

## Primary election to be held Tuesday, August 5

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The "primary" election is Tuesday, August 5. There are also three proposals on the ballot, all three of which involve taxation.

The first proposal would reduce the "state use tax" and replace it with "a local community stabilization share of the tax." The goal of this is "to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan." Voters might find the proposal's language confusing. Basically, it's meant to replace money local communities lost when the "personal property tax" was eliminated.

The second proposal is a simple millage "for

the purpose of planning, evaluating and providing services to persons age 60 years or older." The millage would raise \$10 million in the first year.

The last proposal is a 10-year millage to provide funds to the Kent District Library system. Some of the money raised will go to the Englehardt Library.

Republican voters will have to decide how "conservative" they want their conservative to be. For U.S. congress, voters will choose between incumbent Justin Amash and his challenger, Brian Ellis. Amash is a classic Reagan-style moderate republican, while Ellis takes more "tea party" stances on issues.

In the state congress, voters will pick between incumbent Lisa Posthumus Lyons and Angela Rigas. Both candidates live in Alto. Posthumus Lyons, the incumbent, graduated from Lowell High School and has a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. Her pre-politic's work was in the real estate industry. Rigas is a hairdresser and National Rifle Association (NRA) member who graduated from Hastings High School.

For county commissioner, incumbent Diane Jones is up against Jack Horton and Matthew Janiskee. Jones, the incumbent, lives in

Rockford. Before her career in politics she worked in the insurance industry. Horton lives in Lowell and is a customer service representative for Comprenew. He was a state representative from 1991 to 1998 and Kent County commissioner from 1998 to 2006. Janiskee is a Grand Rapids police sergeant and hostage negotiator.

There isn't much action on the democratic

side. Voters have a choice between Lance Penny and Michael Scruggs for state senate candidate. Scruggs is the Kent County Black Caucus chairman. Penny drives a delivery van and seems to be the more "liberal" of the two.

Voting will take place at city hall, 111 N. Monroe St.

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### community day



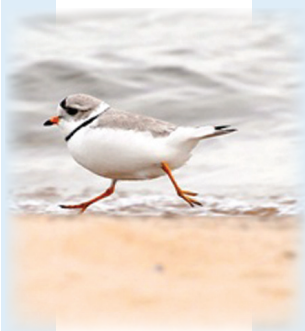
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## Arts in Motion at LowellArts!

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

LowellArts! wrapped up a six-week collaboration with Arts in Motion (AIM), a Grand Rapids based nonprofit organization, to bring classes in music,

dance and drama to area children with disabilities.

Held over six Mondays at the King Gallery, children aged eight and up were able to enjoy a sampling of the

arts during two-hour classes with instruction from trained Arts in Motion teachers and the executive director of AIM, Delight Lester.

Lester has been utilizing her educational roots in both the arts and social work to teach here in Michigan for the past thirty years. She officially founded AIM three years ago seeking nonprofit status to further her goal of making the arts accessible to all by spreading the word, seeking sponsors and finding and training the right teachers to assist in her mission: enriching the community and the lives of those with disabilities through the expressive arts.

She says she has witnessed first-hand the impact that creating accessibility to the arts can



Drama instructor Ted Jauw, with assistants Gabe and Isabella, work on mirroring with student Connor Fitzpatrick.

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## DNR encourages public input on intentions for state forest habitat, ecology

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking to update its network of high conservation value areas (HCVAs), areas of state-managed lands that, among other values, contain rare or sensitive natural communities that add to the robustness and character of Michigan's state forest land. This update is in

response to findings from the 2013 annual DNR forest certification audit regarding DNR conformance to forest certification standards.

Specifically, the effort is necessary to maintain certification of the 4-million-acre state forest and to better meet standards of the Sustainable Forestry

Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council.

The DNR has completed an extensive evaluation to identify areas for updating two HCVA categories: ecological reference areas (ERAs) and dedicated habitat areas

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## Hang on! It's time for the Kent County Fair



by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

It is time once again for the Kent County Youth Fair (KCYF) out at the fairgrounds.

The KCYF is an eight day extravaganza of fun rural activities. The festival's first day is Friday, August 1 and the last day will be Saturday, August 9. Each day is packed full of entertainment.

There are a few things, including the opening ceremonies, happening August 1 through August 3, but the first "big" day at the fair is Monday, August 4. Activities and events will then be held all day every day through the 9th.

There will be things like tractor pulls, livestock contests and other farm-related activities. They'll have carnival rides for you daredevils. Music fans will enjoy the Mid-West Dueling Pianos, the Brian Randall Band, Steam Powered Bluegrass and others. Gamblers will want

*"Everything we do is so we can put on a good fair for the kids."*

~ Bruce Doll

to check out the bingo games. Lowell Fire Department will be doing "extraction demonstrations" where they'll pull a car apart with the Jaws of Life.

There are way too many things going on to list them all in a newspaper paragraph, so your best bet is to check out their website, www.kcyf.org, or call 616-897-6050 for a ton more information, or just head out there next week and have fun.

"We're a smaller fair, and we're about the kids," said Bruce Doll, the KCYF vice president. "Everything we do is so we can put on a good fair for the kids."

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# Fans crowd the Riverwalk for last week's concert



Veteran Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert performers Alive & Well returned to the main stage last Thursday night with an energetic performance that packed the Riverwalk.

Originally formed in the mid 1970s, Alive & Well kicked off their musical career performing at Belding's Candlestone Inn as the house band. They have since gone on to be considered one of West Michigan's premier classic rock performers.

The seven-piece band, which features four versatile and vibrant lead vocalists, brought attendees to their feet as they delivered track after track of popular and powerful classic and pop rock.

This Thursday the popular concert series, presented by LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature the blues stylings of singer, songwriter and guitarist Greg Nagy beginning at 7 pm.



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**If music be the food of love, play on.**  
~ William Shakespeare



## along main street

### TOWN HALL MEETING ON CLASS ACTION 'RAILS TO TRAILS' CASE

On Thursday, July 31 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm a town hall meeting is scheduled at the Lowell VFW (Flat River Post 8303), 3116 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell. Arent Fox attorneys, Thor Hearne and Meghan Largent, will host the meeting to provide details on the rails to trails class action case, Faussett, et al. v. United States. The class action involves the federal government taking land to convert a section of Michigan railway into a trail that is approximately 22 miles long and runs between Lowell and Greenville.

### FREE CONCERT

The Birdsongs will be performing live on Sun., Aug. 3, 6-8 pm at the Lowell Showboat.

### COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

### YOUTH THEATER

Summer Youth Theater opportunity for students ages seven to 18 in August. Register now for the LowellArts! Beginning Theater class and production of The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends. Everyone will get cast in the show. For more info go to [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org) or call 897-8545.

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., Aug. 6 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

### LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

Cancer Survivor Exercise Program classes start the week of Sept. 8. For more information call 855-9570.

### PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

F.A.R.M. Photography Walk offered by LowellArts! Discover the beauty of farms with photographer Dianne Carroll Burdick. Walk through the Kent County Youth Fair and the grounds of an area farm and learn tips and tricks to improve your photography skills. Sun., Aug. 3, 1-5 pm. For more info and to sign up go to [www.lowellartsmi.org](http://www.lowellartsmi.org) or call 897-8545.

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# Fun myth-busting science at Englehardt Library

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library recently presented "Bust that Myth," a fun science-based program for teens based on the popular Discovery network television show MythBusters.

