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## VFW awards Clark for his years of service



The VFW recently gave an award for 35 years of service to Dave Clark.

Clark grew up in Lowell, went to school there and enlisted in the Navy from Lowell. He served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin CV-13. He was injured when a Japanese kamikaze fighter pilot crashed his aircraft into the USS Franklin during the last part of the war.

Pictured, left to right: Don Soucer, Herm Weststrate and Dave Clark.

## Lowell baseball puts up three wins over GRC

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Strong pitching, good defense and seized opportunities characterized the Red Arrow varsity baseball squads three wins over the Eagles of Grand Rapids Christian last week in league play.

Lowell opened up strong in game one at home with a six-run first inning which the team earned through the combined efforts of an RBI single by Matt Milstead, a two-run double by Jeff Houston and an RBI single by Parker Groom. Groom added two

more runs in the third on a triple. Two additional runs in the fourth solidified the teams 11-8 lead and eventual winning score over the Eagles.

GRC was only able to produce one late inning run in the second game of the series with pitcher Jarrod Melle on the mound for all seven innings of the match up. A four-run rally in the second inning was scored on a sacrifice fly by Groom, Kyler Shurlow's RBI single and a two-run single by Garrett Gordon. The team added two runs in the

second and another in the fourth and closed the game out with a decisive 7-1 win.

The sluggers were equally effective on the road at GRC with Groom leading the win with a double in the fourth and a single in the fifth driving in three runs. The Arrows put four more runs on the board in the fifth when Jake Stephens and Matt Milstead each landed singles.

Anthony Alderink performed well on the hill allowing no earned runs,

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Jeff Houston connects producing a two run double in the first inning of game one against the Eagles.

## Truck bursts into flames



Tyler Smoes snapped this picture of a pickup truck on fire in the parking lot of Mynt Fusion on West Main Street on Thursday, May 8. According to the Lowell Police Department the driver noticed the truck smoking and pulled into the parking lot.

The roadway was temporarily closed while the fire department worked to put out the blaze. No one was hurt and the cause of the fire is unknown.

## DNR advises public about potential for salmonella in reptiles and amphibians

The Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries Division is advising the public to be very cautious if handling reptiles and amphibians, as they can be carriers of salmonella bacteria. Whenever possible, wild reptiles and amphibians should be left in the wild unless they are being harvested according to state regulations.

"As the weather warms and spring turns into summer, people are reminded that if they handle any reptiles or amphibians, they should wash their hands thoroughly before moving on to their next activity," said DNR fisheries biologist Tom Goniea.

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• What you should do with social media, and what you can ignore.  
• And many more tricks to grow your business without spending a fortune.

## college news

Jessica Meyer, Lowell class of 2008, has graduated, with honors, from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

She is being employed, in Japan, by Daimler Corporation in their finance department.

## DNR warning, continued

"Reptiles and amphibians have the potential to carry Salmonella on their bodies and transmit the bacteria regardless of how clean or healthy the wildlife appear. Furthermore, animals may carry the germs whether they are pets, at a school, in a petting zoo, or in the wild."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports that each year, Salmonella causes an estimated 1.2 million illnesses, 23,000 hospitalizations and 450 deaths in the U.S. Common symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps (within 12 to 72 hours after infection) that last four to seven days. Although most people recover without treatment, the severity of the illness can lead to hospitalization.

A new U.S. Food and Drug Administration brochure explains the connection between reptiles and amphibians and Salmonella and offers some precautions people can take to limit their risk of getting sick. The emphasis of the brochure is on small turtles, because children are more likely to come into contact with them and then touch their mouths or eyes. However, the suggested precautions can be applied to all reptiles and amphibians.

For more information and to download the brochure, visit <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesForYou/AnimalHealthLiteracy/ucm247899.htm>



# along main street

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### PLANT SALE

The Lowell High School plant science students have been growing vegetable and flower varieties in the greenhouse. Some of these plants are used in the fourth-

grade garden plots (used by junior master gardeners and donated to FROM). Any remaining plants will be available to purchase starting May 27. Each day the greenhouse will be open from 8-4 and plants will be available on a first come, first serve basis. It's a great way to get affordable plants for your garden.

### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Lowell Light and Power and Consumers Energy will be hosting a free appliance and electronic recycling event on Saturday, May 31 from 9 am to noon on the west side of the LL&P building, 127 N. Broadway, Lowell. For more information call Sharon Morris, 897-8402.

### OPEN HOUSE FOR MEGGAN JOHNSON

On Sunday, June 1 from 2-4 pm, an open house will be held at the Wittenbach/Wege Center to say goodbye to Meggan Johnson. Feel free to swing by and enjoy coffee, punch, light snacks and good conversation.

*Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.*



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# Artist reception scheduled for mid June

An artist reception will be held at Flat River Gallery and Framing for Wanda Gringhuis Anderson on Thursday, June 19 from 5 to 8 pm.

Anderson is a West Michigan artist who creatively upcycles "trash" from estate and garage sales

to create unique works of art. She will be exhibiting watermedia paintings, charcoal pourings and her assemblages. She has won over 100 awards for her creativity, has signature membership in several national societies, exhibits

across the country and currently in Wales, England.

The Flat River Gallery and Framing is located at 219 W. Main Street. The open for viewing hours are Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday 10 to 5 and Friday 10 to 7.



# Weathering power outages this storm season

Power outages can be inconvenient, costly and even dangerous. Being prepared is especially important when wicked seasonal weather -- such as hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes and heat waves -- are more likely to take a toll.

No matter where you live, make sure your home and family are ready.

### Outage Tolls

Nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults who experience a power outage are saddled with costs, according to a recent Harris Interactive survey sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

Expenses include supply purchases, such as flashlights, portable generators and candles, property damage and replacing spoiled food. Additionally, your home may be uninhabitable in extreme weather.

### Prevention

Does your neighborhood have above-ground power lines? While you may not have autonomy over your entire block, you can maintain trees in your own yard to help prevent outages. Eliminate dying trees and keep overgrown branches trimmed.

### Stay Powered

In the event of an outage, you can keep the lights on with a generator. Portable generators allow you to keep your personal electronics charged for emergency situations as well as keeping in-touch with family members.

Just be sure to use it safely.

When operating a generator, keep these safety tips top of mind:

- Don't run your generator inside enclosed areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation.

Deadly levels of carbon monoxide (CO) can quickly build up and linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off.

• Locate the unit outside and far from doors, windows, vents and other openings that could allow CO to be drawn indoors. Direct the exhaust away from potentially occupied spaces.

• Maintain CO alarms in your home.

• Get to fresh air right away if you start to feel dizzy or weak.

• Generators pose a risk of shock and electrocution, especially

when operated in wet conditions. Wait for rain to pass before using a generator or protect it from moisture under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot reach it. Dry your hands before touching the generator.

• Connect electrical products to the generator using heavy-duty extension cords specifically designed for outdoor use. Make sure the wattage rating for each cord exceeds the total wattage of all appliances connected to it.

• Never power your house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall

outlet. This practice, known as "back feeding," presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served on the power grid.

Take steps to prevent power outages, and consider stocking your home with a high-quality generator and the know-how to use it safely. (StatePoint)

# Summer free fishing weekend June 7-8

The Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that Michigan's annual summer free fishing weekend is set for Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8. On that weekend, everyone -- residents and nonresidents alike -- can fish Michigan waters without a license, though all other fishing regulations still apply.

Michigan has offered the free fishing weekend annually since 1986 as an easy, affordable way to showcase the state's vast water resources. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 11,000 inland lakes and tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, fishing and Michigan are a natural fit.

