanni Battista Caproni appears in Jiro’s dream world and though the two agree that the gift of flight is meant to be beautiful and for the good of mankind, they understand that it will be used for war and profiteering. An adult Jiro

jokes that the only way to make one of his prototypes light enough to fly would be to remove the guns.

The Wind Rises deals with heavy topics, but offers respite from the weight in the fact that the human imagination causes one to soar above these things. Sometimes disturbing, often sad and always inspiring, this is perhaps Hayao Miyazaki’s finest work to date. Barring academy politics and depending on the year’s film schedule, The Wind Rises is likely to be a contender in next year’s Best Picture category, but because it is a foreign film don’t expect it to stay in theaters long.

The Wind Rises is currently playing at Celebration! Cinema North. See it. Love it. Tell a friend about it. You won’t see a better film in the first quarter of 2014.

SPRING SPORTS

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

CALENDAR

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a meet at Lowell High School Tennis Courts
3/26 at 4:15 p.m. Portland*
3/29 at 10 a.m. Fruitport Tournament
3/31 at 4 p.m. Comstock Park*
4/2 at 4:15 p.m. Northview*

BOYS' & GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
3/19 Time TBA Boys GVSU Laker Challenge
3/20 Time TBA Girls GVSU Laker Challenge

GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Softball Field
3/27 at 4:15 p.m. Wyoming High School
4/1 at 4:15 p.m. Northview

BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Baseball Field
3/26 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern*
4/1 at 4:15 p.m. Grandville
4/2 at 4 p.m. Wyoming

BOYS' VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course
4/15 at 12:30 p.m. Kent County Classic at Highlands Golf Club

GIRLS' VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
3/24 at 7 p.m. Northview*
3/26 at 7 p.m. Grand Haven
3/31 at 7 p.m. Hudsonville* (at Burch Field)
4/2 at 7 p.m. GR Christian* (at Burch Field)

BOYS' VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
3/25 at 7:30 p.m. Grandville
3/28 at 7:15 p.m. Kalamazoo Central
4/1 at 7:15 p.m. Holland Christian*

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium
3/28 at 6:45 p.m. Lansing Christian*
3/31 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville*
4/2 at 6:45 p.m. Byron Center*

DNR looking for volunteer instructors for ORV safety ed

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is recruiting instructors for its off-road vehicle (ORV) safety education program. This volunteer opportunity allows ORV enthusiasts to pass along their love and knowledge of the sport to new riders, while teaching them safe and responsible ORV operation to ensure an enjoyable riding experience. All ORV instructor volunteers are required to attend a three-day instructor academy to learn instructor policy and procedure, classroom management and teaching concepts. Instructors will have the chance to experience various aspects of ORV operation - including basic hands-on operational skills on off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) and winching recovery equipment. Current instructors are also encouraged to attend to brush up on skills and experience changes in equipment.

Three ORV instructor academies are set for 2014, and each class is limited to 24 students. While attendance at the academies is mandatory, there is no charge to the instructor candidates to attend. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. The academies are scheduled for:

- April 29-May 1 at Silver Lake State Park (Oceana County);
- May 30-June 1 at the Ralph A. MacMullan

Conference Center (Roscommon County); and

- June 20-22 at the Cherrywood Lodge near Munising (Alger County).

Anyone interested in becoming a certified ORV instructor must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- A high school graduate or possess a graduate equivalency diploma (GED);
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- Have no misdemeanor convictions within the past three (3) years;
- Have no convictions that resulted in the revocation of ORV operation privileges within the last five (5) years. (Other convictions of natural resource law violations are subject to review and may result in the rejection of any application.); and
- Maintain a high moral, ethical and mental character.

To receive an application to apply to be a volunteer certified ORV safety education instructor, contact the DNR Marketing and Outreach Division’s Recruitment and Retention Section at 517-284-6055. After a completed application is submitted, a background check will be conducted. Successful applicants will then be contacted to schedule their attendance at a mandatory ORV instructor academy.

