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Alumni football game gives fans a chance to see some favorite sons play another home game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Thousands of Red Arrow fans were treated to the first-ever Lowell Legends Alumni football game last Friday at Bob Perry Memorial Field.

Alumni team coach Matt Dood, who coordinated the event along with Mike Curtis, said that this event was another brain child brought to the community from varsity football head coach Noel Dean.

“He wanted to come up with a unique fundraiser for the football program. He pitched the idea to Mike and I and we thought it was a cool idea so we said let’s run with it and try it.”

The duo got to work planning and promoting the event in the hopes of creating an enjoyable night of football for Lowell fans. The community was receptive to the idea and packed the stadium for the premiere event.

“We are hoping to make this an annual event in the spring of each year. We already have many new ideas for next year,” said Curtis.

A scrimmage between the current varsity squads of both participating alumni teams started things off. The Arrows won handily racking up 33 points to the Lakewood Viking’s 7.

The list of Arrow alumni were then announced to the enthusiastic crowd. The list featuring LHS graduates dating from 1990 to 2009 included: Gabe Delnick, Andy Graham, Frank Mulder, Jason Welsch, Steve Shepard, Jordon Moore, Eric Stormzand, Michael Koster and brothers Keith and Kyle Nichol.

Lakewood won the toss and started off strong, but were stopped in the end zone by 2003 graduate Shepard on fourth down turning the ball over to the Legends. Keith Nichol, a 2007 graduate, started as quarterback and connected twice with wide receiver and 2005 graduate Welsch, who managed a spectacular catch from his back as he was falling, before running the ball in himself for the

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Legends players make their way through the banner to kick off the challenge against Lakewood.

Teacher wins a bet and sheds locks for two charities

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Students at Cherry Creek Elementary (CCE) enjoyed a special show at their final Monday assembly.

Principal Shelli Otten opened the meeting, a weekly event, with a brief talk about the power of persistence in achieving goals. She then turned the microphone over to fifth-grade teacher Rob Stevens who shared his own recent story of persistence.

“As you might have noticed, if you have seen me in the past, my hair is a bit longer than normal.”

Stevens said he was met with a challenge from a friend a little more than a year ago to grow his hair long enough to donate to a hair collection organization. As a reward for achieving the goal the friend offered to donate \$20 per inch to the charity of Stevens’ choice.

Stevens said he persisted toward his goal skipping his regular haircuts, combing out snarls and learning to sport a pony tail again until he arrived at his destination - haircut day.

With the help of professional hair stylist Jon Latva, Stevens was able to donate a total of 10 inches to Children With Hair Loss. The organization makes and donates real hair replacement wigs completely free of charge.

Stevens’ achievement also meant that his friend had to pay up. So, a check for \$200 was donated to the West Michigan Humane Society who had a human and a canine representative at the assembly to express their appreciation.



Above, stylist Jon Latva takes the first snip of Rob Stevens’ lengthy hair and below, Stevens checks out his new, shorter look.

The South is in the lead



The defending champion, South Lowell Team, has come out strong in the 2014 Food Fight and holds a solid lead as the first quarter ends. North Lowell can turn it around by donating dollars and non-perishable food items; each dollar and each food item count as one point for your team. While the rivalry is heating up, it is the families in the greater Lowell community that benefit from every point put on the scoreboard. The donations that fill the scoreboard not only help stock the client choice Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), but the dollars and food items also help support the Summer Lunch program.

During this past school year, thirty-five percent of the children in the Lowell School District received free or reduced lunch and the summer months can put an additional burden on these families.

“The Summer Lunch program was a great advantage for my family,” said Christy. A single mother of four, Christy was able to stretch the family budget by using the Summer Lunch program. “I work full-time, but it’s difficult to make the extra food fit into the budget over the summer. When my kids were in school I didn’t have to worry about making their lunch because they were eating in school.”

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Programs to conserve sensitive land and help beginning farmers

Programs that allow producers to protect land and help new, minority and veteran farmers get their start in agriculture

Agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that farmers, ranchers and landowners committed to protecting and conserving environmentally sensitive land may sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) beginning June 9. The Secretary also announced that retiring farmers enrolled in CRP could receive incentives to transfer a portion of their land to

beginning, disadvantaged or veteran farmers through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP).

"CRP is one of the largest voluntary conservation programs in the country," said Vilsack. "This initiative helps farmers and ranchers lead the nation in preventing soil erosion, improving water quality and restoring wildlife habitat, all of which will make a difference for future generations."

Vilsack continued, "The average age of farmers and ranchers in the United States is 58 years, and twice

as many are 65 or older compared to those 45 or younger. The cost of buying land is one of the biggest barriers to many interested in getting started in agriculture. The Transition Incentives Program is very useful as we work to help new farmers and ranchers get started."

The Conservation Reserve Program provides incentives to producers who utilize conservation methods on environmentally-sensitive lands. For example, farmers are monetarily compensated for establishing long-term

vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.

CRP consists of a "continuous" and "general" sign-up period. Continuous sign up for the voluntary program starts June 9. Under continuous sign-up authority, eligible land can be enrolled in CRP at any time with contracts of up to 10 to 15 years in duration. In lieu of a general sign-up this year, USDA will allow producers with general

CRP contracts expiring this September to have the option of a one-year contract extension. USDA will also implement the 2014 Farm Bill's requirement that producers enrolled through general sign-up for more than five years can exercise the option to opt-out of the program if certain other conditions are met. In addition, the new grassland provisions, which will allow producers to graze their enrolled land, will enable producers to do so with more flexibility.

The Transition Incentives Program provides two additional years of payments for retired farmers and ranchers who transition expiring CRP acres to socially disadvantaged, military veteran, or beginning producers who return the land to sustainable grazing or crop production. Sign up will also begin June 9. TIP funding was increased by more than 30 percent in the 2014 Farm Bill, providing up to \$33 million through 2018.



along main street

FLAGS & FATHERS

A special open house will be held at the Lowell Area Historical Museum on Sat., June 14 from 1 to 4 pm to celebrate "Flags & Fathers," a program sponsored by General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Bruce Butgergeit will present the history of the U.S. flag and have handouts to take home with flag facts and share why Father's Day became a special day. Light refreshments will be served to honor our special guest, Harold Becker, a 96-year-old son of a Civil War soldier. Admission is free. For more information, call 897-7688.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., June 19 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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.

