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## Farmers' market offers fresh produce and more



by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

From BBQ to blueberries to bread, the Lowell Area Farmers' Market offers a wide variety of regionally grown produce, hot on the spot eats and local artisan products to the community.

Held each Thursday from 11-4 in the Tractor Supply parking lot located at 2111 W. Main St., the seasonal market is a project of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) that began back in 2006 as a way to create a local economic outlet for area farmers and artists.

Originally located at the Kent County fairgrounds, the market began under the direction of beloved youth

fair manager Ron Wenger who passed away in 2011.

"The market has seen many changes including locations and times. When it first started it was held on Thursdays from 3-7. After Ada opened their market Lowell's attendance fell drastically. The location at the fairgrounds was nice, but getting in and out was not easy and the market had to close for one week during the fair. Lowell's market could never get people back after fair, so it was decided to move to the Tractor Supply parking lot," according to chamber director Liz Baker,

The Farmers' Market typically hosts about ten vendors offering fruits and vegetables, homemade

bread and baked goods, fresh cut flowers and personal care items, such as soaps and lotions. Farm fresh cheese, eggs, honey and maple syrup are also featured. An eclectic variety of home decor and jewelry are often available as well. Lunch fare on site includes hot dogs and slow smoked BBQ from "Rags to Ribs."

According to Baker, the Farmers' Market has just five weeks left this season with a final date of September 25. The LACC is currently discussing extending the markets hours and another possible location change for next season based on feedback given by the community.

A large variety of fresh regional produce, including organic and vegan selections, are available at the weekly market.

## Drunk driving and seat belt enforcement crackdown underway

State traffic safety officials are taking an unusual approach to a serious issue by introducing the fictitious Traffic Safety Brewing Company complete with a new summer traffic safety six-pack at bars and restaurants across the state. The launch coincides with a statewide drunk driving and seat belt enforcement crackdown today through Sept. 1.

The faux brewing company and spoof beverage list with items such as "Call A Cab Cider" and "Designated Driver Dark" were developed by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) to convey a positive approach to individual responsibility while drinking.

OHSP partnered with the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association to distribute the spoof beer list to the group's more than 1,100 members to promote safety and responsibility among their patrons.

"The Traffic Safety Brewing Company beer list may be amusing but the message is serious. Whether you are enjoying a Michigan microbrew or your favorite wine or spirit, make the right choices about getting home safely because law enforcement officers are experts at stopping and arresting drunk drivers," said OHSP director Michael L. Prince.

Law enforcement officers from 150 local police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts covering the counties of Alpena, Antrim, Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Cheboygan, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Leelanau, Livingston, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee,

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## City council is in the pink with paid kayak launch and new councilmember

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

They passed this year's Pink Arrow resolution and swore in a new member at this week's city council meeting.

After Matt Mayer was sworn in, Lou Jean Stickney and two members of her Girl Scout troop opened the meeting by leading those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

One councilor spotted a bit of good news in the usually dull "accounts payable" portion of the meeting.

"I see we paid for the kayak launch," said councilor Sharon Ellison.

"We're in the process of closing that project out," said city manager Mark Howe. "We're almost done."

"So that was the final payment on everything," Ellison said.

Scott "Patches" Fitzpatrick, manager of the "Fallassburgh Flats Vintage Base Ball Club" addressed the council while dressed in a 19th century baseball uniform. Everything but the shoes looked authentic. The Fallassburgh Flats play at Fallass Field at Fallasburg Park. Go to their website, cubs.mypressonline.com,

for more information or find them on Facebook.

"Vintage baseball is played by 1860s rules," Fitzpatrick said. "Wood bats, 90-foot bases. Out in the field, no gloves. It's a lot of fun."

Fitzpatrick asked mayor Jim Hodges to act as "honorary umpire" at one of the Flats' upcoming games. The mayor agreed.

The council, all wearing brand new Pink Arrow shirts, adopted a resolution proclaiming Friday, September 5, "Pink Arrow

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The city council poses in their new Pink Arrow shirts.

# Grease will be first outdoor movie on the Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

LowellArts! and The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce are inviting the public to the Riverwalk Plaza this Friday, August 22, for the red carpet "premier" of free outdoor movies in the Lowell community.

"People have talked about wanting outdoor movies for several years and the LowellArts! board of directors have identified this as an area that they

would like to expand into. We have been providing these concerts for 14 years and this year we wanted to thank the greater Lowell community by providing a free outdoor movie to conclude the concert series," said executive director of LowellArts! Lorain Smalligan.