For more information about the ORV safety education program, contact Cpl. John Morey at 989-619-3784.

obituaries

KOWALCZYK

George A. Kowalczyk, aged 73, of Alto, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at his home. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandy; his children and grandchildren, Karen and Brian Hendrick and their children, Douglas Meghan, Thomas; Doug and Kelly Kowalczyk and their daughter, Audrey; one brother and his sister Mary Lou (Chris) Smith; brother-in-law Richard (Barbara) Rose; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Marian Kowalczyk; his in-laws, Carl and Eleanor Kropf; and his brother-in-law, Kenneth R. Kropf. George retired from Spartan stores after nearly 30 years. A Celebration Party of George's life was held Saturday at Bowne Center United Methodist Church. Burial at Bowne Township Cemetery. The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Alto Fire Department.

WASHBURN

Virginia M. Washburn, age 93 of Ada, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband R.C. Washburn; infant daughter, Judith; son, Raymond; and brother, Darrol McLaughlin. She is survived by her children, Len (Jan), Carol Kuiper, Kathy Holmes, Ken (Sally), Wayne (Janice), Sherry (David) DeVries; sister-in-law, Eileen McLaughlin; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren; also nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 12 1:00 p.m. at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Road, Grand Rapids. Pastor Henry Eising officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Care Center - Crestview, 625 36th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst 3980 Cascade Rd. SE & E. Paris @ I-96



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two city managers making them each \$30,000 a year overpaid according to the average. The mayor openly allows and endorses discrimination with appointments to our city boards.

Four of the five city councilmembers endorse his discrimination by immediately voting the mayor to another term. The city manager spends in excess of \$100,000 of your tax dollars (sent to a law firm in Novi) in an effort to continue to not give raises and benefits to our city workers.

The LL&P manager and board decides to build a biodigester, sends a group of board members to Germany when there are biodigester plants in America to see - one is as close as Wyoming, Michigan. They then decide to place the biodigester in

the middle of the city, plan a pipeline from Litehouse across Lee's Creek and past Bushnell School without prior Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permission, start a search to purchase a semi-truck to haul manure into the city six days a week, get turned down by the city council to fund the truck purchase, decides to buy one anyway, has a groundbreaking ceremony where they throw plastic imitations of what they are really trying to feed to us and then tell us it won't cost the city residents anything. All without a DEQ authorization or contracts of any kind.

The LL&P manager spends \$175,000 - \$200,000 of LL&P funds to refurbish two old diesel generators only to immediately decommission them and the

LL&P board turns a blind eye to it and rewards him by giving him a raise.

The LL&P manager allows an employee to drive a city truck back and forth to his home 30 miles north of Lowell for almost three months using non-taxed fuel (this is illegal) and allows the employee to sleep in the LL&P facility overnight (again illegal). He then tells me that he is the manager and he can do this if he wants to.

The LL&P manager purchases two natural gas generators and places them in a location that Consumers Energy told him wasn't a good location as that they cannot supply adequate fuel to allow even one of them to run. One of them is now assembled in that ill-advised location and the other is in pieces.

LL&P manager raises the hidden Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) part of your electric bill by 500 percent creating a windfall for his books on the backs of the LL&P customers. The city manager likes this idea and raises your sewer bill in a hidden category by 125 percent in just four years. As both of them make their budgets look better by taxing you more, the city manager in the state of the city address claims we are

in great financial shape and gives himself a big pat on the back for it.

Two months later this same city manager tells the council were are in dire straits due to a surprise fire truck purchase that needs to be placed into the budget this year.

He doesn't tell the council that he has known about the need for a new fire truck for two years and should have been planning for it, but a previous great financial report got him his raise. The city manager raids the Lowell Cable TV fund to repair city streets and sidewalks after ignoring the streets for four years.