Food Fight, continued

In 2013, the Summer Lunch program provided over 7,200 lunches at no cost to families in the Lowell School District.

"This year we've made a few changes," said Dawn Broene, program director at FROM. "In the past we've packed boxes with lunch supplies for families to pick up. This year we're excited to be offering more of a personalized shopping experience."

The Summer Lunch program is open every Tuesday through August 26. Families living in the Lowell school district with children in pre-school through high-school are eligible to participate. This is just one of the many programs supported by Food Fight 2014. To keep up with all the latest Food Fight news and learn more about the Summer Lunch program visit www.fromlowell.org or find FROM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fromlowell.

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Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams perform at world finals

submitted by Lori Lothian

Over 20,000 students and supporters from around the world traveled to Iowa State University (ISU) for the 35th annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals from May 28-31. Students from different cultures and widely varying economic backgrounds proved that creativity is universal by coming together for this event. They all demonstrated their unique creative solution to an Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) problem while appreciating the creativity of others.

The teams worked throughout the school year solving an OotM problem and were judged as the most creative in a series of rigorous regional and state competitions. At ISU, the teams represented their state and country in hopes to prove that they are the world's most creative problem solvers. Odyssey of the Mind has teams throughout the United States and 13 other countries including China, South Korea, India, Japan, Russia, Poland, Germany, Singapore, and Mexico.

Teams all came with interesting costumes, original stage sets and innovative inventions – all

part of solving an Odyssey problem. The Lowell Middle School and Murray Lake Elementary teams both competed in the Stackable Structure problem. In this problem, the teams had to design a strong balsa wood structure that weighed no more than 18 paper clips and supported much heavier weights. The seemingly fragile structures have been known to hold over 1,000 pounds. The structure was built out of separate, different-sized components stacked together to hold the weight.

The Stackable Structure problem and other OotM problems were judged on creativity and risk-taking. The students learn to apply their creativity to problem solving. Teams also learn to manage time and money, how to share ideas and negotiate with one another and to perform in front of an audience. Because the problems provide for divergent solutions, students incorporate their knowledge and interests into their solutions, such as math, science, history, art, music, acrobatics, robotics, and anything else a child can imagine and enjoy.



The Lowell Middle School and Murray Lake Odyssey of the Mind teams on the campus of Iowa State University, front row, left to right: Cole Beach, Nate Cleaver, Hayden Lowrie, Luci Foreman, and Phoebe Looman; middle row, left to right: Brady Johnson, John Lothian, and Parker Davis; back row, left to right: coach Ryan Lothian, coach Joe Davis, Jake Cleaver, Chloe Looman, Krin Beach, coach Mark Looman, Addison Mallindine, coach Heather Looman and Jared Sweet.

Coaches and officials also had an opportunity to participate in a competition while at world finals. Their problem was to design,

build and operate a device that launched tennis balls toward a target in order to move it down a course and across a finish line. Three Lowell coaches not only participated this year, but took home a first-place trophy with their giant sling shot.

Although this is a competition for teams, kids will form life-long friendships with their teammates and opponents. These friendships span the globe! They learn to communicate and appreciate different cultures.

At the opening ceremonies held at the Hilton Coliseum at ISU, OotM founder Dr. Sam Micklus told the crowd, "These are the most creative minds in the whole world!"

business matters



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Special Land Use Request, for a temporary Open Air Business for Jake's Fireworks, 2111 W. Main Street. The proposal is to erect a temporary tent structure at the subject address for the purpose of marketing fireworks for the current season. Section 12.03 G, of the Lowell Zoning Ordinance provides for special land uses for open air businesses.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Watch for different risk levels of "muni" bonds

Are you thinking of investing in municipal bonds? If so, you may have good reason, particularly if you are in one of the higher tax brackets. After all, municipal bond interest payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes, and possibly state and local income taxes, too — although some "munis" are subject to the alternative minimum tax. However, since not all municipal bonds are the same, you'll want to know the differences — especially in terms of risk.

Municipal bonds, like corporate bonds, essentially face two types of risk: interest rate risk and default risk. Interest rate risk becomes clear when market interest rates rise,

causing the value of your existing municipal bonds to fall. No one will pay you full price for your bonds when newly issued bonds carry a higher rate — so if you plan on selling bonds before they mature, you risk losing principal. You can largely ignore this type of risk simply by holding your bonds until maturity, at which point you will receive the face value back, provided the issuer doesn't default.

And that brings us to the second type of risk: default risk. Historically, municipal bond default rates have been much lower than those of corporate bonds, particularly lower-quality bonds. But different types of municipal bonds carry different levels of default

risk. Here's a quick look at the two main categories of municipals and their risk characteristics:

- **General obligation bonds** — General obligation bonds generally finance projects of a municipality. A general obligation bond issuer is required to do everything in its power, including raising new taxes, to ensure that interest payments are paid on time and in full. This requirement helps support the creditworthiness of general obligation bonds.

- **Revenue bonds** — Revenue bonds, which finance schools, hospitals, utilities, airports, affordable housing and other public works, are paid by dedicated streams of revenue. For example, revenues generated by the sewer system pay the interest on a sewer system revenue bond. Because revenue bonds have more restricted revenue streams than general obligation bonds, they are generally viewed to be riskier. To compensate for the added risk, revenue bonds usually pay a higher rate of interest than general obligation bonds.

When studying the risk factors of revenue bonds, you also have to consider the *type* of revenue bond involved. For example, some sectors, such as housing and health care, may be more volatile, as are some industrial revenue bonds. (These bonds, which are generally used to support a specific project, such as a new manufacturing facility, are sponsored by a government entity — but the proceeds go to a private, for-profit business.)