About a dozen participants took part in the hour-long investigation of well-known myths in an attempt to confirm their truth or "bust" them as falsehoods. The young science detectives had the

opportunity to test more than half a dozen myths during the event, including whether or not it is possible to clean dirty pennies with soda, tear apart two intertwined phone books or fold a standard piece of paper in half more than seven times.

The enthusiastic learners also tested the theories that it is possible to make homemade bouncy balls from just a few standard household ingredients and to pull a tablecloth from a table leaving the dishes on top intact.

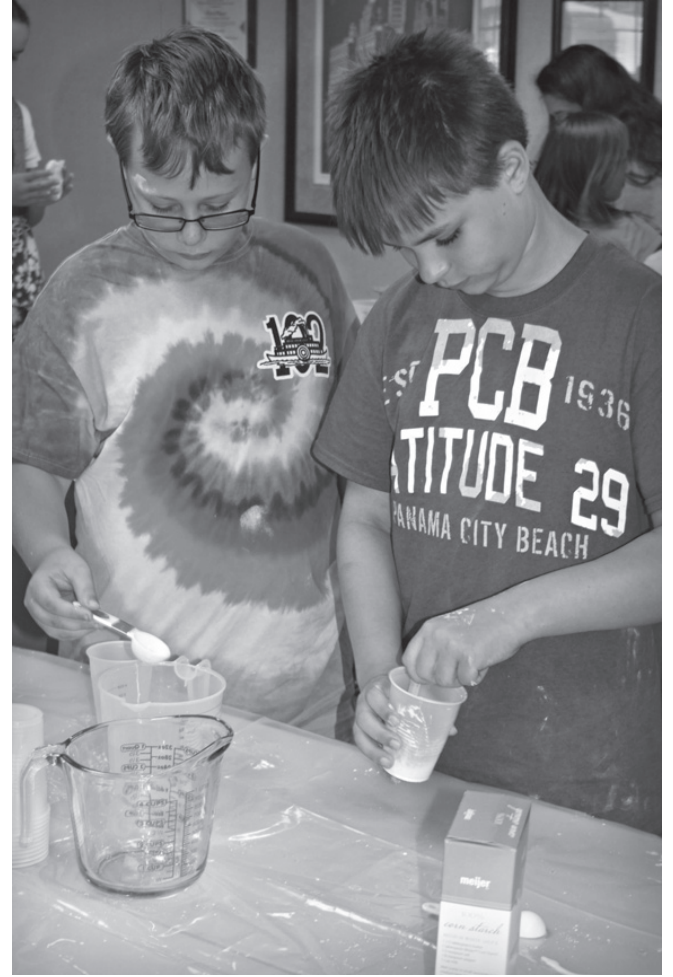
The final myth tested provided explosive results outside of the library when the infamous Mentos and soda connection was explored in the parking lot. Participants lined up various types of two liter sodas and simultaneously dropped in the candies. They quickly ran for cover when an almost instant chemical reaction created a row of colorful and bubbly geysers confirming both the popular myth as truth and that exploring science is fun.



Lowell Middle School student Brooke Meijer gets her hands dirty in order to be a myth-buster at the Englehardt library.



Attendees tested the Mentos and soda myth in the library parking lot and produced colorful and explosive results.



Ian Schwartz and Koby O'strander find out whether or not it is possible to create their own homemade bouncy balls.

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## kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

### the community's greatest resource

The Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library (KDL) is really living up to its motto as the community's greatest resource this summer. Using fun and educational means, they are broadening our community's horizons. The programs that the library offers are great educational experiences for the whole family. From Ruff Readers to the Taste of Summer, young or old a fun program awaits you at KDL. KDLville is yet another example of how KDL gives back to its community. It

has fun activities that teach your infant or toddler vital life skills, like identifying colors and shapes. The crown jewel of the KDL summer experience is the summer reading program. For newborns to adults and everyone in between, this program is a fun way to get everyone excited to read. "KDL offers a lot of different services to a lot of different people," says loyal KDL librarian, Mary. And they truly do.

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Kent District Library

residents will be asked to vote on a millage proposal to provide funding for KDL. I have done some reading on this proposal and want to tell you that this is what the proposal will help KDL provide for our community:

- Free digital audio and Braille materials for the blind and physically handicapped.
- Summer reading programs, KDLville and other activities that help kids learn (and love) to read.
- Free use of computers and WiFi.
- Workshops and classes for those needing assistance using today's technology.

Vote on this proposal to help the library help the community even more; keep the community's greatest resource going strong.

## health



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

### adult tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis

Most adults are aware of the need to get a tetanus booster immunization once every ten years. Some may also be aware that along with the tetanus booster, you receive a diphtheria booster. Most adults, however, may not be aware that pertussis is a third booster immunization that has been recently recommended in adulthood. All three are currently administered in a single immunization called Tdap. Most children are currently immunized against all three, but it is now known that immunity will weaken unless boosters are received against them in adulthood.

Tetanus is a bacterium

that lives in soil and the intestinal tract of certain animals. When this bacterium enters a wound, either through a bite, cut or puncture, it multiplies and produces toxins. These toxins affect the nerves that control muscles, leading to intense muscle contractions. "Lock Jaw" is a common term used to describe one of the early effects of a tetanus infection.

Diphtheria is a bacterial infection that is transmitted via droplets coughed or sneezed into the air by an infected person. Diphtheria infections typically start out as an intensely sore throat. This bacterium also produces a toxin which

can travel through the bloodstream and lead to damage to the heart and brain.

Pertussis is a bacterium which causes an upper respiratory tract infection, commonly called whooping cough. This infection spreads easily from person to person, via respiratory droplets, much like diphtheria. It causes intense coughing fits that can persist for months. It can cause more severe illness and even death in the very young, old and debilitated.

All three of these diseases can cause serious illness and even death. Fortunately, all three diseases are rare these days in developed countries like ours. This is due to the immunizations that have been developed against them and that the majority of us receive. If it has been ten years or more since your last tetanus and diphtheria booster, or if you've never received the pertussis booster as an adult, see your health care provider.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### showing support

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express, in the strongest possible terms, my support for commissioner Diane Jones. Commissioner Jones is running to be retained as Kent County's 4th District Commissioner in the August 5 primary. I served with Commissioner Jones when she was a trustee on the Cannon Township board. She exhibited a commitment to and passion for, her constituents that is rarely seen in a public servant. She is a problem-

solver and a doer. She works tirelessly to find ways to protect the health, safety and welfare of her constituents, while realizing that she is a steward of their hard-earned money. We need her at the county. With Diane Jones, that position is not a mere stepping stone, but a calling. I urge everyone to vote for commissioner Diane Jones on August 5.

Stephen L. Grimm  
supervisor, Cannon  
Township

Dear Editor,

I believe that Diane Jones is the best choice for county commissioner of district 4. I have had the privilege of working with Diane since 2004 when she was first elected to the Cannon Township board. Cannon Township uses a committee system to address the needs of the community. I have had the pleasure to serve

on several committees with Diane. I appreciate the fact that she knows how to get things done and will volunteer for tasks that are time-consuming and require attention to detail. Diane was a member of the recreation committee since 2004 until she became the Kent County commissioner for district 4. She took an active role in the development of the

Cannon Trail system and has especially focused on Bostick Lake Park, advocating for many improvements. Diane has served as chair of the facilities committee which is an important committee that oversees all building and grounds repairs and improvements. The cemetery committee and IT committee also benefited from Diane's involvement because of her keen eye for

detail on various projects undertaken over the years. Diane's greatest quality is her willingness to give of her time for the service of the community.