Of course the Lowell Cable TV board approves his requests for money as some of his city council minions are also on that board. Conflict of interest anyone?

I could go on and on. We need to start waking up Lowell.

All of this reading may make one a little groggy, so let me invite you to pour yourself a cup of coffee and go to lowellcityhall.com. There you will find the whole story of what is happening to our city. Maybe we all need to decide to get involved before it is too late.

Alan Teelander

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195187-DE

Estate of CATHERINE VANKOEVERING. Date of birth: June 11, 1921.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Catherine VanKoevering, died June 3, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel S. VanKoevering, personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 7, 2014

John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge St., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

Daniel S. VanKoevering 2580 Kraft SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The residents of Vergennes Township will hold an Annual Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Regular March Board Meeting at 7. There will be opportunity for residents to comment on any issue regarding the state of the township. The proposed 2014-15 budget will be reviewed and considered for adoption during the Regular Meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township offices.

The Annual Meeting, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting will all be held at the township offices located at the intersection of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, address of 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. the Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the 2014-2015 Township proposed budget. The public hearing will be held at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302.

"The property tax millage rate of 2.5800 proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing".

A copy of the proposed 2014-2015 budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the new township office, 8240 Alden Nash SE Wednesday & Thursday 9-noon & 1-3, Friday 9-noon.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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

classifieds

for sale

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.
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ACREAGE FOR SALE - Ada, 10 wooded acres. Located on private drive. Prime building spot. \$99,900. Call 616-481-7702.

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.
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11.5 WOODED ACRES IN LOWELL FOR SALE - Perfect for your new home. Deer, turkey & wildlife yet conveniently located near bike trail & town. \$84,500. Call 269-519-9493.

A BED - A brand new queen pillowtop mattress set in plastic, w/warranty, sacrifice, \$135. Call 989-584-6818.
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STORE FIXTURES FOR SALE - Store closing. Cousins' Hallmark, 897-5000. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sun. 12 to 4 p.m.

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.
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WHIRLPOOL CABRIO WASHER FOR SALE - 3.6 cu. ft. only 5 months old. used maybe 6 times. \$400. Call 897-7078.

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.
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ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO WRITE ON? - We have scratch pads available for \$1.50 per lb. at the Lowell Ledger.

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.
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ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE - with a Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. 25 year warranty. Instant winter rebate, call for details, SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI. 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.
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 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.
 Phone 897-9261
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 www.lowellledger.com

help wanted

REGISTERED NURSES NEEDED - Shift Supervisor and Navigator Nurse. Laurel Health Care Company is a national provider of skilled nursing, sub-acute, and assisted living services. The Laurels of Kent is a 153 bed facility. We offer a competitive salary, a great working environment, and an excellent benefit package. We currently have a part-time 2nd shift Supervisor position, as well as a full-time 2nd shift Nurse Navigator position available. Interested and qualified applicants are encouraged to complete and submit an application to the attention of Terrie Kerschen, RN DON online at www.laurelhealth.com or in person at 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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, would require 1 weekend shift per week. Alto area. E-mail resume/inquires to: animalcaregivers@outlook.com or 868-7382.

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.
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CENAS NEEDED - Laurel Health Care Co. is a national provider of skilled nursing, sub-acute & assisted living services. The Laurels of Kent, a 153-bed facility has an opportunity for CENAs. We offer competitive salary, great working environment w/supportive staff & excellent benefit package, including 1 week vacation after 6 mos. If you have a caring attitude & enjoy working in a fast-paced environment, then Laurels may be the place for you. We currently have FT 2nd shift CENA positions available. Submit an application to the attention of Terrie Kerschen, RN DON online at www.laurelhealth.com or in person at 350 N. Center St., Lowell.

WANTED INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTORS - Press carriers, Lowell area. Reliable transportation required. Contact Paul at 616-541-0564 or Brian at 616-541-0563.