The two hosting organizations working in combination with the Lowell Area Historical Museum will be providing

popcorn and soda, and Rockford-based screen rental company Reel Air Cinema among others to take this idea to a reality according to Smalligan.

"We had great support from our business sponsors providing the funding to bring the movie in."

The process of movie selection took place over the first five weeks of the concert series when the public was asked to vote for their favorite family

friendly movie via online and on site voting locations. The list was then narrowed to the top ten vote getters and placed on a final ballot for winner selection.

*Grease* was recently announced as the triumphant film for the debut performance. Released in the summer of 1978 the musical film focuses on the romance of 50s greaser Danny Zuko and good girl Sandy Olsson and their friends at Rydell High.

The film remains popular among fans more than three decades after its release and maintains its position as the U.S.'s top grossing musical of all time.

Smalligan reported that the original *Back to the Future* film was voting runner-up with 80s hit *Goonies* and current Disney sensation *Frozen* claiming the third and fourth spots.

The film is scheduled to begin at 8:45 following a performance by Lowell-

based classic rock band *The Preservers* who will take the stage at 7:45. Sunday, August 24, has been selected as an inclement weather make up date for the event.

Event organizers say they hope to make this an annual event and that plans are already in the works to incorporate a second outdoor movie as part of the schedule of the Lowell Harvest Celebration this Fall.



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## Crackdown, continued

Monroe, Muskegon, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford are participating in the larger, nationwide Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown. Motorists are also being

warned about the increased drunk driving and seat belt patrols through a statewide advertising campaign. The campaign and stepped-up enforcement are paid for with federal traffic safety funds coordinated by OHSP. During last year's

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over effort, 267 motorists were arrested for drunk driving and 4,119 seat belt and child restraint citations were issued.

The effort is part of Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan signed

by Gov. Rick Snyder in February 2013.

The complete Traffic Safety Brewing Company summer six-pack and a list of planned enforcement are available on Michigan.gov/ohsp



# along main street

### LHS CLASS OF 2004 REUNION

Drinks and appetizers on Fri., August 29, from 6-9 pm at HOME (B.O.B.), 20 Monroe Ave, Grand Rapids. You are requested to send two high school nostalgic pictures to: lyndashorsley@gmail.com

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.

### LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

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

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Lowell Township is currently in the process of updating their Recreation Plan. We would like your input. Please take a moment to visit our website, [www.twp.lowell.mi.us](http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us), to complete the survey and let us know what you think. The survey will be available on-line until August 30, 2014.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Vergennes Broadband LLC to install a tower approximately 130 feet in height for the purpose of providing broadband internet service.

**LOCATION & ADDRESS:** The property on which the tower is proposed to be located is 13293 36th Street SE which is on the north side of 36th Street approximately one quarter mile west of Pratt Lake Avenue and across from McBride Cemetery. This property is owned by Stephen Newell.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

## Holland



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# City council meeting, continued

Pride Day - Arrow Force VII" in the city of Lowell. Residents are encouraged "to participate in this event by purchasing pink t-shirts and attending the game." The council also made Friday, September 19,

"Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day." The resolution asks residents, "to take note of this important issue and remember those servicemen and civilians who were prisoners of war and those that are still missing and to commemorate the day with appropriate activities." The council approved

Heifer International's "Live, Love, Livestock" event for Wednesday, September 27. The lone vote against the event came from councilor Jim Hall, who expressed his dislike for the charity.

"I've voted in favor of Heifer International before, but actually I went to their website this time," Hall said. "I don't like what I see, and

I don't like that I view that this organization... we're spinning off and going into protecting children that have been involved in sex things, which is Grand Rapids, and the Heifer International is based in Arkansas. Anyway, a 'no' vote. And I would encourage anybody else to look at the Heifer

International. I thought it was about kids and I thought it was about 4-H, that sort of thing and it's not, so that's the reason I voted the way I did."

The next city council meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, September 1.



Scott "Patches" Fitzpatrick invites the mayor to umpire a baseball game.



New city councilmember Matt Mayer is sworn in.