Of course, when evaluating the risk potential of municipal bonds, you don't have to rely on guesswork. The major bond rating agencies — Standard

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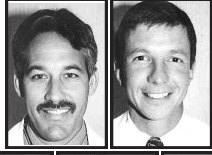


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With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

sunburn

Sunburns are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light, UVA (long-wave rays) and UVB (shortwave rays) are the two types of radiation that are most responsible for sunburns.

Sunburn appears a pink/red skin, pain/tenderness, swelling, blistering and headaches, fevers or chills if severe. Symptoms typically appear several hours after exposure, but may take a full day.

A "suntan" is your body's way of blocking UV rays. This is done by melanin in your skin. Everyone produces different amounts of melanin (it's determined genetically) and most people do not produce enough to protect them.

Repeated sunburns can cause premature aging of the skin, precancerous skin lesions, skin cancer, and eye damage.

Treatment of a sunburn is aimed at reducing pain and swelling. Ibuprofen, soothing skin gels and cortisone cream all will help. Applying cold compresses and aloe vera also help. If blisters form, do not rupture them, as this can lead to skin infections. One should also increase fluid intake.

Prevent sunburn by covering your skin, wearing a hat and sunglasses. Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply 30 minutes prior to exposure and reapply every two hours.

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Dear EarthTalk: How is it that our more effectively managing ocean resources could help us better feed the world? - Missy Jenkins, Boone, IA

Hunger is a growing problem around the world, in both developing and developed countries. As our population continues to rise, the amount of arable land per capita is declining and climate change is either drying out or flooding many formerly productive agricultural belts, making it more and more difficult to keep up with the growing demand for food. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reports that we must produce 70 percent more food globally if we are to feed the world's increasing numbers of hungry people in the coming decades.

While more efficient agricultural practices can help, conservationists are increasingly looking to the ocean as a potential way out of our hunger woes. According to Oceana, a leading non-profit dedicated to protecting the world's oceans and marine biodiversity, wild seafood "requires no

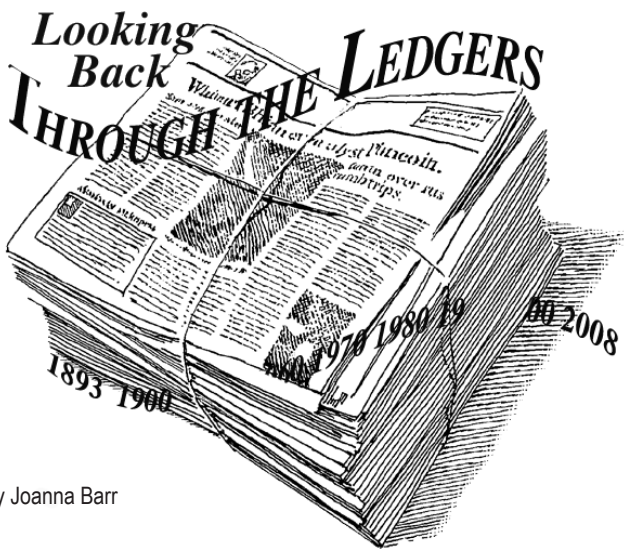
fresh water, produces little carbon dioxide, doesn't use up any arable land and provides healthy, lean protein at a cost per pound lower than beef, chicken, lamb and pork, making it accessible to the world's poor."

But like other natural resources, fish stocks have also been in decline in recent years as a result of decades of overfishing. "The global fish catch peaked in the late 1980s and has been declining ever since," reports Oceana. Indeed, data show the amount of fish caught around the world has fallen by some 18 percent over the last three decades. "If current trends continue, we'll only have enough wild seafood to feed half the world's population in 2050," says the group.

But that downward trend could be reversed by overhauling fisheries management, protecting fish spawning and breeding habitat and reducing by-catch (the incidental catch of species not targeted by fishermen). In areas where fisheries managers have been able to set catch limits based on fish biology instead of industry interests, seafood populations have started to bounce back. Likewise, fish stocks have recovered significantly in the water column in and around Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and other critical "no-fish" zones.

"These are steps that have been proven to restore stocks of fish wherever they have been implemented," adds Oceana. "While it's counterintuitive, by imposing limits to what we catch today we will actually be able to increase the amount of fish that we catch tomorrow." The group cites research showing that "sensible management" could increase fish yields up to 40 percent and increase the biomass in the oceans by almost 60 percent. "If managed wisely, our fisheries could provide the world with 700 million nutritious meals every day."

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal June 12, 1889

Mrs. John Taylor takes the management of the Davis house this week. She will probably succeed better than the last two proprietors.

Smith's colored Minstrels will give an evening's entertainment in Trains Opera House, Saturday evening, June 15th. The troupe is largely made up of Hyer's Colored Comedy Company, which gave such pleasing entertainment here last January.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 11, 1914

Notice to Light and Power users. The current will be "off" between the hours of 3 am to 7 pm, Sunday, June 14, while installing a new water wheel at Plant. F. J. McMahon, Supt., Lowell Light & Power Co.

The windstorm of May 29 played havoc with some old orchards between Freeport and Hastings. Many other large trees were destroyed.

L. H. Merriman is resting from his school duties in Grand Rapids by planting corn and some other things on the old farm in Lowell township. Going to stay there this summer and get the school room cobwebs out of his head and the stale city air out of his lungs. Maybe he'll swing a fish pole over Grand river twice in a while. Ye old school master needs a rest.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 15, 1939

Headline: Largest class in L.H.S. history receive diplomas. Great crowd sees impressive sight. Over 900 people crowded into the high school auditorium to witness commencement exercises last Friday evening and it is most unfortunate that the faculties were limited for a great many interested citizens were turned away because of the lack of seating capacity. Seventy-six seniors received their diplomas, the largest class in the history of the school.

Recent improvements on Main Street include the repainting of the L. E. Johnson Pontiac sales office and the repainting inside and out of the Staal's lunch room.

Work on the new post office building is moving along at a satisfactory pace. The foundation and basement and partition walls have been completed and workmen are busy this week putting up the steel framework for the walls above ground. The foreman states that work of laying brick will start in a few days. Judging from the stability of the work already performed and the amount of reinforced concrete, the building should have the strength of the Rock of Gibraltar when completed.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 11, 1964

Clark and Walters 3-ring circus will make a one day appearance in Lowell on Friday, June 19 at the

4-H fairgrounds. An elephant walk will be conducted through the downtown area at high noon on circus day. Performances will be at 6 and 8 pm with admission prices slashed.