DRIVING ROUTE CARRIER NEEDED - for delivering the Buyers Guide on Saturdays. Please apply in person, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. No phone calls please.

for rent

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).

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.
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PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.
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ASSISTED LIVING - Beautiful modern country home in Alto, excellent care. Cathy, 616-891-1840. Email: AssistedLivingAlto@charter.net

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card of thanks

THANK YOU
 I want to thank my family for the great party they put together for my 80th birthday! And a special thanks to Cathy for preparing the great food and thanks to Jim V. for coming to DJ. Thanks to each and everyone of you who came to help me celebrate my big 80th! What a party! And thank you to all that donated to the food pantry. I really enjoyed it.
 Helen McCaul

memorials

IN LOVING MEMORY OF three wonderful men that were in our lives for a short time. We remember the fun and joy you brought to us and showing us the importance of family. Terry Dintaman, Paul Dintaman and Jim McFall. God has you in His arms and we have you in our hearts.
 Miss you guys,
 your loving family

services

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.
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SHIP YOUR UPS PACKAGES WITH US & SAVE!! - Call us for a price comparison. We will need: weight, zip code & dimensions of the box. No Hazardous materials or firearms accepted at this location. Daily UPS pickup at 3 p.m. Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261.

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LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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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 ran 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 Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

FIT CLUB - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

FREE SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Every third Wed. from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St. RSVP 897-8473.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

CARVING CLUB - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at LowellArts! New members welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

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.

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LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impact-church.org or www.celebraterecovery.com

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Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

STORYTIME - Wednesdays, 11 a.m., children 0-18 mos.; Fridays, 10 a.m., children 18-36 mos.; Fridays, 11 a.m., children 3-5 years. Books, rhymes, songs & crafts at Alvah N Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding, 616-794-1450. www.belding.michlibrary.org

KNITTING GROUP - March 18 & 25, 10 a.m. - noon at the Village Hall. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

FOOD PANTRY - First Friday of month at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. Registration 1 p.m., distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 868-6402.

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

TECH CLASS - March 20 & 27, 1-4 p.m. By appointment. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

COOKIES, COFFEE & CONVERSATION - March 26, 6:30 p.m. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

MOVIE NIGHT - March 18 at 6:30 p.m. showing "Frozen" Free movie & popcorn. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ADULT PROGRAM - Topic "Alzheimer's, resources for patients & caregivers," presented by Craig Stevens, Commission on Aging. March 27, 6:30 p.m. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

KIDSTALK - CANCER OR GRIEF - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A group for children in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's

Looking Back, continued

the next ten years. The liquor traffic is one wrong that will not be "forever on the throne."

In all probability the defendants in the Elizabeth Taylor damage suit, in which a verdict of \$1,500 for the plaintiff was awarded Friday, will take the matter to the supreme court. The usual 20-day stay of proceedings has been asked. It was stated that there are one or two matters, among them the question of the jurisdiction of the Ionia court and the fact that a human agency, the sheriff, entered between the drinking which Taylor did and the time he met his death, which the supreme court will be asked to determine. Unless the case is taken up it will stand as the jury decides, damages to the amount of \$1,500 for Mrs. Taylor against James Davern, Fred Hoseley and George Gould, Lowell saloonkeepers. Mrs. Taylor alleged that her husband, Ben Taylor, met his death by suffocation in the Lowell jail as a result of intoxication caused by liquor sold to him illegally by the defendants. The Michigan Surety and Bonding company was also a defendant. The jury agreed upon a verdict last night after having been out 34 hours. The verdict was a compromise, it is understood, made necessary because of the holding out of at least one of the jury members.