"We invite residents and visitors to join us for some of

the finest freshwater fishing available anywhere," said DNR Director Keith Creagh. "Fishing is an inexpensive, accessible and fun tradition. Michigan offers plenty of opportunities for anglers of all skill levels -- beginner to expert -- so we hope to see you on the water this June."

To encourage involvement in the free fishing weekend, organized activities are being scheduled in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by individuals, organizations, constituent groups, schools, local and state parks, businesses and others.

There's still plenty of time to plan your own local free fishing weekend events or to find an activity in your community.



Visit [www.michigan.gov/freefishing](http://www.michigan.gov/freefishing) - for all things related to this weekend, including help with event planning and promotion, a registration form for official events and an evolving roster of registered activities statewide.

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**THURS:** Rotini w/meat sauce & broccoli (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), WG breaded chicken nuggets & mashed potatoes & gravy (served at Bushnell), fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, red pepper strips, peaches, applesauce.

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Start saving today for tomorrow's college bills

Another school year is drawing to a close. If you have young children, you might be planning for their summer activities. But you also might want to look even farther into the future — to the day when your kids say “goodbye” to their local schools and “hello” to their college dormitories. When that day arrives, will you be financially prepared to pay for the high costs of higher education?

Consider this: For the 2013–2014 academic year, the average cost (tuition, fees, room and board) was \$18,391 for an in-state student at a four-year public college or university, and \$40,917 for a private school, according to the College Board. And these costs may well be considerably higher by the time your children enter college.

Of course, these are just the “sticker” prices; some families pay less, thanks to grants and tax benefits, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. Still, you may encounter some hefty college bills down the road.

But college is still a good investment in your child's future. Over an adult's working life, an individual with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn, on average, nearly \$1 million more than someone with only a high school diploma, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So you're saving for a good cause.

Unfortunately, you may not be saving enough — or you might not be making the most of your savings. To save for college, more parents use a general savings account than any other method, according to Sallie Mae's *How America Saves for College 2014* study. These types of accounts carry two significant drawbacks: They typically earn tiny returns and they offer no tax advantages.

However, you do have some attractive college-funding vehicles available, one of which is a 529 plan. Your 529 plan earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may

be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. But 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. And a 529 plan is flexible: If your child decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

While a 529 plan is a popular choice for college savings, it is not the only option available. You also might want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. You can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account, but it does offer more flexibility in investment choices than a 529 plan.

Your children may be young today, but, before you know it, they'll be packing their bags for college. So, no matter which college savings vehicles you choose, put them to work soon.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### May 5, 2014 Council Meeting

Dear Editor,  
 VOICE (Voters Organized in Civic Excellence), and I in particular, have been accused of being too negative in our attempts to keep the residents of Lowell informed of political activities. With that in mind, I'm simply going to state some facts and leave the conclusions up to you readers.

At the May 5, 2014 City Council meeting Mr. Howe advised the council against having two city workers sit for exams to upgrade their certification from F-3 to F-2. Howe correctly stated that the city currently is in compliance with minimum

standards set for operators of our water treatment plant based on Lowell's population. The minimum is one operator at F-2 and one at S-2, then a backup operator of F-4 or higher.

Lowell has one operator F-2, one at F-3 and one at F-4. Then the one who is F-4 also has an S-3 license and another has an S2. That meets the minimum requirements, but what wasn't related at the meeting is the fact that Michael Bolf, P.E., district engineer for Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) – Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance,

suggests that communities such as ours should seek a little more than meeting the minimum requirements.

Mr. Bolf says, "that communities maximize both the number of certified operators and the level of certification." He goes on to say, "Every year, we hear from communities who unexpectedly lose their operator in charge. The communities who have a surplus of properly certified back up operators have a relatively seamless transition with respect to compliance. The communities that do not often have to scramble to hire a contract operator which is typically expensive."

If we lose our one F-2 operator, we will be in a position of having to bring in a subcontractor. This is

not a far-fetched assumption since this is one of the major issues the city is demanding in the contract negotiations with the workers. The city is insisting they retain the right to fire a worker and replace him with a sub if they so choose. Should it bother us that we are dangling on the precipice of watching our water treatment be outsourced to contractors who are more expensive and have no personal interest in our community?

Mr. Howe told the councilmembers that if these workers were to take the exam to get their F-2 certification they might make as much as seventy-five cents more per hour. I will remind you that Mr. Howe just completed a city manager certification and is

now enjoying an \$18,000 pay increase.

I have given you the facts. Now it is up to you to decide if it is a good idea to put our water treatment in jeopardy. Or should the city council direct their

employee to encourage our workers to improve their ability and education thereby insuring the highest level of public health and safety?

Barb Barber

### Concussions

Dear Editor,

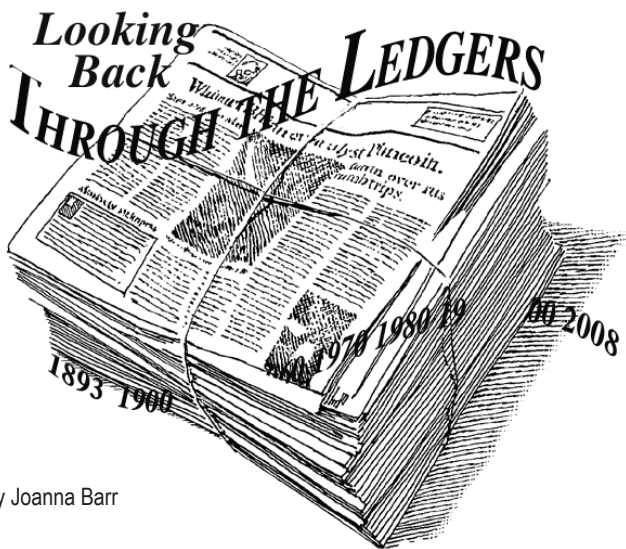
To Play or Not To Play? I continue to hear about kids and concussion and what a major concern it is...I can only thank or blame our greedy, broke, retired National Football League (NFL) players and the lawyers that now dictate the direction of this country and our work place environments by one lawsuit after another.

A friend of mine played in the NFL for five years in the early 80s. He played in the 1986 Super Bowl, tackling Walter Payton. He received a check last Christmas for \$140,000 from the NFL for pain and suffering because of the lawsuit by the players' union. You know, loss of memory and things. Although he is fifty and anyone who has been fifty understands loss of memory, with or without a football background. I believe this

lawsuit to be a joke, but the NFL has money and players who didn't manage their money are broke... You have motive and well it is the American way.

I myself played college football and began playing football when I was eight years old. The game to me is like nothing else, the team work, the dedication, the competition, the sacrifice, the smell of grass at 5 am, the pregame locker rooms filled with energy and friends, the fans. The thrill of winning and the knowledge you gain from losing. This experience I have yet to discover elsewhere in my life. There are millions of screaming fans that understand this, enjoy it and have made it the most popular sport in America.

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal May 15, 1889

Notice is hereby given that any violations of the ordinance concerning running at large of cattle and other animals, will be strictly punished.

Citizens of Lowell should be careful about the condition of their sidewalks, as by recent decisions, property holders are liable for any damages resulting from defective walks. There is an ordinance prohibiting the use of slingshots and the boys who are using them and breaking windows and doing damage with them will be summarily dealt with if caught using the same.

Citizens will be careful about throwing loose paper in the streets, as there are many horses frightened by them and there is a great deal of complaint about it at present.

A case of bigamy has just been unearthed in this town, but it is not likely the courts will get hold of it, as no one seems inclined to make a complaint. And it is thus too many of our laws are enforced.