I am supporting Diane Jones for Kent County commissioner and invite all of you to join me in the August 5th primary.  
Sincerely,  
Bonnie S. Blackledge  
Cannon Township clerk

down my cheeks. I felt as if I was becoming acquainted with each of you in a very personal way. Many people teach us to respond to times of trial in our life, but it

takes a special person to teach us to be positive while he/she is going through tough times. You are truly an inspiration to me.  
Diane LaWarre

### taxes and roads

Dear Editor,

I very much dislike having to pay taxes and now Ionia County is going to ask me to say yes to paying even more. Instead of planning to vote no, I did some checking to see if there was a really good reason I should say

yes. Below are facts I learned that show what this is all about.  
• Our county road commission is responsible for maintaining well over  
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### is station a good idea?

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading the July 23 edition of the Lowell Ledger and was particularly interested in the article about the new gas station being built at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Vergennes. What was Vergennes thinking, or rather, not thinking, when they issued approval for a gas station at the end of an active runway of an airport?

Everyone knows that the most dangerous time in flying is at takeoff and landing. I wouldn't want a home underneath the flight path of an airport runway, let alone, a gas station. Good luck getting employees who want to work there. Customers should be of the risk-taking type also.  
Ann Kirkwood  
Lowell

### perseverance stories

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much to all of you who have written your Pink Arrow and Gilda's Club stories for the Lowell

Ledger and Buyers Guide. Every week, I read them word for word and many times I had tears rolling

Scott's hardware store and Clark and Winegar's drug store was rebuilt and new sidewalk laid last week. J. C. Scott showed himself to be a Master Mason as he laid the stone of the wall. Will Clark did the stone breaking. Editor Westland, of Grand Ledge, has a cow which recently drank several gallons of paint and now gives ready mixed colors instead of milk and Westland proposes to sell out and set up in business as a house and sign painter.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 30, 1914

A three weeks drought was broken here Monday by a thunder storm. Other near-by localities had been favored several times by storms that passed around Lowell.

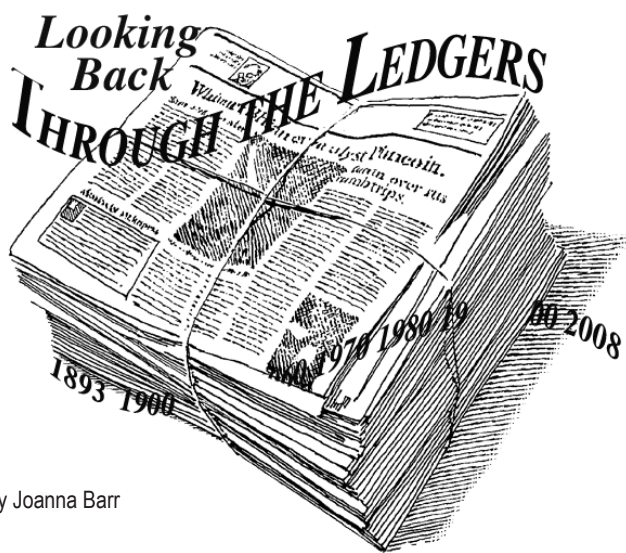
The Lowell City band, under the direction of Clifton H. Bradshaw, gave a concert on the street last evening, with an excellent and varied program. The businessmen have subscribed liberally for open air concerts during the season.

Chas. W. Mixer, of Hastings, a former Lowell resident, is an enthusiastic angler, who believes in providing the ways and means. He has planted millions of trout, perch, pike and bass in the streams and lakes of Barry county during the past few years. That's what we call a good Mixer and we need one of that sort right here in Lowell now.

Starting Mon., August 3, there will be one big week of doings at the Kelly & Brennan big tent on driving park.

The Kopf block, occupied by the Woodmen, Yeiter & Shaw and The Ledger, is undergoing repairs.

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal July 31, 1889

The Bell Telephone line men passed through town Monday, putting up a through line of large copper wire from Detroit to Grand Rapids.

A dangerous counterfeit \$10 greenback is in circulation. It is the issue of 1875, letter B, with a portrait of Alexander Hamilton on the left side. The engraving is poorly executed and the paper is very thick. The silk strands mixed in the paper of the genuine notes are very well imitated in the counterfeit by colored ink. If you are lucky enough to get hold of a \$10 bill look at it closely.

The County Treasurer is paying out from eight to ten dollars per day bounty to boys for English Sparrow heads. The bounty under the new law is three cents for each sparrow killed.

The stone wall at the edge of the sidewalk in front of

## power lines

Greg Pierce

The last two months have been hectic as we work on projects that are bringing local generation back to Lowell. In May we underwent the air emissions testing required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the first combustion turbine installed at the Lowell Energy Center (our facility at 625 Chatham). The test results were excellent and we exceeded (performed better than) the requirements for each parameter tested. We continue to work on the installation of the second combustion turbine and expect to have it up and running in 2015.

Lowell Energy Anaerobic Digestion (AD) has also been busy inside the building at Chatham digging and pouring the tanks to hold feedstock and to hold the end product called digestate for the bio-digester. The most noticeable change to the site, however, happened last week when the Upflow and Downflow tanks arrived and were set in place on the north side of the building (picture right).

This facility will be the first installation of a state-of-the-art German technology called Upflow Downflow Reflow in the United States. The two tall tanks (Upflow/Downflow) will be connected to a larger tank (Reflow) that will be assembled on site in the next few weeks. This proprietary technology is expected to produce up to 20 percent more biogas with lower capital costs than standard stirred digester technology.

The project is on track to begin taking in feedstock

in September and to come on line producing energy in the first quarter of next year. We have been very busy doing our summer tree trimming and making upgrades to service and distribution lines in our system that are aging and in need of attention. Reconstruction of the east-side substation is also scheduled to begin later this summer/fall.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to report on our Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy plans for the past year. Lowell Light and Power customers installed energy-saving equipment during 2013 that resulted in a savings of 444,233 kilowatt hours. Over the last five years of the program, Lowell Light and Power customers have saved over 2,086,000 kilowatt hours. This would be equivalent to the electricity required by 251 average Lowell homes for a year. Our Renewable Energy program has also progressed well for 2013 with over eight percent of our electricity coming from a renewable source. We are on track to have at least 10 percent renewable energy in our portfolio in 2015 as required by PA 295. Since startup of the Lowell bio-digester is projected for late fall this year or the first of next year, Lowell customers will be able to tout that nearly 20 percent of their electricity comes from renewable generation.

All of us at Lowell Light and Power hope you have a great remainder of the summer.

# engagements

## Vezino/Pfaller



**Mandy Vezino and Brian Pfaller**

Jay and Saralyn Vezino from Grand Valley State University and is currently a teacher for West Michigan Virtual. Brian received his degree from Western Michigan University and is a senior technical support specialist at Brunswick. Their wedding is planned for August 9, 2014, in Ada.

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# Lowell Garden Club wraps up the season

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club met at the home of Gwen Hughes earlier this summer to wrap up its yearly festivities. Along with an enjoyable meal served in the garden, they were able to tour Hughes' wooded garden path and flower and vegetable gardens. They did manage to sneak in a little club business by installing into office the new treasurer, Judy Ellison; and secretary, Carol McGregor.

Members took part in a single flower or stem flower show. First-place in the tall vase category went to Rex Byrne, second-place to Babette Maylone and grand champion of the show was

also taken by Maylone. A silent auction was held to help raise the money to fund local projects: the planting and care of Gilda's Club garden and the planting of the flowers on the Lowell Showboat Riverwalk and hanging baskets on the Showboat.

Their most profitable money-raising project is the Fallasburg Festival, where the members prepare dried flowers for sale for either do-it-yourself flower arranging or making and selling ready-made arrangements. Club meetings run from October through June at the Lowell Nazarene Church fellowship hall.