Mrs. Gary Rivers will be the best dressed teacher's wife in Lowell Area Schools next fall when she wears the \$2,500 mink stole her husband won in a contest sponsored through Jackson Motor Sales on West Main Street. Mr. Rivers was one of three national winners in the contest.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 14, 1989

Headline: Lowell Middle School receives computer. Eberhard/Food City presented the Lowell Middle School with a computer and printer on Wednesday June 7. The middle school, with help from the community has been collecting cash register receipts from Eberhard/Food City since last October. On Wednesday the fruits of their labor were realized. The "Apples for Students" program was launched in October of 1998 as a community service effort to provide Apple Computers and software to communities served by Eberhard/Food city supermarkets.

The Lowell Showboat Historical Committee has been formed to preserve the history of the Lowell Showboat. In the near future, they will start collecting artifacts, souvenirs, etc. to be displayed in a local store or museum.

Lowell Area Schools' Athletic Boosters president Fred Lenger and other members of the boosters club called on the Lowell Board of Education to remember and act on its commitment to making the necessary improvements in Lowell's athletic facilities which would bring the school up to par with the rest of the league affiliates.

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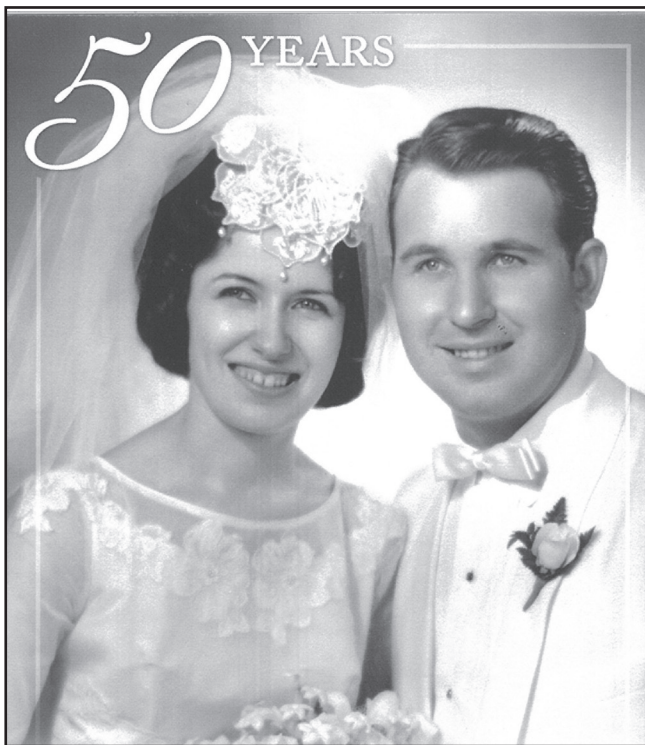
Kole Oliver Blough

Kole Oliver Blough was born April 30, 2014 weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 22 inches. Parents are Gavin and Alyssa Blough of Clarksville.

He was welcomed home by big brother Sawyer Blough; grandparents, David and Lori Rash of Lowell and Gordon and Trisha Blough of Clarksville.

anniversaries

DeJong



John C. and Kathleen (Callahan) DeJong of Lowell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in the presence of the Lord on June 20, 1964 in Chicago, Ill. at St. Pascal's Church.

They have been blessed with six children, Michael and Joy, Mark and Katie, Tom and Randalee, Jon and Josie, Trica Hale, and Jenny and Jason June. God has also blessed them with 15 grandchildren.



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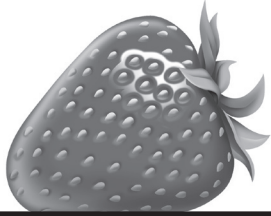
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New businesses blossom in the area this spring

Red Barn is open for business - grand opening this weekend

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A little more than 100 years ago a couple by the name of Christian and Jennie Kropf immigrated from Switzerland and planted a few acres of apple trees in northern Lowell. The pair soon harvested and packed the fruit they grew and brought it to market.

Five generations later the family still runs their successful growing operation on that same land and recently opened their own market where they will house their freshly picked apples and much more..

The year-round

market will offer fresh seasonal fruit alongside their own apples, including blueberries, asparagus, sweet corn, melon, tomatoes and peppers. The produce section will also boast both strawberries and navels from Florida and Texas grapefruit, as well as gift baskets and specialty food items.

Occupying the other half of the store is a full service ice cream shop featuring Hershey's brand hand-dipped ice cream and a large assortment of sweet treats, like soft serve, sundaes, flurries, shakes,

malts, slushes, glaciers and floats.

Barb Kropf-Roth, great-granddaughter of farm founder Christian, runs the new market, as well as the orchard behind it.

She says, "The vision for a market and ice cream shop was birthed about two years ago. We did a lot of research and actually put it on the shelf for a year before coming back to it."

Beyond ice cream, the shop's menu will also feature breakfast items according to Kropf-Roth as they open their doors early Monday through Saturday.

"We've got Bostwick Bakery doughnuts or we can toast you a bagel with your coffee."

For those seeking heartier fare the friendly staff will serve up pulled pork sandwiches, chicken salad croissants and certified Angus beef hot dogs and chili dogs alongside locally sourced Saranac brand potato and macaroni salads. Customers are able to wash down their lunches with fountain soda or freshly squeezed lemonade that Kropf-Roth describes as "better than the fair!"

The market, which will employ 5-10 people depending on the season, offers both indoor and outdoor seating for guests, as well as free Wi-fi.

According to Kropf-Roth the market is off to a good start and she and the staff look forward to welcoming many more customers to their "growing" business.

The Red Barn Market is located near Murray Lake at 3550 Alden Nash NE.



Assistant manager Katy Mork serves up one of twelve flavors of Hershey's brand hand-dipped ice cream available at the market.