Girl Scouts leading the city council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Cynicism is an unpleasant way of saying the truth.**

~ Lillian Hellman (1905 - 1984)

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Elementary Open House Schedule Fall 2014



Here's the buzz on **BACK TO SCHOOL**

### ALTO ELEMENTARY

Meet Your Teacher August 26..... 4:30-6:00 pm

### BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY

Student Picture Day (no appt needed) August 26..... 12:00-8:00 pm  
Open House/Meet Your Teacher August 25..... 6:00-7:30 pm  
Parent Night (Just Parents!) September 8..... 6:00-7:00 pm

### CURIOSITY CORNER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Student Picture Day (no appt needed) August 26..... 12:00-8:00 pm  
All 3's and 4's September 2..... 9:00-12:00 and 5:00-7:00

### TOTS OPEN HOUSE

September 16..... 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:00  
Playgroup begins September 17

### CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY

Open House/Meet Your Teacher Night August 26..... 6:00-7:30 pm

### MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY

Meet Your Teacher/Parent Info Night August 26  
K, 1st, 2nd grade Parent Info Presentation and 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Meet Your Teacher ..... 5:00-5:45 pm  
All Grades: Meet Your Teacher ..... 5:45-6:00 pm  
K, 1st, 2nd grade Meet Your Teacher and 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Parent Info Presentation ..... 6:00-6:45 pm

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relieving financial stress for cancer care



**Shanna Matheson, and Dan Sherman, both clinical financial consultants for Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center**

The No. 1 stressor for cancer patients is not the actual diagnosis, the prognosis or even the treatment.

“The biggest stressor for a patient facing cancer is the financial burden of receiving care,” says Dan Sherman, clinical financial consultant at Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. and founder of the hospital’s Financial Navigation program.

For many patients, it may mean the difference between receiving care vs. losing their home or their standard of living.

“There is more to cancer coverage than basic insurance. We have access to and knowledge of payment programs most patients would not be aware of,” says Shanna Matheson, also a clinical financial consultant at Lacks Cancer Center. “Our job is to find out their options, helping them make informed decisions about finances and saving them – and the hospital – as much money as possible so that it becomes less of a financial burden for everyone.”

Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center staffs

two full-time financial navigators – specialists who work personally with each patient to determine the most effective way to handle financial costs associated with all aspects of cancer care.

Most hospitals offer some level of financial counseling for patients. What makes the Financial Navigation Program at Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center unique is its ability to save the patient more money by finding programs beyond traditional health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and charity.

“We go beyond handing a patient a Medicaid form or a charity form,” explains Sherman. “We combine in-depth clinical knowledge of cancer care, financial expertise and counseling to help our patients navigate the associated costs of receiving care, insurance coverage and other payment options.”

Financial navigators stay current with the ever-evolving health insurance industry and have a thorough knowledge of the payment options available, such as co-pay foundations and patient assistance programs for medications.

They provide a systematic process to identify patients in need and develop a plan to meet their cost of care.

What started as a pilot program in 2008 by Dan Sherman, Lacks Cancer Center’s first financial navigator, has helped more than 1,000 patients save over \$13 million. It has also saved the hospital money, to the tune of \$8 million in charitable debt. The program has since been replicated in 12 different oncology centers around the country.

Most patients are referred to Sherman and Matheson by physicians, nurses, financial counselors, and social workers.

Many are self-referred. “Every morning, we review new patient files and determine who may need financial navigation,” says Sherman.

It’s a sensitive topic, explains Sherman and some patients are too proud to think they may need assistance. However, navigating health insurance and financial obligations for cancer care is confusing and complex and there are practical options that can greatly reduce a patient’s financial obligation.

“Financial distress does not discriminate,” says Matheson. “And simply having health insurance does not eliminate financial distress. Working through the expenses and finding the best resources is complex. Rather than letting pride get in the way, it’s important patients understand that they are not alone. It’s wise to get counsel and be navigated through cancer care by an expert. Never be afraid to ask for help.”

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### more than one side to the story

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in reference to Cliff Yankovich's article in the Aug. 13 Lowell Ledger. The article's caption was – "Parking Lot Woes." I believe there is more than one side to every story and I would like to bring another side of the story to the forefront.

I question the proposed building of a parking lot downtown while there are roads in the downtown area that need replacing, like the section of Monroe Street that goes by the city hall and police station.

I question the spending of tax payers' dollars by the

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) or out of the general fund, on any new project other than maintenance, while the city's general fund continues to scrape the bottom of the barrel. For more than twenty years the DDA has spent on one project after another in the downtown area while the city's general fund scraped the bottom of the barrel and the city's roads became twice the age of replacement.