E. W. Baker, the Lansing jeweler, who disappeared last Sunday and Andrew Braun of the same place, who disappeared the week before, both committed suicide. Their bodies have been found floating in the Grand River.

A smooth swindler is working this way. He is an extensive advertiser; he wishes the ladies to take

some envelopes at their home to address, for which he will pay a cent apiece, in paper, envelopes and stamps. In order that he may be secure against loss of stamps, etc. he requires a deposit of one dollar and it is deposited all right enough right into his pocket and that is the last you see of him or the dollar. – Portland Observer

Latimer has received his sentence – solitary confinement and hard labor in the Jackson prison for life.

Strange as it may seem, the lifers at the prison – many of them murderers – strongly objected to the introduction of Irving Latimer into their coterie. Some of them have killed men, a few of them have killed women, but they feel wrath at the idea of having to receive one convicted of having killed his own mother. So far as can be learned Irving Latimer will occupy the unenviable position of being the first one sent there for that offense. – Jackson Patriot

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### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 14, 1914

Headline: Threat to kill wife caused arrest of Geo. Neunder. Carried loaded revolver. George Neunder was arrested Thursday evening by officers Taylor and Raimer, charged with having threatened the life of his wife, Dora, daughter of our old townsman, M. L. Chase. Neunder came here and met his wife on the street, and, it is alleged, urged her to spend the night with him at the hotel and return home with him the next day and threatened to kill her if she refused. As he had a revolver, she parleyed with him, appearing to yield, thus gaining time and opportunity to get to a telephone, where she put in an urgent call to Marshall Taylor for help. The officers found them on the Merrill lawn, disarmed and lodged him in jail. The gun was a new one and loaded, evidently bought for a deadly purpose.

Mrs. Mary Miller has returned from Freewater, Ore., to make her home in Lowell again after nearly three

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## We love to hear from you!

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# weddings

# anniversaries

## Price/ McKedy



**Kelley and Eric Price**

Kelley McKedy and Eric Price are pleased to announce they were united in marriage on April 20, 2014, in a private beachside ceremony in Key Biscayne, FL and honeymooned on a Caribbean Cruise. Kelley is the daughter of James McKedy of Washington and Janie McDaniel of Arizona. Eric is the son of James and Helen Price of Lowell.

## Horsch



Richard and Kathleen Horsch were married on March 7, 1964, in Miles City, Montana, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They will be celebrating their 50th



wedding anniversary this week with a mass followed by a dinner dance given by their children, James (June), David (Terry) and Monica (Steve). They have seven

grandchildren, Joshua, Kamila, Sophia, Joseph, Jennifer (Matt), Samantha (Robert), Jessica (Joshua); and a great-grandchild, Aria.

# happy birthday!

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## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### supplies need for Haiti relief and children's home

Needed are plastic bags to make mats for the people of Haiti. People are still left without homes or furnishings. The mats are used for sitting or sleeping. The plastic is more sanitary than other materials for this purpose. They can be washed easily. Bags can be dropped off at L4 Alterations.

the Blodgett Children's Home and St. John's home. Items are made from donated material and fabrics. They sew clothes from size newborn to 12 years old. If you would like to join, they cut out patterns the first Friday of the month at L4 Alterations, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

A company in Grand Rapids recycles material scraps to be used for housing insulation. Scraps may be dropped off at L4 Alterations, where they will be collected and delivered quarterly.

Needed are donated fabric and patterns. Pieces of left over fabric is acceptable. Anything given for this purpose is appreciated.

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# Lowell Middle School chess champions

For the second year in a row, Mitchell Haff has taken first place in the Lowell Middle School chess tournament. Going undefeated last year, Mitchell faced intense competition from Brianna Roest who bested Haff at The Thornapple/Kellogg tournament in late March. Roest played her way through the loser's bracket to face him in the final two matches. She defeated Haff after a long, grueling match leading to a rematch to decide the champion.

After an hour of play the players were put on chess clocks. Haff ultimately took the match and the school tournament. In total, 26 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students participated in the double elimination tournament that ran over several weeks. Pictured from left to right: Brianna Roest, second place; Mitchell Haff, first place; and Ryan Roest, third place.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### Wittenbach/Wege center summer volunteers needed

**Summer Camp** – The Wittenbach/Wege Center (WCC) is looking for one to two people to assist with summer camps. Volunteers would assist WWC camp instructors with set up,

facilitation of activities and clean up. It's a great opportunity for high school students, college education majors, grandparents or anyone that enjoys working with kids.

**Garden** – The WWC could use several people to help keep the fenced garden area neat and tidy. Weekly chores would include mowing (with push mower), weed whipping, weeding and watering.

Anyone interested in any of these opportunities, please call the center at 616-987-2565 or email [mjohnson@lowell](mailto:mjohnson@lowell)

## ★ In The Service

Air Force Airman Sarah E. Daniels graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Daniels is the daughter of Steven and

Leslie Green of Lowell; sister of Zachary and Lauren Daniels of Grand Rapids; granddaughter of Louis and Lorraine

Weckwert of Owosso and Omer and Ruth Green of Belleville, Ill. and Mildred Zeman of Naperville, Ill.; and niece of Wendy and Van Smith of Owosso, Melissa and Francis Hayes of Naperville, Ill. and Scott and Christopher Weckwert of Owosso.

She is a 2006 graduate of Rockford High School.

## To The Editor, continued

I am a parent with three children. I have a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from Central Michigan University (CMU). I don't claim to be a neurologist. But I can tell you that I have a lot of friends who played a lot of football/sports and with some, that's including four years of college football (that's a lot of head to head contact). None of these friends are drooling or appear to have mental issues, outside the norm anyways. In my life I have not seen these horrible effects of a contact sport we are so warned about today and these scary concussions.

When you get to the age where you can look back on your life and ask yourself what have I done that was really special or rewarding (outside of having children)... For a lot of us, high school sports

come to mind. I still hear people talk about games and experience from high school athletics today.

In the past two days, I have been reminded of concussions a few times. Ironically one is around basketball, the other soccer and one on a bike. But apparently it's an epidemic. One of the symptoms of a concussion is having a headache. Really! I think my wife had four concussions last week alone. My point is I believe it has been grossly over diagnosed by 26-year-old trainers that are trying to do a good job.

My hope of this memo is that you as a parent, aunt or friend don't discourage young people to participate in sports in general. And secondly don't direct them away from the sport(s) they love. These decisions are made out of fear and

every decision I've ever made or seen people make out of fear seems to have been regretted. I understand you want to protect your children, I get it, but if that's true, then don't buy them a cell phone at sixteen. (This year 2014, 178 people have died in automobile accidents on the roads in Michigan alone). But let them play sports. Push them to play sports, including football. Most business leaders, owners, successful people in general, love to compete, are motivated, confident and disciplined. You don't learn these things in a school book or playing a video game. These traits are refined, polished and highlighted in football and all sports.

Carl Kloosterman  
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# Red Arrow -SOFTBALL SPORTS

## Lady Arrows split two double headers

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The ladies of the Red Arrow varsity softball squad split two double headers last week when they took on rivals Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) at home and Thornapple Kellogg on the road.

Game one against the Eagles of GRC started off

slow scoring wise with neither dug out earning a run until the third inning when a single hit by Desiree Striplin, a bunt by Grace Quiggle and an error on behalf of GRC led to the first Arrow score of the game.

During the fourth inning Taylare Harris and starting pitcher Makela Chapman both earned walks and Striplin once again nailed a single loading up the bases but the runners were left stranded when Quiggle was not able to connect with the ball during her time at bat.