The Red Barn Market is open for business seven days a week near Murray Lake at 3550 Alden Nash NE.

New shop ready to supply the needs of disk golfers

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Jeff and Jennifer Kuehle spent their first date on a disc golf course enjoying each other's company and some midnight glow golfing. One wedding, twelve years and countless rounds of golf later, the happy and competitive couple turned their shared love of the game into a business.

Anne Hyzer's Disc Golf Store opened last month at 216 W. Main St. inside the building that also houses Modern Photographics and Hairstudio. The name of the small specialty shop is a clever play on words.

According to wife Jennifer, "An anhyzer is a throw in disc golf terminology. When deciding on a name for the shop we



Owners of the newly opened disc golf shop Anne Hyzer's, Jeff and Jennifer Kuehle.

kept coming back to this one because it was a cute play on words."

Inside the shop customers ranging from disc golf enthusiasts to novices will find what they need to hit the course and plenty of good advice from the avid golfing duo on how and where to throw a disc in Michigan.

The pair played the game casually until 2004 when they started competing in tournaments. Since then Jeff has earned the status of professional disc golfer while Jennifer says she would consider herself, "a seasoned amateur."

The idea and experience of opening their first retail store was unexpected and a bit of a whirlwind but the early success and a welcoming community has made it a fun one according to Jennifer.

"For only being open

about four weeks we are quite pleased with the traffic we are getting. We are so excited to be here!"

The couple hopes to eventually purchase property and move their family to Lowell, citing it as a great community to raise a family and a prime location for their business.

The number of disc golf players and courses in the state of Michigan has grown exponentially in the past few years. There are currently 19 courses within about a twenty mile radius of Lowell including a challenging course at Fallasburg Park and another at Ionia County's Bertha Brock Park on M21.

The Kuehle's say that their shared vision is to become a part of the community, help to establish more courses in the area and to build excitement and enthusiasm for the sport.

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Alumni game, continued

first Arrow score of the game. The Vikings had possession twice more in the

quarter but were stopped by Shaawn Ford (1998) and AJ Hoover (1996).

2002 graduate Eric Stormzand earned a sack against the Viking's quarterback at the start of the second quarter. The Legends stopped the Vikings with the help of Jordan

Moore (2002), Mulder and Shepard and put up two more touchdowns. The first off of a hand off to scorer Ken Palcowski (2001) and the second from Welsch

bringing the score to 21-0 in Lowell's favor at the half. The Ball's Ice Cream field goal challenge was held during halftime. Delnick brought one across

the line bringing the score to 28-0 in the fourth which is where the game ended.

Alumni game, continued, page 9



Alumni cheerleaders joined the action from the sidelines firing up the crowd and the players for the alumni outing.



Some of the nearly forty Red Arrow alumni football players watch from the sideline during the inaugural game.



Editor's note: This poem, which appeared in the Ledger some years ago, was submitted, at the time, by a local Veteran. Another Veteran brought it to my attention this year, so I agreed to reprint it in honor of Flag Day.

It Is The Veteran

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn,
Round a makeshift stage they charged on.
Fifteen hundred or more they say,
Had come to burn the Flag that day.

A boy held up the folded Flag.
Cursed it and called it a dirty rag.
A man pushed through the angry crowd,
With an old gun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight,
He had polished each button, shiny and bright.
He crossed the stage with military grace,
Until he and the boy stood face to face.

Then the old man broke the silence.

"Freedom of speech, is worth dying for,
Good men are gone, they live no more.
All so you can stand on this courthouse lawn.
And ramble on from dusk to dawn.

But before the Flag gets burned today,
This old veteran is going to have his say.

My father died on a foreign shore,
In a war they said would end all wars.
Tommy and I weren't even full grown,
Before we fought in a war of our own.
Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach,
In the shadow of a hill he couldn't reach.

I got this bum leg that I still drag,
Fighting for this same old Flag.

There's but one shot in this old gun,

So now it's time to decide which one.
Which one of you will follow our lead,
To stand and die for what you believe?"

The boy who had called it a dirty rag,
Handed the veteran the folded Flag.
The crowd got quiet as they walked away,
To talk about what they heard that day.

So the battle for the Flag this day was won,
By a loyal veteran with a single gun.
Who for one last time, had to show to some,
That these colors will never, never run.

It is the veteran, not the preacher,
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.

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It is the veteran, not the lawyer,
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It is the veteran, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag,
Who serves under the Flag,
Whose coffin is draped by the Flag.



Legend's quarterback Keith Nichol uses his footwork and tenacity to carry the ball toward the end zone.



Quarterback Keith Nichol keeps possession of the ball and gets the first down for the Legends Alumni team.



2002 graduate Brad Eldridge successfully cuts through a pack of Vikings' defenders.



Frank Mulder, a 2005 LHS grad, takes possession of the ball and gains some yards for the Legends during the first half.

“Brad Eldridge came up with a huge interception to keep the shutout intact for the Arrow defense. To keep them off the scoreboard on defense was huge,” said Dood.

Dood said that the Legends lived up to their name and that the experience was positive for the fans.

“We felt that the Legend’s performances were very good. Some guys

put in five practices prior to help get ready for the game and that showed. We still weren’t firing on all cylinders but the offense and defense really played well overall. It was fun to see the guys changing game plans throughout the game just as they would in a normal game. They really left feeling the full Lowell football experience again,” he added.

The events’ planners thanked their sponsors: Biggby Coffee, Mike Curtis Agency, Portland Federal Credit Union, The Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide and Discount Mattress Sale, as well as their volunteers and encouraged fans to follow their facebook page at www.facebook.com/arrowlegends for details on future alumni events.

Red Arrow -BASEBALL SPORTS

Red Arrow baseball wraps up the season at regionals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

With a successful season and an OK White district championship already under their belts, the Red Arrows varsity baseball squad lost their shot at regionals as they faced off against league foe Jenison.

Freshman pitcher Jarrod Melle took to the mound for the semifinal action which was hosted this year by Rockford High School. Arrow's leading slugger Parker Groom was hit by the first pitch of the game earning him a walk. He capitalized on his base position by stealing both second and third base, but was left stranded when strong Wildcat pitcher Pat Leatherman struck out both Alex Chavez and Zach Gordon.