The DDA consists of all the business's within the city and puts little of their taxes into the general fund.

Considering the large area the Downtown Development Authority has authority over, which covers one end of Main Street to the other and then some, and considering the small amount of taxes they put into the general fund, I believe at this time it would be appropriate that the DDA pay a large part of the single highest cost to the city budget the Lowell police department which services the DDA area. Doing so would alleviate the strain on the general fund and could eliminate any need for a proposed two percent property tax increase.

When it comes to the true needs of the city I believe another restaurant downtown and a new parking lot is secondary.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell

### tree identity concerns

To The Editor,

I have been living in Lowell for the past year and I really like it. I am not sure about the best venue for this note but I couldn't live with myself anymore.

Your big tree is a bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) and not a white oak (*Quercus alba*). Both oaks are in

the white oak alliance but definitely distinct species. Look for the alated twigs.

I sure do feel better. Whilst on the topic of trees: I am concerned about the elm along Main Street, near the trailer park. It ranks as one of the finest American elms I have ever seen and

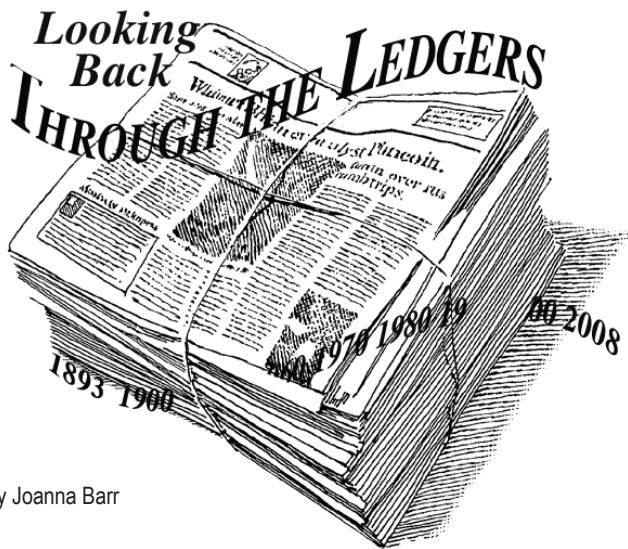
deserves the best treatment. It is susceptible to Dutch elm disease but there is an effective treatment for this that could help this tree see many more years. It may be too late. Sorry for waiting to send this. All the best!

Jesse Lincoln  
Lowell

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal August 21, 1889

Water pipes are to be extended farther up Bridge St. and up Peck's Hill. The pipe is being drawn now and work will be commenced at once.

Do not swear. There is no occasion for it outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof reading and indispensable in getting forms to press and has also been known to assist in looking over the paper after it is printed, but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit.

Wm. Aldrich Tateum, who conducted the inquest at Sinclair's house, says that he found in a wallet in the Gosch house a notice to pay a note of \$150 due at the Middleville Bank and investigation showed that he had paid \$15 on the note the next day after he stole the wheat for which Sinclair tried to arrest him.

Will Crook who has been suffering from consumption for a long time, died in Segwun last Thursday night. His body was taken to Saranac for burial.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 20, 1914

Will Tredenick is the proud owner of the first 1915 Overland car sold in this vicinity.

LOST in Lowell Grange picnic day folder of money. Liberal reward if left at Lowell State bank.

The Overland Co. will have three new models for

1915, Model 80 at \$1075, Model 81 at \$850, and a six at \$1475, each being the best value as usual of any car at that price. R. D. Stocking is the agent for these wonderful cars for Lowell and vicinity. Ask for demonstration. Adv

Ernest Fullington has wrecked and hauled away the ruins of the McCarty warehouse, which was partially destroyed by fire recently.

George W. Rouse is working up a fine jobbing trade with his patent hoof nippers. Large orders from all the big jobbing centers are being received and thousands of circulars advertising the "House Hoof Nippers" and Lowell, Mich., are being circulated far and wide.

Morrison Brighton has his new six-room house on Monroe street enclosed. It will be a neat home with ready-made shade and modern conveniences.

C.C. Lindsley is erecting a cider mill on ground purchased of L. E. Lott in Elmdale.

Ward Willette and Elmer Hart have bought Roger's shoe store and will continue the business at the old stand. The former has been with A. J. Houk & Son for the past six and a half years and both are enterprising young men who will put plenty of vim into the business. Success to them.