The sixth inning was big for the Arrows and according to coach Kim Griffith was a fine example of the potential of her strong team, "We really showed what we are capable of doing each and every night in the first game of the double header. The girls are really buying into the idea that we are never out of a game. This definitely was on display when we scored five runs in the bottom



Starting pitcher Makela Chapman threw every ball during the Arrows double header with Grand Rapids Christian.

half of the sixth inning." Those runs were scored on a series of strong singles slugged by Beth Dean, Kortney Beachler, Quiggle and once again Striplin who performed especially well for the Arrow team. Strong pitching from Chapman also played a big role in the decisive victory over GRC according to Griffith, "Makela Chapman pitched well in the win and we had solid defense."

Game two ended in defeat for the ladies after the Eagles had a strong inning and took a large lead from which they were unable to bounce back according to Griffith, "In the second game one inning cost us the win. The fifth inning was our difficult inning. GRC scored five runs to go ahead and we could not recover."

Thursday on the road against Thornapple Kellogg the sluggers met a similar

fate when they won their first game in impressive style with a come back win in the bottom of the seventh but fell in the second game despite another late rally that left them just one run short of pushing the game into extra innings.

Griffith said that the season has gone well overall, "We have played consistently offensively and defensively. We have great team speed and play solid defense. Our hitting is really taking off lately and we are very strong 1-9 on offense. Pitching has been great with Makela Chapman our number one and Beth Dean really stepping in as our number two. Beth is our starting shortstop and number three hitter as well." Dean has a batting average of .338 and has earned 21 RBI's and hit seven doubles thus far this season.

Quiggle, who is the team's starting catcher and lead off hitter, is another star player this season earning an average of .435, four home run dingers and an outstanding 23 stolen bases for the Arrows. Griffith also cites excellent performances, these from Beachler, Breanna Oesch, Beth Oesch and Halle Hayes and added what a pleasure it has been to work with the entire hard working team, "Coaching this group of wonderful student athletes is a true joy and privilege. I love coaching each one of them and I will miss my seniors so very much when they move on. I look forward to the remaining part of the season and I am excited for the District tournament."



Taylare Harris rounds second base during the varsity team's opening win at Cherry Creek Field against the Eagles.

The team will take on Jenison, Wayland and Zeeland West High Schools this week and face Hopkins the following week on Wednesday in another double header at Cherry Creek Field starting at 4:15.

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# Red Arrow

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## Baseball, continued

no walks and grabbing three strike outs in seven innings. GRC's only run of the game was earned on an error in the seventh and the game ended 6-1 in the Arrow's favor.

The club's wins push their winning record to

9-2 in league play putting them in great position for a championship season according to coach Juston Miller, "We are currently leading the OK White conference in baseball. If Caledonia or East Grand

Rapids win all their games this week we need to win one of the next four league games to be guaranteed a share of the championship. If we win two of the next four we will win it out right as a guaranteed."



Parker Groom, Zach Gordon, Kyler Shurlow and Jarrod Melle take a moment on the mound during the team's second successful bout with GRC.



Parker Groom on the hill during the team's first victory over Grand Rapids Christian in the series of three.

Next on the list of worthy opponents for the team are last year's league winners, the Jenison Wildcats, who the Arrows will face in three games this week in an effort to clinch the 2014 win for themselves. "I feel that we have a very good team that is focused on their goals and right now that focus is on Jenison." The squad will also take on Grand Ledge High School this weekend and face Caledonia and Hopkins High schools next week.



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## DeCator earns Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake

Colleagues of Linda DeCator-Highway felt that it was only fitting that she be nominated Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary as she wraps up a 39-year career at Lowell Schools. DeCator will retire in June.

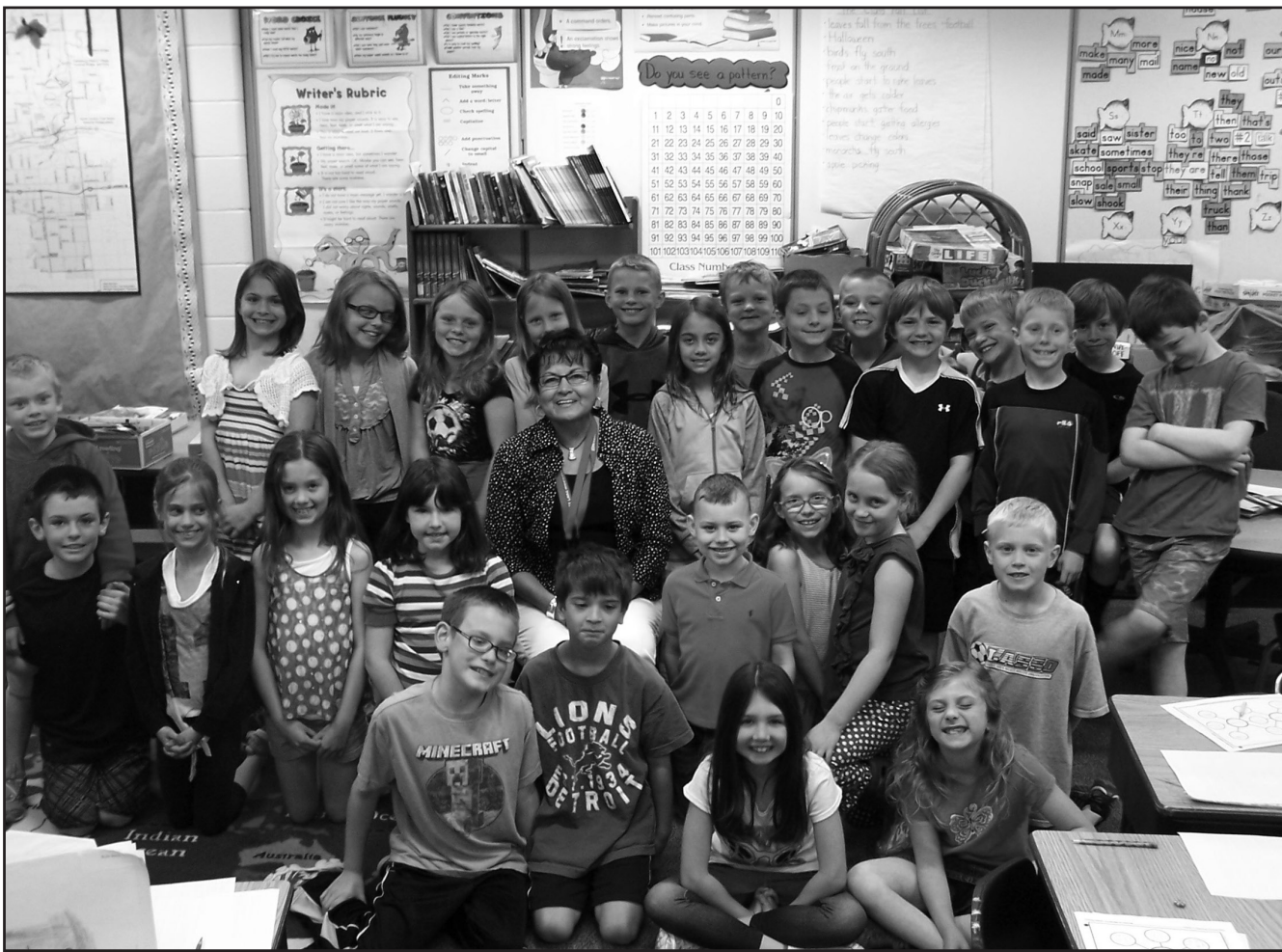
"She is someone who still enjoys the profession and gives it her all, even after 39 years. I guess we won't give her a hard time for not making it an even 40! We will miss her, but are very happy for her," said Lori Cyrocki and Nancy Russell, who are fellow second-grade teachers with DeCator.