**Pictured, left to right, are: president, Rex Byrne; treasurer, Judy Ellison; and secretary, Carol McGregor.**

# outdoors

diversity



Dave Stegehuis

Woodland clearings are important to a variety of wild creatures. The special habitat provides food and cover for some and a permanent home for others.

There is a one acre opening in an area of rolling hardwoods which we call the meadow. Although the meadow is managed primarily for whitetail deer, it is popular with everything from bugs to bears.

A mix of small burnet and clover were planted in a quarter acre strip for the deer. The remainder of the meadow is mowed

occasionally to maintain the opening but has been left to grow naturally.

Milkweed plants are scattered about the field including the planted portion because no herbicide was applied. Monarch butterflies are in trouble as a species due to weather conditions and habitat destruction. The colorful butterflies lay eggs on the underside of milkweed plants to restart their life cycle. The hatched worms feed on the milkweed leaf and then develop into a pupa. A butterfly then emerges from the pupa.

Without milkweed none of this will happen, so the milkweed is left to naturally grow in the meadow. Monarchs were seen on a visit to the meadow today.

Purple bee balm grows abundantly on about half of the meadow. Bees work over the blooms to make honey, while hummingbirds show up for lunch.

A large variety of natural grasses cover almost all of the meadow and harbor a multitude of insects which provide food for songbirds as well as grouse and turkeys. Deer beds suggest the whitetail are munching the burnet and clover and using the tall grass for cover. Scores of small rodents find

food and a home there also. Bear sign is common, but I don't know what the bruin is up to.

Managing wildlife habitat is more difficult than it seems. Care must be taken so as not to benefit one species at the expense of another. Education and research are required to insure wise decisions are made.

The objective is to provide for a diversity of wildlife and not focus on just one species. These practices can be applied to a backyard or the backcountry. We can all play a part in supporting our wild friends to be enjoyed by ourselves and future generations.

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# DNR encourages public input, continued

(DHAs). The DHAs being considered are specifically for plant and animal species on DNR-managed lands that need areas of habitat in the core of a forest (away from forest edges) in order to survive. ERAs are recognized primarily on DNR-managed lands, but may also include some federal-administered lands (e.g., national parks, lakeshores and national forests), local government-administered lands and conservancy lands.

The DNR is conducting a stakeholder and public review period on the proposed ERAs and DHAs, their attributes and management options. All proposed areas are posted on the DNR website at: [www.michigan.gov/forestcertification](http://www.michigan.gov/forestcertification). The DNR is still working with federal and local owners as potential partners, which will likely result in additional ERAs on non-DNR lands being identified and added to this website in the future.

Bill O'Neill, chief of the DNR's Forest Resources Division, said the feedback the department

receives from the initial public review period (July 25 through Aug. 22, 2014) is an important part of the designation process.

"Successful management of Michigan's state forest land requires discussions with a variety of stakeholders," said O'Neill, who also serves as state forester. "We hope to receive many thoughtful comments regarding the proposed areas, which will help to ensure that our certified state forests continue to meet Michigan's recreation, economic and conservation needs and help to ensure that the state's rich biological heritage is conserved for future generations."

A public webinar is set for Aug. 13, 2014, to provide information and answer questions regarding the ERAs and DHAs.

People who have further comments or ideas regarding the proposed areas are encouraged to submit them via email to [DNR-ForestCertificationComments@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-ForestCertificationComments@michigan.gov), or by mail to DNR Forest Resources Division, Forest Planning and Operations Section, P.O.

Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 22, 2014.

After the initial public review period closes, the DNR will seek final

approval of the plans by the DNR director at the September and October 2014 Natural Resources Commission meetings.

For more information about the webinar or

the proposed ERAs and DHAs, contact David Price, DNR forest planning and inventory unit supervisor, ([priced1@michigan.gov](mailto:priced1@michigan.gov) or 517-284-5891) or

visit [www.michigan.gov/forestcertification](http://www.michigan.gov/forestcertification) and click on Proposed Update of Ecological Reference Areas and Dedicated Habitat Areas.

## LEGAL NOTICE FROM THE U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

If, on June 9, 2008 or April 29, 2009, you had an ownership interest in land constituting part of the railroad corridor or right-of-way formerly operated by Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. between Lowell, Michigan and Greenville, Michigan, you may be eligible to join a class action.

### What is this lawsuit about?

On June 6, 2014, an amended class-action complaint was filed against the United States in the United States Court of Federal Claims by property owners for themselves and on behalf of a proposed group or "class" of similarly situated property owners. The lawsuit is about whether the United States has taken the Plaintiffs' ownership interest in the subject railroad right-of-way as a result of an order issued by the Surface Transportation Board that authorized Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc., the railroad previously operating a rail line on this right-of-way, to enter into an agreement with Friends of Fred-Meijer Heartland Trail for trail use of the right-of-way. The Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail subsequently sold the right-of-way to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In addition to trail use, the right-of-way is also preserved for rail use at any point in the future. The lawsuit seeks monetary compensation from the United States for the alleged taking of this property.

### Am I an eligible class member?

Eligible class members are those who had an ownership interest on June 9, 2008, in property constituting a part of those portions of the railroad corridor or right-of-way located between railroad milepost 81.5 in Greenville, Michigan and milepost 103.2 in Lowell, Michigan formerly occupied by Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. ("MMR") or who had an ownership interest on April 28, 2009, in lands constituting a part of those portions of the railroad corridor or right-of-way located between railroad milepost 81.32 at Washington Street in Greenville, Michigan, and milepost 78.50, at Peck Road in Greenville, Michigan. You are still an eligible owner if you owned the property on the date it was taken – either June 9, 2008 or April 28, 2009 – it does not matter if you have since sold or transferred the property.

### How can I join the Class Action?

To be considered eligible to join the Class Action, **you must mail or fax a completed form by September 15, 2014** stating that on June 9, 2008 or April 28, 2009 (per Paragraph 2), you, or the entity you represent owned an interest in land constituting part of the railroad corridor or right-of-way and that you wish to join the Class Action to have your claim pursued. If you do so and are otherwise eligible, Class Counsel will enter your appearance in the Class Action on or before September 25, 2014. **Class Counsel (info below) will provide you with the form upon your request.**

### You will not owe money if you join this class.

Only if the Class Counsel are successful in obtaining an award for you, will they be paid from the greater of (1) a contingency fee equal to 33% of the total recovery or (2) the attorney's fees and litigation expenses - to the extent the Court determines that such fees and expenses are reasonable - that may be paid by the United States pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4654(c).

### What happens if I do or don't decide to join the Class Action?

If you become a class member, a judgment in this case will be binding on you, meaning you could not pursue your own separate lawsuit using your own attorney. If you do not join the Class Action, please be aware the statute of limitations for filing a claim has passed and you may no longer be able to individually pursue a claim.

### Other information

Whether you are still the owner, or have sold the property, has no impact on your eligibility to make a claim. However, you must have owned the property on either June 8, 2008 or April 28, 2009, depending on where your property is located, to be eligible.

If you qualify, your claim is for the value of the property alleged to have been taken. The value of each property has not yet been determined, but could be substantial. The Court has not decided whether the Plaintiffs or the United States is correct; by establishing the Class and issuing this Notice, the Court is not suggesting that the Plaintiffs will win or lose the case.

This case is neutral toward the trail itself and does not attempt to stop it; the claim is against the federal government irrespective of what organization may be building or using the trail.

If this case is unsuccessful, you will have no obligation for attorneys' fees or costs.