Crime castle builder dead – Portland carpenter takes poison because he couldn't sleep. Patrick Quinlan, who was said to be one of the few men who might have explained the mysteries of "Holmes' Crime Castle," which was famous in the annals of Chicago crime, is dead at his home near here. Before his death he told physicians he had taken poison. Quinlan was a carpenter and was employed by Dr. J. J. Holmes to build the structure. The police held him for a time as a possible accomplice. Trap-doors, false partitions and numbers of wires were part of the equipment found in the "Castle." "He couldn't sleep" was the reason given by relatives for Quinlan's suicide.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 16, 1939

John Borgerson, retired grocery man, has not been seen on Main St. quite as much as usual the past winter and as a consequence his many friends have missed his cordial greetings. Hope to see more of him with the approach of more settled weather. Mrs. Borgerson has quite recovered from her serious illness of several months ago.

Fifty years ago – March 2, 1889, to be exact- was a momentous occasion for two American citizens. On that date Benjamin Harrison of Indiana took the chair as President of the United States and Bert A. Charles

of Lowell took the chair as barber's apprentice. Bert is still on the job and likes to joke today as much as he did 50 years ago.

Exactly fifty votes were cast in the Lowell village election last Monday. All present officers were re-elected without opposition, as follows: John A. Arehart, president; Lewis E. Johnson, clerk; Elmer S. White, treasurer; Chris Bergin, assessor; Charles W. Cook, Harry Day, Dr. B. H. Shepard, trustees. The officials have managed affairs well during the past year, having cut the village indebtedness \$19,000.

Just about the time the people of this community began to think that they could escape the flu epidemic which has been so universal, the disease struck here and hundreds of people have been afflicted. Fortunately there have been but very few real serious cases and physicians report that the epidemic is waning. Medical science has made great strides since the awful flu epidemic of some twenty years ago which spread throughout the entire world and took a toll of millions of lives.

At last comes a fitting reply to those pests who pull up behind motorists at a red light and start honking before the light turns green! It's a combination of light, horn and face with protruding tongue. At the first tootle of the pest's klaxon, the face lights up, the mouth opens and out pops the tongue. Meanwhile the horn emits a loud, long razzberry. Controlled from the dashboard, anyone can operate it without leaving the driver's seat and running the risk of a punch in the nose...which is a factor to be considered.

Lowell township Republicans may have been thinking of the courageous Midland dentist who grabbed his hunting rifle from the wall of his office and brought down a fleeing bank bandit, as one of our local dentists, Dr D. H. Oately, was nominated for constable at last Thursday's caucus and was thereby no doubt started on the first rung of the ladder which may ultimately lead to political fame. You see, Dr. Oatley's office is in the C. Thomas block and is right nearby the old bank depositors' corporations. His trusty rifle will no doubt be kept within easy reach in case fool hardy bandits should attempt a holdup. At strategic intervals along the main drag are also located the dental offices of Dr. Stryker and Dr. White, comprising a gauntlet pretty difficult for any gang of bandits to attempt to run.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 12, 1964

Headline: Increase teachers' pay; no tax hike necessary. In a move to keep high calibre teachers

in the Lowell area school system and to attract new teachers, the board of education on Monday night approved an increase in the base pay for teachers with an AB degree from \$4,500 to \$4,700. This and the normal increases in the salary schedule will hike teaching costs next year by an estimated \$40,000 and make the entire salary budget for teachers and administrative staff come to \$467,275.

The water department of the city of Lowell will flush the water hydrants this Friday, March 13. Housewives are urged to alter their schedules to this effect. The crew will start flushing at 8 am, weather permitting.

Azzarello Chevrolet & Buick, West Main Street, reported to police on Monday that a battery, side mirror and 6 tail light lenses had been stolen from their new cars over the week end. Further investigation of the theft is being made by the authorities.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil May and two children of Gary, Indiana, will make their home in Lowell after April 1st. Mr. May will take over the position of assistant terminal manager at the city's service plant here. The Mays are looking for a three-bedroom home in the community.