"Linda is truly one of a kind. She has a true passion for teaching. She has brought a strong work ethic and a positive attitude with her each day she comes to school," said Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey.

DeCator-Highway started with the Lowell School district in 1974 as a para professional.

She then started teaching for Lowell shortly after she received her teaching degree in 1977. DeCator-Highway has been able to see five of her grandchildren "graduate" from Murray Lake Elementary. She also started the "Salmon in the Schools" program at Murray Lake several years ago. She has served as a Building Leadership team member and was the teacher liaison to the Wittenbach Wege Center.

"I will miss the kids and my colleagues, but I am ready to move on. Retirement will give me more time to spend up in Pentwater with my husband Darryl. It will also give me more time to spend with my family. I would not trade the past 39 years for anything. Getting the chance to touch the lives of so many kids has made all the hard work of being a teacher very worthwhile," says DeCator-Highway.



Linda DeCator-Highway surrounded by her students.

## Michigan renews focus on obesity prevention and reduction

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) today released its "Be Active, Eat Healthy 2014 – 2018 Priority Strategies," a new companion document to the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Initiative to prevent and control obesity, reduce chronic disease and

build a stronger, healthier Michigan.

Governor Rick Snyder called upon the MDCH to address the issue of obesity for the state of Michigan. Obesity is one of the most pressing health issues in Michigan with two thirds of Michigan adults either being overweight or obese, and

one third of our children. Not only does it have serious health implications, but the economic costs associated with obesity are staggering.

"Obesity continues to be a public health crisis in our state for our residents", said James Haveman, director of the MDCH. "For many Michiganders, we

spend a good portion of our day at work, school and out in the community. We need places that make the healthy choice, the easy choice in order to turn the tide on obesity, for all children and adults."

Michigan has made significant progress over the last few years with childhood and adult obesity rates leveling off. Michigan has moved from fifth to the tenth most obese state in the nation, meaning that our numbers and the health of the population are headed in the right direction. However more efforts are needed to help change our communities into places that strongly support healthy eating and active living for all Michiganders.

This companion document, Making a Difference in Obesity: 2014 – 2018 builds upon

the current efforts of the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan. The priorities identify evidence-based strategies that have the greatest potential to accelerate our modest progress in reducing obesity. It includes a focus on policies, systems and environmental change creating environments that increase physical activity and improve healthy eating where people live, work, learn and play.

To create healthy places for healthy people, the 2014 -2018 Priority Strategies focus on five major areas:

- Promoting education environments as a focal point to reduce childhood obesity.
- Expanding the role of the healthcare system for obesity prevention and treatment.
- Expanding

opportunities for people to be physically active where they live, work, learn and play.

- Creating environments that assure healthy eating options are the easy choice.

- Supporting local communities to make policy, system and environmental changes to increase opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity that fit with their community's unique needs.

Making steady forward progress in creating healthy environments provides the support children and adults all need to make the healthy choice to live long, healthy lives. To learn more about Michigan's health and wellness efforts, and for additional tools and resources, visit [www.michigan.gov/healthymichigan](http://www.michigan.gov/healthymichigan).

### LMS May Mixer



The second annual May Mixer was held Friday night at Roll-A-Way Family Fun Center. Fifth graders from Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake Elementary schools spent the evening socializing with current sixth- and seventh-grade students from Lowell Middle School (LMS). Skating, bowling, Rock Band and miniature golf with other games and competitions were thrown in for fun. Over 200 students attended the event on a beautiful May night in Lowell. Pictured manning the DJ booth are LMS principal Dan VanderMuelen and assistant principal Nate Fowler.

## Stop mosquito breeding with proper yard drainage

As you enjoy time outdoors, it's important to remember that warmer weather means prime mosquito breeding season in outdoor areas around your home and yard.

With the risk for mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus (WNV), families are being urged to take preventative steps to protect themselves, such as by using mosquito repellent and

regularly emptying standing water in flower pots, gutters and other areas of their landscape. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent WNV infection.

"Many homeowners may not realize that standing water and puddles in their yard can play a large role in attracting mosquitos. By being proactive, not

only can you prevent costly issues that may be harmful to your health, but you can also keep your landscape a sanctuary that can be fully enjoyed," says Ryan Larsen, a civil engineer with NDS, Inc, a nationwide leader in landscape drainage solutions.

Known as "Dr. Drainage" at NDS, Larsen is

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# Red Arrow - TRACK - SPORTS

## Lowell boys' track wraps up the spring season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Despite not earning a team win the Lowell Varsity boys' track team finished the season with high spirits and a promise for tremendous future growth.

"This is a transition year for us, we lost a lot of talented seniors and we have a very young team with great potential in the upcoming years," said coach Sarah Ellis.

The team went 0-6 overall in league competition against strong competitors,

such as East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Christian and Jenison who they took on in their final home meet of the season. Though the team as a whole was unable to earn a victory there were several stand-out performers this season who placed well individually throughout this year's competitions, including Derek Massey, Colton Churches, Liam Kelley, Reece Karns, Casey Sellner, Zach Diamond, Collin McGee, Josh Branagan and Zach Ritchie.

Last week at the OK White championship held at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids that was exactly the case as the team finished at the bottom of a pack of six but still managed some good finishes, including a fifth-place finish for Zach Diamond in the 1600-meter race. Josh Branagan earned

a fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and also placed eighth in long jump among a field of more than twenty, that included fellow Arrow and sixth-place finisher Zach Ritchie. Liam Kelly also earned a good finish in the 300-meter hurdle placing third. On the in field competing in discus, senior

Casey Sellner placed fourth. Sellner is among five senior competitors who will be graduating this June. Coach Sarah Ellis reported that Sellner, Zach Kaywood, Tyler Garter, Travis Brubaker and Nick Price have been integral parts of the team and will

be missed next season. She offered these kind words to her eldest team members, "Job well done! Thank you for coming out and sticking with the program. I hope you continue to grow from the lessons learned in track and field throughout your life."



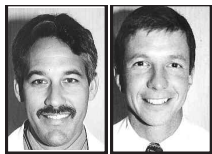
Zach Ritchie making his way over the high hurdles at the teams last home meet.



Derek Massey and Colton Churches race against Jenison in the 100-meter dash.

Though the season is officially over the boys still have regional competition, The Metro Healthy Meet of Champions and the possibility for individual state competition.

## health



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### jaundice in newborns

Jaundice is the word doctor's use when a baby's skin or white part of the eye turns yellow. Jaundice is common in newborn babies and can happen within days of a baby's birth. Babies are usually checked for jaundice for a few days after they are born. Jaundice happens when a baby has high levels of a substance called bilirubin in the blood. Jaundice is a sign that a doctor needs to do a blood test to check the baby's bilirubin level.

Babies can have high bilirubin levels for different reasons. For example, some babies who breastfeed can get jaundiced because they do not get as much breast milk as they need. It is important that a baby gets checked for jaundice, because very high bilirubin levels can lead to brain damage. There is a specific blood test doctors can order to check for jaundice.

Jaundice causes the skin and white parts of the eye to turn yellow. It often

happens first in the face, but can spread to the chest, belly and arms. It spreads to the legs last. Sometimes, jaundice can be severe. A baby with severe jaundice can have orange-yellow skin. The baby might also be hard to wake up, have a high-pitched cry, be unhappy and keep crying or keep bending his or her body and neck backward.