**You can request a form to join the Class Action from Class Counsel.** Their contact information is: Arent Fox, LLP, 112 S. Hanley, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63105; (314)-296-4000 (phone); (202)-857-6395 (fax); or <mailto:debi.luce@arentfox.com>.

## college news

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

The spring semester ended in May.

The following are local students: from Ada: Jacob E. Aronoff, Kelli Marie Brunette, Shannon Lynn Dahlquist, Meredith Joan Greengard, Tessa Rose Herringa, Cameron Reese Heldt, Shelby Adele King, Peter Joseph Konyndyk, Hannah May Messer, Kyle Alexander Mulligan, Jenna Lyn Neuman, Jenna Marie Pope, Kaely S. Schlosser, and Stephen James Snyder; from Alto: Tara Lynn Kendall, Danielle Kay Parent, Leigha Sydney Shoaf, Bridgette Lynn Smith, and Kevin Daniel Wilder; and from Lowell: Katie Mae DeVries, Shelby Leigh Herb, Emily Kristine Jelsma, Tracey D. Johnson, Kelsey M. Mankel, and Anna Marie Scudder.

Central Michigan University has announced the May 2014 graduates. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and honors: from Ada: Andrew Culross, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Mallory Dow, Bachelor of Science; Shelby King, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Hannah Messer, Bachelor of Science; Emily Miller, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Kaely Schlosser, Bachelor of Science; and Keith Schwartz, Master of Arts (education and academic areas); from Alto: Kurt Rempe, Master of Arts (education and academic areas); and from Lowell: Jeffrey Austhof, Master of Science in Administration; Shelby Herb, Bachelor of Social Work; Misty McClure-Anderson, Bachelor of Science; Kory Stevens, Bachelor of Science in Education; and Tony Wittkowski, Bachelor of Science.

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## Arts in Motion, continued

have on the lives of those living with disabilities.

"The arts have a way of speaking to our spirits and our souls. You never know what can unlock someone," said Lester.

Another part of continuing to build the organization, according to Lester, was creating additional opportunities for its programming outside of her own studio in Grand Rapids. Last fall, she integrated AIM classes

into the special education curriculum at Sparta Public Schools creating her first successful satellite location.

Lester said LowellArts! was the perfect choice for their second location citing immense support from executive director Lorain Smalligan.

"The idea is to provide an opportunity for the adaptive arts in the Lowell area. It is a great space to be able to do this in and Lorain has been very supportive.

She is very committed to making sure that the arts are accessible to everyone in the community."

The Lowell-based programming was also made possible by a generous \$300 grant from the Lowell Rotary Club.

A second session of AIM classes has been scheduled for the fall.

Information and registration instructions can be found on the LowellArts! website.



AIM class members participate in a game of Simon Says as a fun warm up to their drama exercises.

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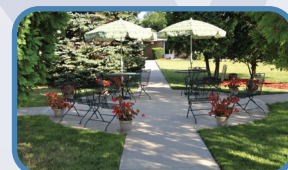
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# Community Day 2014 at Gilda's Club

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride season officially kicked off on Tuesday when Gilda's Club hosted the Lowell Community

Wellness Pink Arrow health fair.

The day featured the public's first opportunity to purchase the seventh version

of the Pink Arrow Force t-shirt. The shirt serves as admission to the Pink Arrow football game, scheduled to be held on Sept. 5 when

the Pink Arrows will again be playing against Chicago Hubbard.

For every Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt sold during this special community event All Weather Seal donated \$1.

Attendees were also able to enjoy a free meal fresh off the grill, ice cream from The Ice Cream Cabus, health and wellness information and activities and fun games for children, including a bouncy double slide.



Attendees took advantage of the first opportunity to purchase the fundraising Pink Arrow Pride VII t-shirt good for game day admittance.

Volunteers prepare lunch on the grill for attendees, at right and top.



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# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

unquestionably a highly personal matter. And once you start exploring the investment world, you may find it fascinating, as it entails virtually every human endeavor imaginable: business, politics, science, the environment, and so on. But if you want to completely run your own show, you will need to put in a lot of work — such as studying the financial markets, staying up-to-date on changing investment environments and monitoring your portfolio to make sure it is

still appropriate for your financial needs and goals. Most people find that they do not have the time or expertise to manage this investment process on their own, which is why they turn to professional financial advisors. The key advantage in working with an advisor is that he or she knows your risk tolerance, goals and family situation, and can help you create a personalized, long-term investment strategy. A good financial advisor will communicate with you regularly and make recommendations. A financial advisor can offer you a variety of strategies and types of investments — such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds — to help you work toward your goals. Ultimately, though, you will be the one to make the “buy” or “sell” decisions.

Some investors prefer to leave even the buy-and-sell decisions to professionals. Most financial advisors offer advisory programs that take care of this for you. With these programs, you choose a professionally managed portfolio of investments. The programs typically offer a wide range of portfolios, so you can choose one that’s appropriate based on your needs, goals and risk tolerance. Each portfolio contains a broad range of investments that are selected by professional analysts and represent a variety of asset classes. Advisory programs also offer a sophisticated rebalancing process designed to keep your assets allocated appropriately, which can help keep you on track toward your specific financial goals.

consultation with a financial advisor or to invest in an advisory program — or both — you really should learn as much as possible about your investments. Whichever method you decide is best for you, remember that investing involves risk, and investment performance is never guaranteed. So make sure you’re asking the right questions, such as: *What are the risk characteristics? How has a particular investment vehicle performed relative to others in its category? What are the tax implications of owning and selling a specific investment vehicle? What are the costs and fees associated with each choice?*

As you may have heard many times, knowledge is power — and that’s certainly true in the investment arena.

Whether you choose to make your own decisions in

## Should you be a “hands-on” investor?

If you want to send your children or grandchildren to college, retire comfortably and achieve other important life goals, you will have to invest — it’s that simple. But the process of investing can sometimes seem anything but simple. What can you do to gain confidence that

you are making the right investment moves?

The answer may depend on how involved you want to be with your investment decisions. Initially, you might think that you would like to be totally “hands on.” After all, how you save and invest your money is

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## Wall Street firms avoided taxes, took on big risks



Sen. Carl Levin

In recent years, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, has exposed tax avoidance by profitable corporations and wealthy individuals. We also have examined reckless behavior that has put the stability of the financial system — and by extension, the U.S. economy — at risk. In late July, we released a report and held a lengthy hearing on a situation that combines those two important issues.

We focused on how two banks and a handful of hedge funds developed a complex financial structure to engage in highly profitable financial market trading while claiming an unjustified lower tax rate and avoiding limits on risky trading with borrowed money. This structure worked well for the banks,

which earned hundreds of millions of dollars in fees. It worked well for the hedge funds, which made billions

of dollars in profits. But it didn’t work for average taxpayers, who had to shoulder the tax burden these hedge funds shrugged off with the aid of the banks. And it didn’t work for the financial system, which is

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## At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

### DIY Tie-Dye for Teens -

Bring a white or light colored t-shirt to this program and try a new way of tie-dye - with permanent markers. All other materials will be provided to help you create a one-of-a-kind shirt to wear. Tues., August 12, 6:30 pm.

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# State parks celebrating 40 years of Endangered Species Act

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Michigan's Endangered Species Act, the legislation that has been critical to the recovery of many different species. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating this milestone with a week of programming in several state parks.

Threatened and Endangered Species Week, running Aug. 4 to 10, will feature opportunities to learn more about some of Michigan's threatened and endangered species through hikes, guided activities and

much more. These fun, educational programs are great for the whole family.