Harold Rogers, a 10 year old lad of Keene, came to Lowell Monday to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sisse, while on the train he sat with a chimney sweep and after getting off he found someone had taken his pocket book. Harold reckons that will be a disappointed sweep as he had his money in another pocket, all but two cents, which wasn't a very good sweep. [Com.]

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 24, 1939

Let Floridians rave over their Hayden Mangoes but for us we'll take luscious Michigan peaches any day in the week. Home-grown varieties, tree-ripened, are now being marketed.

Guess we'll have to call him "the carpet sweeper thief." One night during the Showboat a thief entered the C. H. Runciman residence and attempted to get away with a couple of vacuum sweepers but was apparently frightened away by neighbors going to their garage. It will be remembered that the same kind of thief was frustrated at the Lawrence Rutherford

residence a few weeks ago. On Sunday night the M. E. Simpson residence was entered through a rear window during the family's absence, a quantity of silverware taken and the house generally ransacked. Almost two weeks ago the Culver summer home in Segwun was broken into while the owners were away, the thieves taking fishing tackle, a revolver, a shaving outfit and several other articles.

Twenty-five years ago the United States agriculture department organized the 4-H clubs, made up of rural youths, each of whom undertakes some important piece of work that will demonstrate better methods in agriculture and home-making. The clubs are now a nation-wide group numbering 1,250,000. Thus this great army marches cheering along the rural roads, full of enthusiasm for country life, trying to bring success, comfort and happiness into country homes.

Two of the oddest looking men we ever sat eyes upon dropped into the Ledger office a few days ago. They were Nels Holmes of Chicago and Irwin N. Vallean of Paw Paw, who are visiting all the state capitols in the United States, Holmes on a scooter bike and Vallean on bicycle. Holmes' black, ringtail monkey, "Mary," rides on his shoulder wherever he goes. Vallean has a beard and his hair. The two men pick fruit, sell souvenir post cards and poem booklets, write for magazines and pose for artists to make a living. Each has travelled around 25,000 miles by freight train, house trailer, hitch-hiking and bicycles. They are vegetarians and fruitsarians and advocate outdoor life, sunbathing, simple diet for health and contentment. When passing through Lowell, the pair were on their way to the Ionia Free Fair and Lansing. They came from Traverse City where they had been picking cherries.

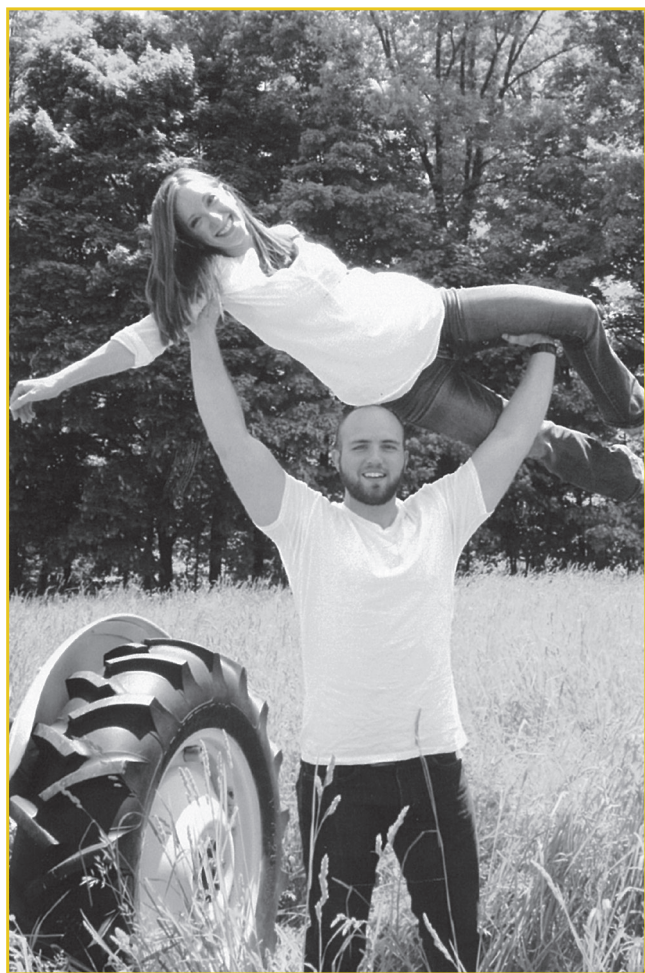
The Timpson brothers have sold 15,800 bushels of fine spy apples to Kent Storage. Grand Rapids. We hear they have the finest crop of spy apples in this vicinity.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 20, 1964