The directors of Lowell Showboat, Inc. met Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. offices and voted to continue Showboat for 1964. The ten directors decided that it was not practical to build permanent seats over just part of the street, so they voted to revamp the present seats for another year. The present seating will be re-spaced to give each person more room to sit and move around. A careful inspection is being made this week of the seating and an early start on getting up the temporary will be made. To get Showboat back on its feet and going again, the directors are asking cooperation from everyone in the community. Efforts are being made to shape up the show and the program.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 15, 1989

Headline: Millage election March 21 – direction of Lowell schools lies in balance. Less than a week remains before the electors of the Lowell Area School District will be asked to vote for a second time on a millage increase. Back in September, voters responded no to the tune of 952 voters to 873. That vote was directly responsible for cuts totaling \$260,000. Those cuts can be reinstated and others (\$509,000) can be avoided provided the "yes" votes outweigh the "no" votes on Tuesday, March 21.

The Lowell Showboat Talent Search '89 is back. The Talent Search Show '89 will take place Friday, May 19. The winners selected will perform one evening of the Lowell Showboat June 22, 23 and 24th. Start preparing your acts and send your application in. Application deadline is April 22 for auditions. Preliminary auditions will be held at Lowell High School auditorium Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28 at 7 pm. Finalists selected will be able to perform Friday, May 19 in the Lowell Showboat Talent Search '89. Lowell Senior High School auditorium is at 750 Foreman; north on Hudson St. at the light; eight blocks to Foreman, turn west... Acts will be judged by an appointed panel and based on five criteria: 1. Appearance, 2. Stage Presentation, 3. Originality/Novelty, 4. Degree of Difficulty, 5. Overall Act, [and] 6. Crowd Response. (Talent show only.)

Staff member, continued

are employed by the Lowell school system. Each time she sees them she feels a sense of pride knowing that they are helping the system educate Lowell students. Recently she was out to dinner with friends and a former student who is currently in the middle school came by to say hi. He made her day by the kind gesture.

"Each year I get so emotionally tied to my students. The hardest part of working with fifth graders is that they leave the building at the end of the year and move on to the middle school. Losing the daily contact is hard on the heart, but as a teacher, my main three goals for my students are to teach them

to be independent lifelong learners, to work toward their own personal growth and to love reading."

When Pupel isn't in school, she is sharing her life with husband Andy, son, Andrew, and daughter, Alissa. As a family they like traveling, visiting family members, and spending time

together. She is so excited because her son has chosen to pursue his college degree at MSU. Last spring they took the campus tour and it felt like being at home. She has been known to joke around with her students telling them that they would look good in green.

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- 1. Bikini, e.g.
- 6. U.S. central bank
- 9. Old World duck
- 13. _____ New Guinea
- 14. Luau souvenir
- 15. *Middle-earth region
- 16. Not slouching
- 17. Be in a cast
- 18. *Black Beauty
- 19. *Greg Heffley's brother
- 21. Take without owner's consent
- 23. Compass dir.
- 24. Agitate
- 25. OB-GYN test
- 28. "The Sun _____ Rises"
- 30. Marked by smallpox
- 35. Misfortunes
- 37. Flock members
- 39. Alluring maiden
- 40. Surveyor's map
- 41. *King of the Elephants
- 43. Long forearm bone
- 44. Carried a torch
- 46. Buddhist teacher
- 47. *Piglet and Winnie-the-Pooh, e.g.
- 48. Quill-dipping vessel
- 50. *"Froggy Goes to _____"
- 52. E or G, e.g.
- 53. Adam's apple spot
- 55. *Shel Silverstein's constrictor
- 57. *"The Jungle Book" protagonist
- 60. *Roald Dahl title character
- 64. Painting support
- 65. Poor man's caviar
- 67. Dora the Explorer's farewell