Gov. William Milliken signed the Endangered Species Act into law July 11, 1974, and it took effect Sept. 1, 1974. The law has been immensely beneficial to the DNR and its conservation partners by enabling protection and management of rare species across the state.

Since the act was signed into law, the DNR has partnered with many other conservation organizations and federal agencies to

help recover listed species. Important species that have been recovered and removed from the state's threatened and endangered species list include the gray wolf, bald eagle, peregrine falcon and osprey.

Threatened and Endangered Species Week programs will be offered at many state parks and recreation areas around the state. To find a program, visit [www.michigan.gov/natureprograms](http://www.michigan.gov/natureprograms) and click on "Threatened and Endangered Species Week August 4-10."



The piping plover is one of Michigan's endangered species. Photo by Jeremy Joswick.

## Levin, continued

ill-equipped to withstand another shock from risky deals gone wrong.

Central to this fiction was the use of something called a "basket option." Together, the two banks – Deutsche Bank AG of Germany and Barclays PLC of Great Britain – sold 199 basket options to hedge funds that used them to make over \$100 billion in trades. Two of the largest basket option users were Renaissance Technologies LLC, known as RenTec, and George Weiss Associates.

The arrangements were complex, but the basket option basics worked like this: The bank sold its hedge-fund client a financial product, labeled an "option," whose payoff equaled the profits generated by a "basket" of securities such as stocks and bonds held in a designated account at the bank. The account technically belonged to the bank, even though the hedge fund controlled all the securities trading and reaped all the profits. One hedge fund used the account to make 30 million trades or more a year.

In addition, the fictional option was structured so that it could be exercised more

than one year after it was created. That's important because our tax code gives a reduced tax rate to profits from the sale of assets held for more than a year as an incentive for investors to put their money into long-term investments that help grow the economy.

The hedge funds claimed that trading profits from the account were long-term capital gains and thereby qualified for the reduced long-term capital gains tax rate, even though the basket account often bought and sold assets that it held for days or even minutes. Subcommittee staff estimates that from 2000 to 2013, RenTec avoided paying more than \$6 billion in taxes.

Tax avoidance through financial engineering wasn't the only problem. The banks and hedge funds also used basket option accounts to circumvent regulations designed to limit systemic risks to the banking system posed by excessive leverage – that is, excessive lending to finance stock trading.

Had the hedge funds involved in these transactions been using normal brokerage accounts, they could have borrowed

only \$1 for every \$2 of their own money in the trading accounts. That limit exists to keep traders from borrowing lots of money, experiencing big losses and, if they fail, dragging down the banks that lent them money which, by extension, could once again put our entire financial system at risk.

But because the basket option accounts were opened in the name of the banks, the banks pretended to be depositing money into their own accounts instead of loaning money to the hedge funds. That fiction allowed the hedge funds to borrow up to 20 times as much money as they normally could have, which allowed them to profit much more from their trading strategies but also risked big losses for them and their banks.

The basket option arrangement was built on an interlocking series of fictions. It is another example of financial institutions playing fast and loose with the rules while offloading billions of taxes onto the backs of ordinary taxpayers. Congress and financial regulators can and should work together to stop the abuses.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195837-DE

Estate of HARRY  
JOHN NIELSEN,

deceased. Date of birth:  
10/24/1923.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Harry John Nielsen, deceased, who lived at 13735 West Point Dr., NE, Gowen, MI 49326, died 6/23/2014.

both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 22, 2014

Craig A. Bruggink  
P.L.C. (P29358)  
429 Turner NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
616-456-5048

Mark A. Nielsen  
13735 West Point Dr., NE  
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mark A. Nielsen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to

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## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on July 21, 2014, the Board adopted the following Ordinances, a summary of which follows:

**Ordinance 05-2014**, an Ordinance to amend Section 4.33 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to delete the existing regulations pertaining to towers and antennas which are over 35 feet and regulate those towers and antennas which are 35 feet and under.

**Ordinance 06-2014**, an Ordinance to add Section 4.41 to regulate wireless communications towers and antennas exceeding 35 feet and to delete Section 22.0(q) Towers and Antennas from the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. This Ordinance also amends the following:

- AG-1 Zone  
Delete Section 5.03 (j)  
Commercial towers and antennas per Section 22.03(q)  
Section 5.03(l)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- AG-2 Zone  
Section 6.03(e)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- R-1 Zone  
Section 7.03(c)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- R-2 Zone  
ADD Section 8.03(e)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- R-3 Zone  
ADD Section 9.03(h)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- R-4 Zone  
ADD Section 10.03(e)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- Commercial Zone  
Section 11.03(a)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- Light Industrial Zone  
Section 12.03(t)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein
- Industrial PUD Zone  
ADD Section 16.03(m)  
Towers and antennas over 35 feet in height per Section 4.41 herein

The Ordinances shall become effective August 6, 2014. A copy of the complete text of the Ordinances can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600. The Ordinances are also available on our website at [www.twp.lowell.mi.us](http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us)

Linda S. Regan, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

# obituaries

## BISHOP

Thelma Estes Bishop, age 99 of Cascade and Ana Maria Island, FL, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Spectrum Hospital after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Mahlon Estes and second husband, Donald Bishop; and eldest son, Terry. She is survived by her son, Brian (Lynne) Estes of Cascade; daughter, Karen Franchi of Cascade, Leann Kenney of Bradenton, FL; ten grandchildren; eight great grandchildren. Thelma was a member of Cascade Christian Church. As per her wishes cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service at a later date.



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## CONRAD

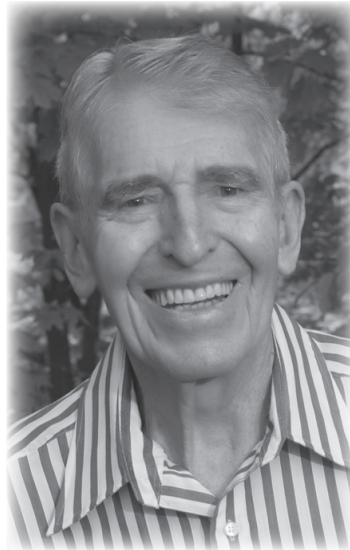
Lawrence Edward Conrad, age 80 of Clarksville, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Nellie Conrad and brother Danny. He is survived by his children Larry (Joann) Conrad, Teresa Conrad and Ann Conrad; sister Shelby (Bernie) Oostema; sister-in-law Beulah Conrad; 5 grandchildren Matt, Niki, Chris, Kevin and Brittany; and 6 great-grandchildren. Lawrence served in the US Navy. Following his wishes, there will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.



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## HEASTON

Gaylord Heaston passed away peacefully Monday, July 28, 2014 at Green Acres in Lowell, as he slept next to his wife, Betty (Elizabeth Burrow) of 73 years. Gaylord was born in Huntington, IN on August 12, 1919 to Raymond and Nellie (Warpup) Heaston. He attended Huntington High School (class of 1937), and Indiana Institute of Technology in Ft. Wayne, IN graduating with a Mechanical Engineering degree in 1939. He was employed as Chief Engineer at Gardner Machine Company in Beloit for 50 years, and was a member of ASME for over 60 years. Gaylord served in the Navy during WWII aboard the Blue Ridge in the South Pacific. His brothers Rex & Alvin also served in WWII. Gaylord and Betty made their home in Beloit, WI before moving to Lowell 15 years ago. They have always enjoyed traveling (usually camping) covering all 50 states, and canoeing (most of the rivers in WI). Gaylord was a loving husband, an amazing father, an exceptional grandfather, and an inspirational great grandfather. He enjoyed "projects" and games, especially croquet, with his family. Gaylord is survived by his wife, Betty; his sister, Clotene Garwood of Roanoke, IN; his two children Diana Bittrick of Lowell, and Dean (Nancy) Heaston of Indian River; his five grandchildren Brenda (Doug) Wunder of Grand Haven, Brett(Amanda) Bittrick of Holland, Brandon Bittrick of Norton Shores, Brien (Amy) Heaston of Canton, Monica (Ryan) Ingalls of Menasha, WI; and his nine great grandchildren Dylan & Sophia Wunder, Landon, Pace & Ava Bittrick and Denon, Jai, Coulter & Iva Ingalls. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Rex, Alvin and Delbert, sister Maro, and son Dale (1959). Visitation will be held at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson in Lowell, Friday August 1st from 5:00-8:00. The funeral will also take place at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home (due to construction at the church) on Saturday, August 2nd at 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. Lowell, MI, 49331.