To help your baby's jaundice get better, you can make sure your baby drinks enough. If you breastfeed, make sure you breastfeed often and in the right way. If you feed your baby formula, make sure your baby drinks enough formula. The most common treatment for jaundice is light therapy. During light therapy, a doctor puts the baby under a special blue light or wraps a light blanket around him or her.

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# obituaries

## NIELSEN

Mr. Garry "Pete" Nielsen of Hart, Michigan, formerly of Rockford, age 71, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014. He was born to Lyman and Leona (née Goodall) Nielsen in Grand Rapids, MI on February 27, 1943 and had been a life-long resident of the Rockford area. Pete leaves behind his beloved wife of fifty-one years, Dorothy; loving children Laurie (Marty) Chambers, Bonnie (Matthew) Ryfiak, and Mike (Kelly) Nielsen; adored grandchildren Christopher (Laura) Chambers, Cody (Jessica) Chambers, Brandon and Jordyn Ryfiak, Taylor and Riley Nielsen; great-grandson Lucus Chambers; brother, David (Racquel) Nielsen; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda Allen; sister-in-law, Patricia Nielsen. The funeral service took place on Wednesday, May, 7, 2014 at Bostwick Lake Congregational Church, 7979 Belding Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341. Those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to ACS Relay for Life of Rockford, 129 Jefferson Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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# Looking Back, continued

year's absence. Mr. Miller died about two years ago and she was lonely without the old time friends.

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## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 18, 1939

With this issue the Ledger begins its 47th year of publication. So far as we have been able to learn there is not a single concern now left on Main Street that was doing business here at the time the Ledger put out its first issue in May 1893. Yes, Father time has made great changes in our community and in a future issue of this paper we plan to print a separate story of the days of the early 90s. A heap of water has passed under Main Street bridge since the Ledger first went to press.

The force of men who have [been] working on the short WPA sewer project on Hudson St. has been reduced by 36. Those left now have some elbow room.

You'll surely want to be downtown this week Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the high school band will parade Main Street on its way to Recreation Park for the big ball game between Central State Teachers College and Lowell Merchants. Director Bruce Walter and the members of his band are all pepped up for the occasion and the ball boys are rarin' to go!

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 14, 1964

Marcel Kropf announced this week that the Farmers' Market, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, on Riverside Drive, will open on Wednesday, June 3. The market will be open from 10 am to 7 pm on Wednesday and Saturday, of each week, during the summer months. At a meeting this week five signed up to sell their farm products; three others have indicated they will use the market area. Others interested are invited to contact the chamber.

Three lucky persons attending the Jaycee's 2nd annual Home and Sport Show this week end at the 4-H fairgrounds will go home with some valuable door prizes. On Thursday lawn furniture will be given away; Friday a power mower; and Saturday a portable TV.

Construction was started this week on a new exhibit building at the Lowell 4-H fairgrounds, on South Hudson Street. This new building will provide added space for more exhibits which will appear at the fair in August.

Changeable Michigan weather has been typical over the last few days in this vicinity. High winds and low temperatures over the week end kept activities at a minimum. Monday started out with 80 degree weather, but turned to the low 50s and rain on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lowell firemen were called out in the two storms of last Friday. The first call at 1:30 am was to the Stanley Preston home, just east of the city limits on M-21, when lightning hit a transformer. No fire damage was reported. On Friday night at 11:30 the firemen were called to the Eugene Morris home, south of Lowell on Segwun Avenue, where a fire was started from an electrical short. Little damage was caused.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 17, 1989

Headline: City council & YMCA come to terms. Pool/park contract ratified. The Lowell City Council and the Lowell YMCA finally ratified a contract for use of the city's parks and pool. Contract negotiations have been held up by the fact the city council wanted some sort of discount in YMCA programs for city residents because their tax dollars help fund park maintenance. The YMCA balked at the idea because previous attempts at a discount for city residents had led to confusion, time consuming explanation, difficulty in verifying residency and often hard feelings

by those who support the YMCA but didn't qualify for the discount. After YMCA branch manager Doug Ybema made several attempts at resolving the issue during city council meetings, it was decided that the YMCA board meet with the city council to hammer out such an agreement. Such a meeting was held on May 4. From that meeting it was decided that the YMCA should offer an annual \$25.00 per household discount for any YMCA program to all city residents. The discount would be offered in some sort of gift certificate or coupon redeemable when signing up for a YMCA program.

Lowell talent search Friday. Nine acts will get invitation. The Lowell Showboat Talent Search '89 will return on Friday, May 19 at 7 pm at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre. Nine winners will be selected to perform on one of the three Showboat evenings – June 22, 23 and 24. Amateur acts have been a part of the Lowell Showboat since its coronation. Jim Reagan, the chairman of the Lowell Talent Search for the past three years, says there will be 33 acts vying for the nine spots.

Harry Mapes is that new face you see at the Lowell Post Office. Mapes comes to Lowell from Skokie, Ill., where he lived for 24 years.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195490-DE

Estate of  
EUNICE A. MITUS. Date  
of birth: 09-02-1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eunice A. Mitus, died April 24, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to Susan A. Kuklewski and John D. Mitus, 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.

May 7, 2014

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

Susan A. Kuklewski and  
John D. Mitus  
c/o 410 Bridge Street,  
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# 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.

**AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES** - Homemade outfits, \$10 & under. Come to Jones Appreciation Day May 17, 9 to 3. Call Mary 642-6097.

**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.

**SPRING INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE** - Help! We have too many items! You can save BIG with the "Goldstar Outdoors 2 Inventory Reduction Sale" Mon., May 5 - Sat., May 17. Goldstar Outdoors 2 - 12208 S. State Rd., Lake Odessa 616-374-8001.

**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.

**24 FT. SEAWIND** - inboard/outboard, needs TLC, make offer. Call 949-6668.

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

**HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME** - Domestic water & more with the Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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

**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.

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

**ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO WRITE ON?** - We have scratch pads available for \$1.50 per lb. at the Lowell Ledger.

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## help wanted

**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.

**ULTIMATE PART-TIME JOB** - We are looking to hire two additional people for our job site team. Duties include: passing out fliers & information around our local job sites in nice suburban neighborhoods. Applicants should be clean cut, well-groomed & enjoy talking to people. \$10/hr. plus bonus. Average producers make \$400 to \$700 per week. Call 616-897-4990 & ask for Megan.

## wanted

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

**CASH PAID** - walnut trees. Call Bob Sayers, 616-527-4142, Ionia.

## misc.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** - of the Alton church society and the Alton cemetery association will be May 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Historic Alton church. Everyone is invited!

## sales

**SALE** - May 15, 16 & 17 at the corner of Vergennes & Lincoln Lake, approx. 2 miles N. of Lowell. Furniture, tools & household items. Thurs. & Fri., 9-6 p.m. & Sat., 9-1 p.m.

**BARN SALE** - Thurs. & Fri. 9-5 p.m. Sat. 9-noon. 7287 Scott Rd. (off Hawley Hwy.) Olds 98, road trip grill, bathroom sink, tablet, 15' swimming pool, 2 TVs, truck tool box, hunting bows, newborn to XL & maternity clothes. All priced to sell.

**ESTATE SALE** - May 16 & 17, 7255 Bliss Rd., south of Grand River between Jordan Lake & Morrison Lake Road, 9 to 5. Furniture, lamps, workshop tools & supplies, yard tools, kitchen, sewing supplies & dress forms, HORSE TACK English & Western, books, some antiques. Rain or shine. All must go.