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MARCH 5 - MARCH 11

- A tagged great white shark named Lydia has become the first known white shark to swim across the Atlantic Ocean. The 2,000-pound shark was tagged by Ocearch scientists last March off Jacksonville, Florida and crossed the mid-Atlantic ridge last Sunday.
- Despite a rocky start the rate of uninsured Americans is falling. Only Hispanics are still lagging behind in signing up. Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index said the proportion of Americans who are uninsured is on track to drop to the lowest quarterly level it measured since 2008, before Obama took office.
- The fate of a Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 is still unknown. It has been learned that two persons on the flight were traveling with stolen passports but still no wreckage has been found from Saturday's disappearance of the flight bound from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board.
- The trial of famed "Blade Runner" and accused murderer, Oscar Pistorius is still underway. The accused was throwing up in a bucket as the pathologist described the damage his "Black Talon" bullets caused to his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp's body. This type of bullet is designed to cause maximum tissue damage.

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- 71. Fusses
- 72. Lawyers' league
- 73. Swelling
- 1. Impersonator
- 2. Hawaiian tuber
- 3. Kind of column
- 4. Filthy dough
- 5. Sonia Sotomayor or Gloria Estefan, e.g.
- 6. Antiaircraft fire
- 7. European org.
- 8. "Likewise"
- 9. *Old Woman's home
- 10. Type of missile, accr.
- 11. Gaelic
- 12. *Like Willie Winkie
- 15. *Abused beagle
- 20. Jimmy Fallon's guest, e.g.
- 22. Not square
- 24. Sears' partner
- 25. *Pig-tailed, read-headed nine-year-old
- 26. To bet everything
- 27. Isometric core exercise
- 29. _____ vs. Class
- 31. 1973 event in Chile e.g.
- 32. Russia's prosperous peasant
- 33. "Sesame Street" Muppet
- 34. *"_____ of a Wimpy Kid"
- 36. Flight segment
- 38. Actress _____ Gilbert
- 42. "Dancing with the Stars" number
- 45. Thumb drive, e.g.
- 49. Rolodex abbr.
- 51. Thick soup
- 54. Approximately, as in date
- 56. Helped
- 57. *Amelia Bedelia, e.g.
- 58. Norse capital
- 59. Marries
- 60. Self-referential
- 61. Pick-up _____
- 62. Student's quarters
- 63. Away from port
- 64. Greek H
- 66. Scepter's partner

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- Yes I feel safer 12%
- No I do not feel safer 34%
- We should all carry weapons 4%
- No one should be allowed to carry weapons 21%
- Our society is too violent already 29%
- Our society needs to fight to survive 0%

LHS March Students of the month

LHS Academic grade; are the Lowell High School March 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 Gaines and Sweet. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Jamie Christians nominated Gaines and he writes, "Kamryn is a bright, hardworking, engaged, thoughtful and fun young lady. As she winds down her second term of high school, she's carrying a near perfect academic record achieving As across the board."

"Kamryn is one of the most responsible students we have. Her work is always completed on time and it always reflects sincere effort. She's locked into Infinite Campus and makes sure that all of her marks meet her expectations. She does not want to be surprised with a missing assignment or low score. Kamryn is a valuable asset to the peers in her classes. When she has opportunities to work in pairs or groups, she embraces the chance to enhance her learning through dialogue, discussion or debate. She doesn't shy away from being a leader



Jacob Sweet



Kamryn Gaines

in a group and she accepts the unique challenges of functioning with other 9th grade students who may not always share her goals. Still, she refrains from judging and moves the group forward with little complaint or excuse."

"Outside of the classroom, Kamryn can be seen smiling, laughing and caring. She is incredibly polite and makes good choices. She is comfortable around students and adults, alike. Her comments and actions reflect the dignity she perceives exists in all individuals. She is a sweet soul."

Sweet was nominated by Chaye Klomparens and she writes, "Jacob is a true leader in the classroom. The qualities I see in him I

believe are rare for people his age. Jacob is extremely responsible and displays a high level of integrity on a daily basis. He has the desire to learn and grow as a leader; he often seeks advice and feedback. Jacob is kind and respectful of all around him; on many occasions I have seen him go out of his way to include others in activities and group discussions. He is without a doubt a role model to all around him."

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