Jenison's strong pitching continued in the second and third inning where they made quick work of six Arrow sluggers at the plate before putting up their first run of the game off of two singles and a solid double. Matt Milstead made a quick play at the plate to prevent a second run from coming in leaving the score at 1-0 going into the fourth.

Three more unsuccessful at bats for Lowell in the top of the



Parker Groom earned just one single and took to the mound during late innings in the team's losing regional bid.

fourth were followed by a huge rally from Jenison in the bottom that put them in front by four runs. The Arrows managed to get two runners on base in the sixth when the squad finally earned a single from Groom and another off an error

from Z. Gordon, but they were unable to capitalize.

Jenison added another run in the sixth bringing the score to 5-0 heading into the final inning of the game. Chavez, Jake Stephens and Milstead were the last of the black and red to take on

the Wildcat's phenomenal pitching to no avail and the game finished in a surprising shut out for the squad ending their championship run for this season.

Head coach Justin Miller says that despite the tough loss the season remains a big win overall.

"It was a great season. I am very appreciative of all support we received from our fans and our administration to make this a great year for these young men. The senior leadership was excellent this year; we just ran in to a pitcher who was on his game and throwing consistently 91-95 mph according to the scouts that were there," said Miller.

The OK White represented four of the six teams vying for a regional championship at the semifinals proving the competitive nature of the conference, according to Miller.

"OK White is one of the best conferences in high school baseball. When you are playing this level of baseball, sometimes you just need to tip your cap and tell them "good game." Knowing how competitive our league is, we will work hard this off season."



Kyler Shurlow moves into the infield to back up pitcher Jarrod Melle after a series of bunts from the Wildcats.

Heading up that training effort will be the assistant coaching staff that Miller said helped to make this great season possible saying, "Thanks needs to go toward my assistant coaches, John Pike, Jon Bieneman and Tom Melle for helping prepare these boys each week."

On Thursday June 5th, two month old Wyatt van Putten passed away unexpectedly in his sleep. Wyatt's father is a part paid (volunteer) Courtland TWP firefighter who has also served with other departments in Kent county. His father currently is not employed full time. Wyatt's mother is a labor and delivery nurse and she had only been back to work one day when Wyatt passed. Wyatt has six siblings ranging in age from 16 to 3.

The family is currently seeking donations to help with expenses and numerous area fire departments have stepped up to help.

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Starting catcher Matt Milstead makes one last attempt during the Arrow's finale at bat of the shut out loss.

Community plus schools equals student success

We all know it to be true that Lowell is “the next place to be,” and there is one more reason to add to our long list. Amy Pallo, principal of Lowell High School (LHS), stated that she has a unique class, Senior Capstone, where students have designed and implemented projects to benefit communities locally, nationally and even internationally.

For the 2014-2015 school year, State Farm has provided a grant of \$6,000 to LHS for the Capstone class. Deborah Wilks, our local State Farm agent, helped secure 14 grants for the community and schools together over the years and said that one of her goals is to “facilitate ways for money to flow from State Farm to our community.” In total, Wilks has partnered with the schools to the tune of \$95,000!



Back row: Tyler Garter, Ben Weaver, Mitch Marsman, Chris Platz, and Brook Smith; front row: Korinna Boston, Brianna Landheer, Kelsey Mullin, Capstone teacher Kim Keglovitz, State Farm agent Deborah Wilks, Mackenzie Hewett, and Brandi Shelley.

The objective of Senior Capstone is the natural extension of that.” Capstone requires students to implement skills they’ve gained throughout their schooling in a whole host of areas to plan, budget, advertise, schedule, make contacts for, write about, and formally present their projects. Sounds like the “real world” – right? Secondly and perhaps even more importantly, students contribute to the community in meaningful ways.

“I can’t tell you how many times I’ve received heartfelt notes from students when they know, when they feel, the difference they’ve made,” says Kim Keglovitz, developer and instructor for the course. “As seniors, it’s time for our kids to take the reigns and develop their own projects from beginning to end. Parents, teachers and community members lead by example and Lowell’s kids are taught how to be involved from the time they are very young. Senior

Because this is the first time students are developing their own projects and have so much to learn, community members are essential to students’ success. Any time that community members, for example, explain why students need to set an appointment for a meeting or ask for a revised budget, they are teaching invaluable life skills.

Senior Capstone demonstrates how project based learning can be a comprehensive academic course that has real world application and joins community and teachers and teens together in partnership to better our city, our nation and our world.

Examples of student projects can be viewed through the following links: lowellseniorcapstone.weebly.com and <http://lhsseniorenglish12b.weebly.com/photos--video-2011.html>



Neighbors is a fun, baby-crazy film

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

There is a humorous scene in the film *This is the End* in which Seth Rogen and James Franco discuss creating a sequel to a previous movie called *Pineapple Express*. Their pitch for the movie sounds terrible, but this is the purpose of the scene: in a moment of extreme self-deprecation the actors attempt to suggest that the creative process behind their movies is to get fully baked in order to make a half-baked script.

Whatever the process, Rogen’s filmography is hit or miss. *Knocked Up* was a hilarious film in which two people at very different places in their lives accidentally have a child together. *50/50* was incredibly challenging and heart-felt, dealing with what it means to be friends when one of you may die from cancer. But then there are movies like *This is the End* and *Pineapple Express*, reefer-driven movies with the occasionally inspired comedic moment. Rogen delivers the good just as often as he delivers the bad.

is high-end, though often raunchy. Many parents may choose to leave their children with a sitter rather than take them to this movie. There is surprisingly good chemistry between the characters and that is nowhere better than between Rogen’s Mac and Efron’s Teddy. A newcomer to this particular comedic scene, Efron proves that he ought to be given more roles like this. The one thing that stands above all of these things is the casting of baby Stella, who steals the show every time she’s on screen and deserves the title of cutest baby in film.