**MOVING SALE** - May 15, 16 & 17, 9-5 p.m. 6915 Whitneyville, Alto. Tools, lots of furniture, antiques... Downsizing, everything goes!

**3 GARAGE SALES** - 2 mi. N. of Lowell to Burroughs to Foleys Grade. Thurs. & Fri., May 15-16, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Misc., household, X-mas deco, clothes: ladies', sm. boys'; 2-sided pool ladder, fire pit, doll toys, patio furniture, other furniture, 25' 50 amp camper cord, axial air flow fan.

## sales

**2ND BEST SALE** - Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Sat., May 17th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Conifer trees, household items, gently used clothing: infant-adult. Something for everyone!

**ESTATE SALE** - May 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garage and numbers at 8:30; Fri., May 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9425 28th St. SE, between Snow Ave & Buttrick. Fishing gear, Evinrude boat motor, antiques, household goods, washer, dryer, fridge, old bikes, yard & shop tools, much more. Sale by Now N Then.

**LIL' RED BARN SALE** - by the river at 12795 Burroughs, Lowell. Our spring sale is a new & wonderful collection of shabby chic & antiques with garden decor as well. **Don't miss this sale!** Thurs., May 15, 9-6; Fri., May 16, 9-6 & Sat., May 17, 11-4. Two miles N. of Lowell, off Lincoln Lake Rd.

## 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).

**WATERFRONT GETAWAY** - Spring fishing. Book now or for later. Choose from 3 cottages. Ron, 616-644-9414. sites.google.com/site/lostlakecottages

**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.

**PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.**

**3 BEDROOM COTTAGE** - on Crooked Lake in Lake near Reed City. Sleeps 8, fishing boat & kayak included. Available June & August. \$700 weekly. 868-7214.

**SEE THE TREEHOUSE COTTAGE** - at www.myludingtonvacation.com or call 231-845-5956.

## services

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## card of thanks

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbors and family who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. I appreciate all your thoughtfulness.

God bless you all,  
 Greta Parsons

## services

**YOGA & HOOP DANCE CLASSES** - at 901 W. Main, walk-ins welcomed. For class details & schedules: www.thehammockllc.com or 616-893-5661.

## services

**JIM'S POWER WASHING** - Dirt, spores, mildew washed away. Call today, 616-915-1745.

**30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN FLAT WORK** - Basements, driveways, garages, patios, sidewalks & pole barns. Free estimates. Call Marcus, 616-438-4061 or Jim, 616-874-9424.

**CUT & CLEAR YARD IMPROVEMENT** - Clean up the look of your home or business. We can remove any small unwanted trees, brush, leaves, etc. Call for your free estimate, 616-608-2126.

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## services

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

**NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.**

**TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE** - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

# 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.

**ATTENTION LOWELL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014** - You are invited to participate in the Baccalaureate service, recognizing your graduating class. This will be taking place on Sun., May 18 at 3 p.m. in the LPAC at the Lowell High School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER** - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-3 p.m.; Tues. 12-8 p.m.; Wed. 10-3 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available. www.awclowell.org

**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.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS** - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 784-2007.

**TECH SESSIONS** - Wed., May 14, 21 & 28, 9 - 3 p.m. by appt. only at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**LOWELL ARTS! GALLERY HOURS** - Mon. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

**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.

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

**ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER** - 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS** - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

**NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE** - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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.

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

**MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD** - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

**LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS** - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

**KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP** - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

**ALTO LIONS CLUB** - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

**COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL** - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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

**GRIEF-ADULT GROUP** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH** - Community Crisis Fund meeting at 7 p.m. at Poppa C's in Clarksville.

**FREE SENIOR COFFEE** - Every fourth Friday, 8 - 9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St.

**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.

**MOMS IN TOUCH GROUP** - forming for Alto Elementary. Call Suzanne for more info, 868-7337.

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES** - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

**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.impactchurch.org or www.celebrater-recovery.com

# A few helpful Social Security questions and answers

**Question:** I lost my Social Security card, but I remember my number. Do I really need a new card?

**Answer:** No, probably not—but it is important to know your number. The only time you may need the Social Security card is if your employer asks for it when you get a new job. If you do decide to get a new card or your lost one turns up, don't carry it with you. Keep it with your other important documents. Generally, you are limited to three replacement cards a year and 10 cards during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions do not count toward these limits. Keep in mind this is a free service. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

**Question:** I noticed that my date of birth in Social Security's records is wrong. How do I get that corrected?

**Answer:** To change the date of birth shown on our records, take the following steps:

- Complete an *Application For A Social Security Card* (Form SS-5);
- Show us documents proving:
  - o U.S. citizenship (if you have not previously established your citizenship with us);
  - o Age; and
  - o Identity; and
- Take (or mail) your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

Note that all documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For details on the documents you'll need, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc).

**Question:** What type of information will I need to provide if I'd like to apply online for Social Security retirement benefits?

**Answer:** Whether you apply for retirement benefits online, by phone or in an office, we suggest that you have the following information at hand when you do it—it will make completing the application easier for you.

- Your birthdate, place of birth and Social Security number;
- Your bank account number and your bank's routing number, for direct deposit;
- The amount of money you earned last year and this year. If you are applying for benefits in the months of September through December, you may also need to provide an estimate of what you expect to earn next year if you plan to continue working;

- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year;
- The beginning and ending dates of any active military service you had prior to 1968; and
- The name, Social Security number and date of birth of your current and any former spouses.

Depending on your situation, you may need to provide additional documentation with your application. We'll give you instructions on how to mail or bring it to us. To get started, visit our *Retirement Planner* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

**Question:** I am 65 and my wife is 62 and receiving spouse's benefits. When will she qualify for Medicare benefits?

**Answer:** Most people must wait until age 65 to qualify for Medicare benefits. Some people can get Medicare at any age, including those who:

- Have been getting Social Security disability benefits for 24 months or more;
- Have kidney failure and require dialysis;
- Have had a kidney transplant; or
- Receive disability benefits because they suffer from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease).

You can apply online for Medicare at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly).

**Question:** What are the requirements for receiving disabled widow's benefits?

**Answer:** You may be able to get disabled widow(er)'s benefits at age 50 if you meet Social Security's disability requirement. Your disability must have started before age 60 and within seven years of the latest of the following dates: the month the worker died; the last month you were entitled to survivors benefits on the worker's record as a parent caring for a surviving minor child; the month your previous entitlement to disabled widow(er)'s benefits ended because your disability ended. To learn more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify9.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify9.htm).

**Question:** I understand that to get Social Security disability benefits, my disability must last at least a year or be expected to result in death. But I'm disabled now. Does this mean that I must wait a year after becoming disabled before I can receive benefits?

**Answer:** No. You do not have to wait a year after becoming disabled. If you're disabled and expect to be out of work for at least a year, you should apply for disability benefits right away. It can take months to process an application for disability benefits. If we approve your application, your first Social Security disability benefit will be paid for the sixth full month after the date your disability began. For more information about Social Security disability benefits, refer to *Disability Benefits* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

**Question:** If I get approved, how much will I receive in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits?

**Answer:** The amount of your SSI benefit depends, in part, on the amount of other income you have. For 2014, the basic, maximum federal SSI payment is \$710 per month for an individual and \$1,082 per month for a couple. However, some states add money to the basic payment. Other monthly income you have would begin to reduce the basic SSI payment. Other things, such as where you live and who you live with, can affect your payment amount. Learn more about SSI by reading SSI publications at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). Enter "SSI" in the search box.

**Question:** I moved in with my parents until I get back on my feet. Why did my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment decrease?