## HOSLEY

Anita June Boyd Hosley, born August 20, 1929, passed away April 19, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Joseph Hosley, in 2012. June was born in Williamston, Michigan and moved to Lowell during her high school years, graduating from Lowell High. June and Fred married on September 2, 1950. She is survived by her children: daughter Mary J. Hosley and her husband Jay Campbell of Scarsdale, NY; son John D. Hosley and his wife Wendy Popkes of Kalamazoo; and son Mark A. Hosley and his wife Bonnie L. Bower of Westport, MA and their daughter Sarah B. Hosley of Boston, MA. June held a variety of positions from medical stenographer to legal assistant, always putting to use her language and grammar skills. June took exceptional pride in the winter fruitcakes she would make for family and friends. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Her remains will be interred next to those of her husband of sixty two years in Oakwood Cemetery.



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## LOWRY

Margie Jean Lowry, age 79 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Edward Lowry, Leon Buche; grandson, Harley Buche; and parents, William and Lena Peckham. She is survived by her children, Gary Buche, Cinda (Gerry) Rose, Joy (Ken) Knight, Edward Lowry, Shawn (Lori) Lowry, James (Wendy) Lowry; grandchildren, David, Gary, Daniel, Philip, Bethany, John, Jenilee (Andrew), Mariah, Jessica (Jake), Kelsey (Jordan), Aidan, Esme; great grandchildren, Chloe, Lucy, J.J., Elias; brothers, Howard Peckham, Oscar (Shirley) Peckham; sister, Cora Yeiter. Funeral Service was held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mel Trotter Ministries, 225 Commerce Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195831-DE

Estate of JOHN W. RUSS. Date of birth: 05/27/1931.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John W. Russ, died 06/12/2014.

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

barred unless presented to Julie Budden-Bronsink, personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 22, 2014

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

Julie Budden-Bronsink PO Box 208 Macatawa, MI 49434 616-554-9594

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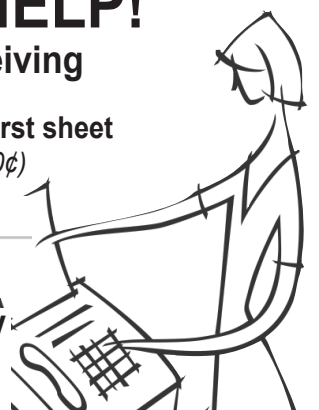
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## sales

BARN/BASEMENT SALE - Aug. 2 & 3, 8-5 p.m. Lark Elvis collection, hand/power tools, Western boots & more, furniture, bar mirrors, bass w/amp, new x-mas items. 13992 Grand River Dr. SE, 1/2 mile from Dependable Gas.

GARAGE SALES - July 31 & Aug. 1, 9-5 p.m. 13259 Burroughs St. For sale: accordion, violin, upholstered rocking chair, white 6 drawer kids dresser, strollers, kids toys & clothes (4T-7), dish set for 8 w/serving pieces, household decor, sporting goods, men's clothing (L shirts) & other finds!

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - 18' swimming pool, sand filter, knick knacks, boys clothes, size 4-6; misc. July 31 & Aug. 1, 9 to 4. 10111 Peck Lake Rd., Lowell. Cancelled if rain.

GARAGE SALE - 523 Amity, Lowell. Thurs. July 31 and Fri. Aug. 1, 9 - 5 and Sat. Aug. 2, 9-2. Dishes, kitchen, household items, records/tapes, clothes, knick knacks.

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BINGO - Sat., Aug. 9, 12-6 p.m. at the Alto American Legion, Post 528, 6052 Linfield Ave., Alto.

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

ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for those diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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

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

KNITTING - Tuesdays 6- 7:15 p.m. Cathie Richter will be here to offer an instructional knitting class. Bring your projects & come & knit together. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR FROM - 1st. Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E. Call for more information 897-8260.

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.

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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.

WHITES BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office at, 6:30 p.m. Public is invited to join our group as we plan to raise funds to restore Whites Covered Bridge. For additional information www.WhitesBridgeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com or 616-437-1927.

MICHIGAN BLOOD BLOOD DRIVE - every second Monday, noon - 7 p.m. Kent County Fairgrounds, King Memorial Youth Center. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. 1-866-MIBLOOD, www.miblood.org

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.

ALTO FARMERS MARKET - Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. thru September. Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Alto (at the corner of Linfield & Kirby). Seasonal produce, baked goods, arts & crafts, fresh eggs, garden plants & more! If you'd like to be a vendor, please call Lyndsay Grummet at 868-6607.

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.

# To The Editor, continued

1,300 miles of roads and 67 bridges.

- Law requires an inventory of road conditions in each county. Experts rated only five percent of Ionia County roads “good” and very many “poor.” It showed our roads to be the worst in Michigan.

- It’s true the county doesn’t have the funds to repair our roads and our property taxes aren’t solving the problem because

property taxes aren’t used for roads.

- Money for county road agencies comes from taxes per gallon of gas. Of each dollar sent to Lansing, three tenths of a penny comes back to Ionia county. When sent to Washington, we get a very tiny fraction of a penny back. I’m told that’s not enough to do the job.

- Everyone I’ve talked to was happy

with how well the road commission did on the tough job of keeping our roads open during the miserable winter so we could get where we needed and emergency vehicles could get to our homes.

All of that road clearing and the rebuilding of spring washouts were necessary, but to do them, our road commission had to use money that would have been used to repair our roads.

- In the 2014 Ionia County Road Improvement ballot proposal we will have the opportunity to say yes to two mills for six years. It will say right on the ballot, the funds our yes vote will provide may be used only for our roads and bridges. Because our yes vote on the proposal won’t involve Lansing or Washington, every single dollar will stay in Ionia County. It’s all for the road commission

to use repairing our roads and bridges. It’s for that – absolutely nothing else.

There is a complicated formula involving safety, road condition, traffic volume and importance to commerce that the road commission will use to determine which county roads will get repairs first, second, third, etc.

If we say no to the proposal, it seems clear to me that potholes and very rough roads will attack our

car’s tires and suspensions even worse than now and will do it for years to come.

The facts are public information. Anyone who wants more detail than this can get it by using [www.ioniacountyroads.org](http://www.ioniacountyroads.org) or by talking to someone about it at 616-527-1700.

On August 5, we’ll have the opportunity to do the right thing for our roads and for ourselves.