On the down side, some of the humor misses its mark. Rogen and Byrne find themselves in seemingly improvised comedic interchanges that tend to be on the weak side, especially when compared to the comedic sparring between Rogen, Paul Rudd, and many of the other Judd Apatow comics in other movies. Also, in the madness of the sparring households, there are times when it seems like the baby is thrown out with the bathwater, completely lost in the mess. Serious family issues like infidelity and negligence are occasionally glossed over for the sake of a joke.

Whatever its flaws, *Neighbors* has things every film should have but that many don’t - characters with believable motivations, personal development, and a fairly developed arc. This actually seems to be a trend as the past few years have shown a great deal more maturity in genres that had seemingly abandoned story such as animation, horror and comedy. It is a good time for films, a renaissance, if you will.

Neighbors is not a must-see movie by any means, not like *Knocked Up* and *50/50*. It wouldn’t be a waste of money to see it in theaters, but it might make for a fun night once it is on DVD. Luckily, the film is not a one-dimensional drug dream with James Franco either, though Franco’s younger brother Dave does play Pete Regazolli in this film. *Neighbors* is a fun, somewhat substantial comedy. You just might find it worth your time, even if only because of the adorable baby Stella.

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BARNES

Evelyn Lucille Barnes, age 91 of Lowell, passed away Monday, June 9, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert and sons Larry, Jim and Bruce. She is survived by her sons Bob (Susan Brown) Barnes, David Barnes and Doug (Sue) Barnes; 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Thank you very much to the staff of Fountain View for Mom's excellent care over the past 10 years. A funeral service will be Friday 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell MI 49331. Rev. Rick Blunt officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 and one hour prior at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church.



FARMER

Betty Josephine Farmer, age 98 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, June 8th, 2014. Jo was born October 3, 1915 in New York City to Charles and Babette Fabrin. She is survived by her devoted daughter Babette (Gordon) Maylone and son Karl (Susan) Gass. Grandchildren: Gordon (Theresa) Maylone, Erik (Karen) Gauss, Sean (Alexandra) Gass and Nancy (Rick) Petroske. Great Grandchildren: David (Audrey), Jasmine, Vanessa, Robyn, Amy, Michael, Tucker, Jacob, Gavin and Cooper. Great-Great Grandchildren: Conner, Olivia and Rhex. Mom will forever be remembered for her strong will, determination and love for her children. She loved fast cars, her Trans-Am and CB, playing cards, gardening and travel especially to her homeland of Switzerland. Mom worked over 30 years for the Thoroughbred Horse Racing Association in Michigan, Arkansas and Nebraska. With Mom's love of animals, the family suggests Memorial contributions to Best Friends (bestfriends.org) Animal Society for abused and abandoned animals, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah 84741-5000. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the caring staff at Emerald Meadows Assisted Living. A memorial will be held at a later date.



SHAFFER

Barbara Jean (Dawson) Shaffer, age 92 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Walter and brother Wayne Dawson. She is survived by her children Delores Ellis, Donna (Will) Harrall, Wes Shaffer, Richard (Debbie) Shaffer and Larry (Gail) Shaffer; brothers Clayton (Phyllis) Dawson and Donald Dawson; sister Shirley Everson; 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 22 great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Barb retired from General Motors after 32 years of service. Her family would like to thank the Alto Fire Department Responders for all their help and care over the years. A funeral service will be Friday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI 49331. Rev. Richard Sherlock officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 11830 Drew Rd, Alto, MI 49302 or the Alto Fire Department, 6260 Bancroft Ave SE, Alto, MI 49302.



CONDON

Phyllis Elaine Condon, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Bry; son Carl and brother Keith Russell. She is survived by four daughters, Patricia (Carl) Peters, Vikisu Condon-Sharroch, Dawn (Michael) Phillips and Debra (Joseph) VanAlstine; brother Charles (Eva) Russell; sister Marilyn (Victor) VanHouten; 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. A Memorial gathering will be Saturday, June 14 2:00 p.m. VFW 8303 Flat River Post, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Memorial contributions may be made to Green Acres of Lowell, 11530 Fulton St. E, Lowell MI 49331 or Gentiva Hospice, 4081 Cascade Rd SE #400, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. LOGO # 391 Roth-Gerst 305 N. Hudson Lowell, Michigan 49331 www.gerstfuneralhomes.com



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ALDEN NASH WEST SUBDIVISION GARAGE SALES - June 13 & 14, 9-3 p.m. Alden Nash between Vergennes & Foreman, south of Lowell High School.

GARAGE SALE - June 13 & 14, Friday 9-6 & Sat. 9-3. Household items, toys, books, pet bicycle trailer, tag-a-long bike, more. 40 Cumberland NE, off Bailey.

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2 SISTERS ESTATE SALE - The Lafayette House, 506 Lafayette, Lowell. June 12 & 13, 9-5 p.m. June 14, 9-3 p.m. For pictures & info www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/MI/lowell/49331/651057

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Wed. - Fri., June 11-13, 9-5:30 p.m. 11910 Riverside Dr., Lowell. Hunting & fishing items, golf clubs, girl's clothing 3T & up, boy's clothing 5T & up, household items, New 31 Products & much more.

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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.

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

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - For youth ages 5-11. Second Sat. of each month, 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your imagination & be ready to build. Legos provided. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding, 616-794-1450.

FRIDAY FUN - Every Friday, 11-11:45 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, games & a simple craft. For 3-5 year olds. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

LADIES SEWING CLOTHES TO DONATE - First Friday of the month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items are made from donated material & fabrics, clothes from newborn to 12 years old. Items are donated to Blodgett Children's Home & St. John's Home. Join us to cut out patterns, L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St., Lowell.

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st-8th; GEMS for girls 3rd-8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060.

LOWELL - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meet-

ings, DDA meetings & planning commission meetings can be viewed on the 'local' Comcast public access channel (25) within a day or two of when they were held. Many athletic contests & concerts can be heard 'live' from the www.wlhrsradio.org internet radio website.

FIT CLUB - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., 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.

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.