**Answer:** If you receive SSI, your living arrangements can affect your monthly payment. When you live in another person's home and do not pay your fair share of the living expenses, that is counted as "in-kind" income and can reduce your SSI payment. You must report any changes in your living arrangement to Social Security within 10 days of the change. When reporting a change in living arrangement, you need to tell us your address, who you live with and what you contribute toward the household bills and expenses. You also need to report if you move into a private or public hospital or nursing home, an institution run by the government, jail, another person's home or a new place of your own. Report changes in your living arrangement at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Learn more about SSI and the things you need to report when you get it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

**Question:** I thought there were just two parts to Medicare, but my mom said there are more. How many parts to Medicare are there?

**Answer:** There are four parts to Medicare:

- Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care and other services;
- Part B (doctor insurance) helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits and other medical services and supplies that are not covered by Part A;
- Part C (Medicare Advantage) plans, available in some areas, allow you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must have Part A and Part B to enroll in Part C; and
- Part D (prescription drug coverage) is voluntary and helps cover the costs of prescription medications. Unlike Part B in which you are automatically enrolled and must opt out if you do not want it, with Part D you have to opt in by filling out a form and enrolling in an approved plan.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2014-2015. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$ \$2,770,746 in proposed expenditures.

Copies of the 2014-2015 Budget are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us)

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall, Attn: City Clerk prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

## Mosquitoes, continued

offering timely tips to help address larger issues that result from standing water:

### Low Spots

Because every landscape has different needs, homeowners can better prevent drainage issues by first becoming

familiar with the topography of their yard, identifying low spots, downspouts and other structures that may inhibit water flow, like retaining walls, edging, even walkways and patios.

Low spots can easily turn into "water reservoirs"

and cause serious drainage problems. Once the low area becomes saturated with water, a muddy puddle begins to form, potentially attracting mosquitoes and other insects. The unsightly muddy area not only detracts from the surrounding landscape, causing grass to die, but can also evolve into more serious property damage that comes with a costly repair price and potential health issues.

**Redirect Excess Water**  
A proper drainage

system typically includes a catch basin, helping to facilitate the collection, conduction and discharge of excess water on your property.

"By capturing excess water and transporting it away from low spots, catch basins are a very effective solution for homeowners," says Larsen. "Depending on the terrain of your landscape, and with a little guidance, a drainage system can be installed over a weekend." (StatePoint)

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**19th CENTURY**

**ACROSS**

1. Plant life
6. OB-GYN test
9. What the Big Bad Wolf did
13. Couch
14. Hit the slopes
15. #1 Across partner
16. North African inhabitants
17. \*He patented the saxophone in 1846
18. Inflexible
19. \*Queen Victoria's other half
21. Flying high
23. U.N. workers' grp.
24. "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer
25. Seasonal blues
28. As opposed to stereo
30. Like having pH less than 7
35. Climbed down
37. Beverage usually served hot
39. Swelling
40. Nessie's abode
41. \*Nicholas I and Alexander III
43. Distinctive flair
44. Beforehand
46. \*The Three Musketeers, e.g.
47. Singular of "algae"
48. \*Famous HMS Beagle voyager
50. \*"William \_\_\_\_\_ Overture"
52. Costa del \_\_\_\_\_
53. Talk like a sailor?
55. Ice-T on "Law & Order: SVU"
57. \*The Great \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland
60. \*Sitting Bull's tribe
63. Like Cheerios

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MAY 7 - MAY 13

- Two miners killed inside a coal mine in Wharton, West Virginia, worked for a company that had so many safety problems federal officials deemed it a "pattern violator," a rare designation reserved for the industry's worst offenders. The workers were killed when a floor collapsed Monday night.
- Karl Rove thinks Hillary Clinton needs to be checked out by a doctor before she can be president. He says she spent 30 days in the hospital and when she came out she was wearing glasses that are only for people who have traumatic brain injury wear. In truth, in December 2012, Clinton, sustained a concussion after falling at home. She was later hospitalized for four days and diagnosed with a blood clot.
- A man claiming to be God rammed a truck through the front of a Baltimore-area television station Tuesday, leaving a gaping hole as reporters and other staff fled the building.

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| 66. Give a boot                        |                                      | 29. *a.k.a. Father of the American Cartoon        |
| 68. Antler point                       | <b>DOWN</b>                          | 31. Brainchild                                    |
| 69. Geological Society of America      | 1. Governmental approver             | 32. Small valleys with trees and grass            |
| 70. Hawaiian island                    | 2. *Italian money starting in 1861   | 33. Idealized image                               |
| 71. First-rate                         | 3. Face shape                        | 34. *Erie or Suez                                 |
| 72. *van Gogh severed his left one     | 4. Teacher of Torah                  | 36. Spring event                                  |
|  | 5. Founder of Scholasticism          | 38. One of Great Lakes                            |
|  | 6. Quiet attention grabber           | 42. Solfège syllables: 5th and 4th                |
|  | 7. Rap sheet abbreviation            | 45. Cutting into cubes                            |
|  | 8. Resolution dot                    | 49. Convent dweller                               |
|  | 9. Fisherman's fly, e.g.             | 51. Probable                                      |
|  | 10. *Sled sport, originated in 1800s | 54. Type of twill fabric                          |
|  | 11. Author Bagnold                   | 56. Star bursts                                   |
|  | 12. Roll of bills                    | 57. Betting game                                  |
|  | 15. *Louisiana Purchase seller       | 58. Perching place                                |
|  | 20. Fowl place                       | 59. _____ room                                    |
|  | 22. Grassland                        | 60. Shakespeare's king                            |
|  | 24. Soap Box Derby vehicles          | 61. Windshield option                             |
|  | 25. Tossed starter                   | 62. Palm tree berry                               |
|  | 26. Luau greeting                    | 63. Pick  |
|  |                                      | 65. *This country declared war on Britain in 1812 |
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Puzzle solutions on page 12

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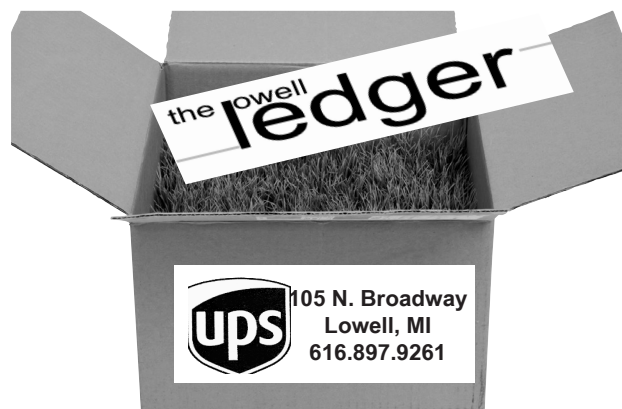
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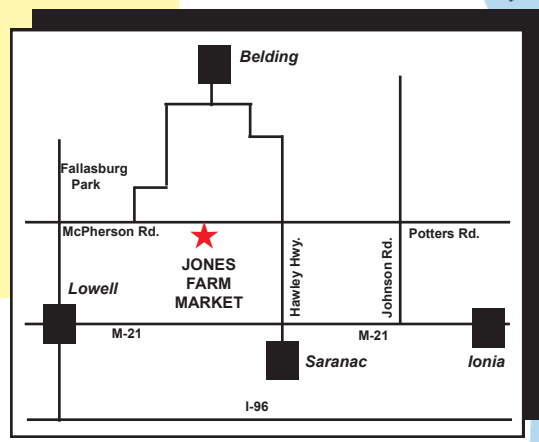
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