Headline: Lock city hall council orders. At a meeting of the city council on Monday night, city manager Bernard Olson showed members the vandalism and

# engagements

## Ripley/Cook



Adrienne Riple and Travis Cook

Adrienne Ripley of Lowell and Travis Cook of Woodland will be wed on September 20, 2014. Parents of the bride-to-be are Robert and Michelle Ripley of Lowell. Parents of the groom-to-be are Larry and Norma Cook of

Woodland. The bride is a 2012 graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Davenport University. Her fiancé is a 2012 graduate of Lakewood High School and is also attending Davenport University.

# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## Women must know what to expect from Social Security

Everyone needs to be aware of the financial resources they will have available in retirement. But if you're a woman, you must be particularly diligent, for a variety of reasons. And that means you'll need to know just what to expect from Social Security.

Why should you, as a woman, pay extra attention to Social Security? For one thing, women often take time off from their careers to care for children and older parents, so they may accumulate less money in employer-sponsored

retirement accounts, such as 401(k) plans. And women still live several years longer than men, according to the Census Bureau.

Clearly, then, you need to get the most you can from Social Security. To do so, you will need to consider at least three key factors:

- **Age**—You can start taking retirement benefits as early as 62, but your benefits may be reduced by up to 30 percent unless you wait until your "full retirement age," which is likely 66 or 67. If you delay taking benefits until 70, your monthly

benefits may be up to a third larger than if you started collecting Social Security at your full retirement age. You'll need to weigh a variety of factors — such as family longevity, income from employer-sponsored retirement plans and your anticipated financial needs — in determining when you should start taking Social Security.

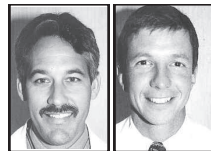
- **Employment** — If you work while receiving Social Security benefits before you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 you earn over an annual limit, which generally increases each year. In the year you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limit before your birthday. But once you reach full retirement age, your

benefits will no longer be adjusted for earned income.

- **Marital status** — As a spouse, you can generally receive Social Security payments based on your own earnings record or collect a spousal benefit of up to 50 percent of your husband's Social Security benefit. The benefit will be reduced if you start taking it before your full retirement age. To start collecting Social Security spousal benefits, you must be at least 62 years old and your husband must also have filed for his own benefits. If you're divorced, and you're not currently married, you can generally receive benefits on your ex-husband's Social Security record, as long as you meet certain conditions. (For example, you had to have been married to your

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# health



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

## fibromyalgia

Fibromyalgia is a complicated condition. It tends to last a long time, although some patients do get better. It is not a

life threatening illness. Although fibromyalgia is considered similar to arthritis because it causes pain in the muscles and

joints and can interfere with physical activity. It does not cause inflammation or damage to the body. In addition to pain, the most common symptoms are sleep problems, feeling tired, problems with memory and thinking clearly and depression.

Many people who have fibromyalgia have other conditions as well, such as temporomandibular joint disorder, irritable bowel syndrome, headaches and restless leg syndrome.

Symptoms of fibromyalgia may include diffuse pain and tenderness, headache, sore throat, stomach pain, morning stiffness, fatigue and sleep problems.

The cause of fibromyalgia is not known, but it probably results from many factors that can include a physically or emotionally stressed event, repetitive injury or illness.

The diagnosis can be difficult to make because there are no x-rays or lab tests available to confirm it. Usually the patient sees a specialist (rheumatologist) to have the diagnosis made.

Treatment usually consists of medications, many of which will substantially reduce the symptoms. Complementary and alternative therapies may also help: acupuncture, chiropractic and massage therapy.

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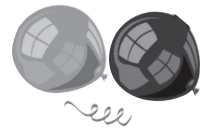
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# Lowell grad lands a spot on Discovery Channel show

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

A local woman is starring in a reality show on the Discovery Channel.

Heather Sterzick, Lowell High School class of 2001, will be on five episodes of "Airplane Repo." The show's new

season starts Friday, August 22 at 10 pm.

"I went to high school in Lowell," Sterzick said. "We had a Lowell address and a Saranac phone number, so [I grew up] right on the border there."