TODDLER THURSDAY - Every Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & learning. Ages 18 mo. - 36 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

KID CRAFT SATURDAY - Third Saturday of each month. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. - noon. Make a craft & take it home. All ages are welcome. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

NEW STORY TIME AT FROM - first Wed. of every month, 6-7 p.m. at FROM, 11535 E. Fulton, Lowell.

LEGODAYS - first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - noon. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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.

MAGIC WITH TOM PLUNKARD - Wed., June 11, 6:30 p.m. An amazing program filled with live animals & loads of audience participation for all ages Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 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.

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.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - We will meet the first Tuesday of every month at LowellArts! at LowellArts! 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. A monthly support group for those impacted by breast cancer to learn & share together Please join us for supper at Gilda's Club, Lowell at 5:30 p.m. prior to the group meeting. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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.

GREATER LOWELL FARMERS' MARKET beginning Thursday, June 12. Fresh produce, flowers, arts & crafts, flea market items, antiques & estate items. Call Market Masters Dave & Betty Deans for more information, 897-9186 or 616-340-3233 or discoverlowell.org

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.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.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.

PIPPIN PUPPETS - June 26 at 10 a.m. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**THEME:
FAMILY MOVIES**

ACROSS

- 1. Move smoothly
- 6. *What Horton heard (2008)
- 9. *Lost clownfish (2003)
- 13. Kind of sentence
- 14. Reporter's question
- 15. Become established
- 16. Bring upon oneself
- 17. Long fish
- 18. Past or present
- 19. *Sherman's dad (2014)
- 21. Swelling, pl.
- 23. "___ bad!"
- 24. At the summit of
- 25. Overall part
- 28. Pressure unit named after Torricelli
- 30. *"The _____," squirrel's adventure (2014)
- 35. *Sandler of "Big Daddy" (1999)
- 37. Nabisco cracker
- 39. One of excessive propriety
- 40. ___ Verde National Park
- 41. *"Flushed Away" underworld (2006)
- 43. Icelandic epic
- 44. Pesto ingredient
- 46. Piercing spot
- 47. They're often hidden
- 48. Chemical cousin
- 50. Frill around collar
- 52. Public hanging?
- 53. Data holder
- 55. Aggravate
- 57. *"How to Train Your _____" (2010)
- 60. Lured with a decoy
- 64. Canine foe
- 65. Freudian topic
- 67. Former Belgian Congo

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JUNE 4 - JUNE 10

- Comedian Tracy Morgan was injured when a Walmart truck hit his chauffeured vehicle after a show. One person was killed.
- Another campus shooting at a high school in Portland, Oregon. This after a man and a woman shot and killed three people including two policemen then killed themselves in Las Vegas.
- Shaina Brown was working a night shift at a Waffle House on Mother's Day in North Carolina and received a \$1,000 tip. But apparently it is not in Waffle House's policy to let her keep such a generous tip and large tips charged on a credit card are automatically returned to the customer.
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- 69. Go wrong
- 70. Spritelike
- 71. Not guilty, e.g.
- 72. Hard to escape routine
- 73. Nathaniels, familiarly

DOWN

- 1. On a golf club
- 2. Crescent
- 3. Ancient Peruvian
- 4. Skeptic's MO
- 5. Drill into brain
- 6. Little Miss Muffet's meal ingredient
- 7. Garden cultivator
- 8. Baby owl
- 9. Indian Lilac tree
- 10. Europe's highest volcano
- 11. *Piggy's title
- 12. Single
- 15. Work promotion
- 20. "The _____," classic rock band
- 22. Knotts or McLean
- 24. MoMa's display
- 25. *Orphaned after forest fire (1942)
- 26. Content of cognition, pl.
- 27. _____ profundo
- 29. Cambodian currency
- 31. Not kosher
- 32. Succeeded kingdom of Judah
- 33. More eccentric
- 34. *Beauty's true love (1991)
- 36. Cripple
- 38. Domesticated ox having humped back
- 42. Fit out again
- 45. Accounting journal
- 49. *A story of Blu (2011)
- 51. *It featured the hit song "Let it Go" (2013)
- 54. Curl one's lip
- 56. Aussie bear
- 57. *Raggedy Ann is one
- 58. Boorish
- 59. Away from port
- 60. Database command
- 61. Pick-me-up
- 62. Buffalo's lake
- 63. Hibernation stations
- 64. Chop off
- 66. *He was despicable (2010)

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NO - We should never exchange
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Lowell grads hiking North Country Trail

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

James Dyer and Tyler Barkacs graduated from Lowell High School in 2008 and had not seen much of each other or their hometown since.

Dyer headed up state to study at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and Barkacs enlisted in the Air Force spending time based in England.

When Dyer decided to take on a portion of the enormous 4,600 mile Northern Country Trail Barkacs caught wind of his old friend's pending adventure and suggested they do it together and take it to the next level.

According to Dyer, "The trail goes through both of my home bases. I was originally going to do just

from Lowell to Marquette and then this guy got on board and said forget that, let's do all of Michigan!"

Dyer agreed to the challenge and the hiking duo strapped on their back packs and began their trek at the Ohio/Michigan border and headed north. One week and 160 miles later the pair landed in Lowell and were greeted by family and friends who offered the tired hikers a warm welcome, food, shelter and much needed rest.

Their journey has included some creative sleeping arrangements.

"We sleep anywhere we can. We slept next to a cemetery one night, behind a baseball diamond in Albion." said Dyer.

Barkacs jokingly chimed in, "We havent had to sleep right next to the

road yet but I feel like that is coming up!"

While both men have

experience hiking they said neither of them have ever taken on a challenge the size

of the one they are embarked upon now. They both agree that the for fun challenge is a great way to get off the grid, reconnect with an old friend and to explore their home state.

"Living in England there was a lot of cool things to do but I realized for the people who live there it was their own back yard." noted Barkacs, "I have gone and seen a lot of the states and a lot of Europe and have kind of neglected my own back yard."

The total length of their intended trek is 1,150 miles and will take them to the peak of the lower peninsula, across the upper and into Wisconsin. They expect the trip to take about seven more weeks.



James Dyer and Tyler Barkacs at the North Country Trail headquarters here in Lowell during a brief hiatus from their interstate trek.

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