Ronald Grady  
Ionia

## Sample ballot for August 5 election

OFFICIAL BALLOT Primary Election Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Kent County, Michigan City of Lowell, Precinct 1		PROPOSAL SECTION
PARTISAN SECTION VOTE ONLY 1 PARTY SECTION		
REPUBLICAN PARTY SECTION	DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECTION	STATE
STATE	STATE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS</b></p> <p>The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.</li> <li>2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.</li> <li>3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.</li> <li>4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.</li> <li>5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.</li> </ol> <p>Should this law be approved?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NO <input type="radio"/></p>
GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	GOVERNOR Vote for not more than 1	
Rick Snyder <input type="radio"/>	Mark Schauer <input type="radio"/>	
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UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote for not more than 1	
Terri Lynn Land <input type="radio"/>	Gary Peters <input type="radio"/>	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 3rd DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 3rd DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	
Brian Ellis <input type="radio"/>	Bob Goodrich <input type="radio"/>	
Justin Amash <input type="radio"/>	LEGISLATIVE	
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STATE SENATOR 29th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	Lance Penny <input type="radio"/>	
Dave Hildenbrand <input type="radio"/>	Michael B. Scruggs <input type="radio"/>	
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 86th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 86th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	
Lisa Posthumus Lyons <input type="radio"/>	Lynn S. Mason <input type="radio"/>	
Angela Rigas <input type="radio"/>	COUNTY	
COUNTY	COUNTY COMMISSIONER 4th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 4th DISTRICT Vote for not more than 1	DELEGATE	
Diane Jones <input type="radio"/>	DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION Vote for not more than 2	
Jack Horton <input type="radio"/>	DELEGATE	
Matthew Janiskee <input type="radio"/>	DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION Vote for not more than 2	
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## Looking Back, cont'd.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 2, 1939

A record-breaking, cheering Showboat crowd greeted the arrival of the Robert E. Lee, VIII last night. As the boat rounded Cat Tail Point and the full beauty of the newly designed and decorated craft with its glittering covering reflecting the multi-colored revolving lights came into view, a mighty cheer went up from the thrilled audience.

Silas Onlooker dropped into the Ledger sanctum yesterday morning and told the Editor that people are kicking about the following: The unusual hardness of the water – the disfiguring of shade trees for electric wires – Hudson street (M-66) dust when its dry and mud when its wet – the absence of the town clock from its 25-year location at the old bank corner.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 30, 1964

Headline: Showboat a success! plan ahead to 1965. With the completion of the 33rd edition of Lowell Showboat which was considered a success by nearly everyone in the community, the Showboat Board of Directors are looking ahead to 1965. Attendance at Showboat held up well with the first three nights down somewhat, but the last three nights picking up until the Saturday night show looked like “the good old days.”

Carol Lynn Hillman, the 1964 Showboat queen, was presented a beautiful birthday cake, made by Fluger’s Lowell Bakery at the Friday night performance. After the show, members of the chorus and cast helped Miss Hillman celebrate her birthday.

Lowell’s Farmers’ Market was reduced to only one stand for a few weeks after being forced to move into the parking lot next to the Post Office.

A new route for farmers bringing their wheat into the elevators cut down on the Main Street confusion this year. Trucks, tractors and wagons were lined up on a route that turned off M-91.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 2, 1989

Summer’s heat brings kids out by the pool-fulls. Lowell’s YMCA actually had to turn away young swimmers after reaching the pool limit of 120 people. The hot humid days at July’s end were vivid reminders of the summer of ‘88.

The sale of the John Wesley Fallas house to the West Central Michigan Historical Society [WCMHS] was closed nearly a month-and-a-half ago. Fallas brought his Dryden County, New York bride, Phoebe, to the structure in the early 1940s. The fun began for WCMHS president, Priscilla Lussmeyer and roughly 16 volunteers on Saturday, July 22, when they began stripping the inside of the house down to its original beginnings.

Ground was broken for a new connector building Sunday, July 30 at Lowell’s First United Methodist Church. The commonly used shovel disregarded. Used in its place was a one-bottom horse drawn plow owned by Arie and Ruby Leeman.

SAMPLE

**THEME:  
PREDATORS**

**ACROSS**

- 1. Food contaminant
- 6. Convex and used for cooking
- 9. To be obedient
- 13. Italy's renowned actress
- 14. "Fat chance!"
- 15. Wear away
- 16. Mineral made of hydrous silicates of aluminum or potassium, pl.
- 17. It opposed British rule
- 18. What library does
- 19. \*Bird of prey
- 21. \*Indonesian dragon
- 23. Perfect score?
- 24. Calf-length skirt
- 25. Band aid
- 28. Bread pocket
- 30. \*Scorpion's domain
- 35. Amount of work
- 37. Ashley Wilkes' "Twelve \_\_\_\_"
- 39. Petrus \_\_\_\_\_, influential French humanist
- 40. Absorbed by
- 41. Yuletides
- 43. Known for its wine
- 44. Set of values
- 46. \*It eats both water and land based insects
- 47. Capital of Ukraine
- 48. Get cozy
- 50. \*Some are on this point of food chain
- 52. \*Zodiac sign, king of the jungle
- 53. Thumbs-up
- 55. Before, in verse
- 57. \*What predators did?
- 60. Go places
- 63. Politician Palin
- 64. Spring mo.
- 66. Part of a plane
- 68. Pond buildup
- 69. Duvel, e.g.

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**JULY 23 - JULY 29**

- Charles Mozdir was charged with child sexual assault in 2012 and disappeared. A television broadcast helped find him in New York City where he was killed in a gunfight with police. Three officers were injured.
- Israeli airstrikes continue in the latest three-week conflict slamming Gaza with the heaviest bombardment yet. The Gaza Strip's only power plant was hit and shut down.
- On the ABC show the Bachelorette finale, Andi Dorfman chose Josh Murray. Apparently, the runner-up, Nick Viall, was "stunned and heartbroken" upon hearing he wasn't chosen.
- Whale watchers off the coast of Boston were stranded overnight when the boat they were on got its prop entangled in a lobster pot line. 160 people waited all night for the vessel to be cut free.
- The Miami Seaquarium has been fined \$7,000 for allowing trainers to work with a killer whale without sufficient protections. OSHA requires barriers in place between trainers and the orcas since a judge ruled in the 2010 SeaWorld case where a trainer was killed by a killer whale pulling her into the water.

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- DOWN**
- 1. "A Nightmare on \_\_\_\_ Street"
  - 2. Coconut fiber
  - 70. Swelling
  - 71. Hammer part
  - 72. Eighty-six
  - 73. \*Used when hunting ducks

- 3. \*Black and white swimmer
- 4. Jumped or bounded
- 5. Part of a foot
- 6. Sound of a fan
- 7. Argo propeller
- 8. Uniform shade
- 9. Sweet sandwich
- 10. Fleming's spy
- 11. Taro plant
- 12. Word for a nod
- 15. Having more elm trees
- 20. Tear jerker
- 22. Roulette bet
- 24. "\_\_\_\_" for Ducklings"
- 25. \*Sigourney Weaver hunted it
- 26. Mountain in Italy
- 27. Trails
- 29. New Mexico art colony
- 31. Went under
- 32. Inbox message
- 33. Indian coin
- 34. \*\_\_\_\_ lions
- 36. "Just \_\_\_\_"
- 38. Prelude to a duel
- 42. Show contempt
- 45. Drape with cover
- 49. \_\_\_\_ out a living
- 51. Photographed at the doctor's office
- 54. One in advertising
- 56. Elude paying taxes
- 57. Exhibiting good health
- 58. Craving
- 59. Indian cuisine staple
- 60. \*Cretaceous predator
- 61. Senior manager
- 62. Car with a bar
- 63. Tree juice
- 65. "When We Were Kings" subject
- 67. Declare

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- Maybe
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- No

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