Sterzick joined the

military after high school. She is currently the general manager of Sundance Airport in Oklahoma City, Okla. A television producer spotted her by chance at a racing event.

"I was at the Reno [Nev.] Air Races with the

P-51 Miss America [Racing] Team," Sterzick said. "The producer of 'Airplane Repo' was hanging around with a couple of the stars of 'Airplane Repo.' I got to meet those guys and we started talking about how I love aerobatics and stunt

flying. They thought I was interesting and asked if I wanted to be on the show this season."

Sterzick said that she got used to being filmed as part of the 'reality show' experience.

"It's not annoying," Sterzick said. "You get to become good friends with the camera guys. I wasn't comfortable for the first couple of episodes. I'm not an introvert but I'm no means an extrovert like Kevin Lacey. It's very, very easy for him."

Kevin Lacey is one of Sterzick's colorful co-stars on the show.

"Kevin Lacey is a cowboy," Sterzick said. "He's rough around the edges. Wears tight Wranglers and boots and

talks with a Texas accent. He has his own company called Texas Air Fleet and he repos airplanes for a living. He's a character. He's the guy that I'm working with on the show. I'm kind of his apprentice. He's teaching me how to repo and I'm glad I'm learning from him because he's definitely the expert in the field."

Sterzick also mentioned Mike Kennedy as someone to watch for on the show.

"We say that he's the only real bad-ass on the show because he will do pretty much anything," Sterzick said. "He just takes it above and beyond."

"Airplane Repo" will air on the Discovery Channel every Friday at 10 pm, starting August 22.

## college news

Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design have announced the graduation list for the semester ending May 2014. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and honors:

Ada: Emily Ciosek, Bachelor of Fine Arts, medical illustration; Stephanie Facer, Bachelor of Fine Arts, photography; Alec Bobko, Associate in Applied Science, architectural technology; and Justin Holmes,

Bachelor of Science, HVACR engineer tech. and energy, cum laude; Alto: Bradly Freiberg, Associate in Applied Science, welding technology; Ryan Donohue, Associate in Arts, pre-criminal justice and Bachelor of Science, criminal justice – generalist; Kristin Nagy, Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology, cum laude; and Andrew Silverman, Bachelor of Science, welding engineering; Lowell: Courtney Phenix,

Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology, cum laude; Matthew Haan, Associate in Applied Science, CAD drafting/tool design tech., summa cum laude; Maxwell Stormzand, Bachelor of Science, construction management; Philip Gerhardt, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice – law, magna cum laude; Anthony Everitt, Bachelor of Applied Science, digital media software engineer; Devin DeCator, Doctor of Pharmacy, pharmacy; Blythe Carvajal, certificate, culinary management; Mitchell Mcrae, Bachelor

of Science, criminal justice – law, cum laude; Devon Chopp, Bachelor of Science, computer info. technology; Delos Rockwell, Associate in Applied Science, plastics/polymer eng. tech.; Courtney Wierzbicki, Bachelor of Fine Arts, interior design; Kathleen Billock, Bachelor of Science, energy systems engineering; Chelsey Treglia, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, nursing – B.S.N.; Jacob McVey, Bachelor of Fine Arts, digital media; and Kara Rasch, Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology.

## Financial Focus, continued

ex-husband for at least 10 years.)

No matter how much Social Security you ultimately receive, it's almost certainly not going to be enough to provide all the income you'll need. So during your working years, try to contribute as much as you can, for as long as you can, to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. At the same time, look for other investment opportunities. And when

you reach retirement, create a withdrawal strategy that allows you to stretch out the income you receive from your investments for as long as you can.

By saving and investing as much as possible during your working years, maximizing your Social Security payments and carefully managing your financial assets when you're retired, you can help improve your chances of enjoying the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

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# Reunion celebrated by the LHS class of 1940

The Lowell Class of 1940 celebrated its 74th reunion at Lowell Area Historical Museum on Aug. 7. Lunch was served to four classmates and six guests by Backwater Grill. The class had 77 members and six are still living. This past year there were three deaths: Marion

Burriss Volk, Carroll Kyser and Barbara Dawson Shaffer. This was the 17th reunion and they have met yearly since their 65th in 2005. They had a wonderful time sharing past reunion and high school memories.



Pictured, from left to right: Jack Tornga of Plymouth, MI; Inez Cole Craig of Peoria, AZ; Marjean Fonger Brillhart of Grand Rapids and Helen Clark Blow of Saranac.

# First Pinknic braves the rain to help the Pink Arrow cause

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Despite less than favorable weather conditions, the first Pink Arrow Community Pinknic is being called a success by both organizers and attendees.

Held last Tuesday at Greenridge Realty, underneath the shelter of a giant rental tent, the event was attended by more than 300 people during the four-hour picnic.

"What we are most pleased about is the fact that the event raised over \$4,000 for the Pink Arrow Pride. Had the weather been warmer and sunnier, I think we may have tripled those numbers. That will be our goal next year," said organizer Rick Seese.

Funds were accumulated through several sources including about \$1,000 worth of food sales. Food was donated by Johnsonville, Dietz &

Watson and Greenridge Realty and included hot dogs, deli sandwiches and assorted snacks.

Another \$2,000 was earned through on-site Pink Arrow t-shirt sales. This total included several hundred dollars worth of sweatshirts likely prompted by the fall-like weather conditions.

Pink Arrow organizer Donna Miller said, "We were delighted with the sales levels."

Personal donations made up the final \$1,000 earned for the project. Seese stated that there were some monetary donations made for the specific purpose of providing t-shirts for students whose families may not be able to afford them. The program is called *Every Student Wearing Pink and Beyond* and the shirts are distributed through Lowell Schools. He called the

donations "heart-warming and typical Lowell-like generosity."

The community gathering and fundraiser also featured free assorted children's games, balloon sculptures from The Balloon Guys and a photo booth provided by Shutter Booth. Musical acts: The Adams Family, Keri Lynch & Ryder Jones, Steve Hilger and Audrey Pearson, also donated their time and talents to the stage inside the tent.

Seese says that they plan to host the event on an annual basis.

"There was an overwhelming amount of support from sponsorships, musicians and volunteers to help make the first Community Pinknic a success. We look forward to this becoming an annual event to support Pink Arrow."



Musical duo Keri Lynch & Ryder Jones were among four musical acts to perform at the inaugural community event.



Rick Seese presents a check from the fundraiser to Pink Arrow Pride organizer Teresa Beachum.



Pink Arrow Pride supporters from throughout the community gathered together to support the cause and enjoy the free games and entertainment.



# WRWW-FM set and ready to broadcast this fall

by Tim McAllister  
Contributing reporter

In a few weeks Lowell will have its own FM radio station.

Al Eckman, station manager of 92.3 WRWW-FM, said equipment is being put in place and the final technical preparations are being made.

“Our broadcasting antenna was put up on the tower about 10 days ago,” Eckman said. “Most of the equipment will go in the building at the base of the tower, Lowell police department’s tower on Shepard Drive. We think we’re about three or four weeks away. In the first couple weeks of September.”

Lowell has had an Internet radio station, lowellradio.org, for years, but this will be the first time Lowell has had an FM radio station. Eckman, a police officer in Lowell for many years, has worked tirelessly to bring the FM station here.

“We’ve been working on that now for actually a long time,” Eckman said. “We actually applied for a construction permit to put together a low-power FM radio station way back in 2002.”

The station’s headquarters is at the high school in a small room full of delicate-looking electronic equipment.

“Our console is not as elaborate as you might see at WOOD radio or something like that, but we’ve got very good equipment that’s going

to last a good number of years,” Eckman said.

Eckman said the station wouldn’t exist without

help from public funds and donations.

“We were fortunate to get a grant from the Lowell Cable TV endowment fund

to purchase the equipment,” Eckman said. “Otherwise it would’ve been very, very difficult for us to complete the project without the monies from that fund. We’re really pleased with the backing that we’ve gotten from the administration here at Lowell Area Schools, the cooperation that we have with the city of Lowell. We’ve got close to 1,500 cds that were donated by citizens, so we have close to 19,000 songs in our music media library.”

Eckman plans to open the airwaves to anyone who has something to say.

“We want our radio station to be a community-oriented station, so if the citizens have recommendations, we want to listen to those recommendations,” Eckman said. “If they have groups that would like to get on our station, they’re welcome, we will put them on. We welcome any suggestions that anybody might have. We’re looking for suggestions from the

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Sophomore Connor Smithee on the air.

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### Moscato Meatball Skewers

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 32 meatballs

- 2 pounds bulk spicy Italian sausage
- 1/2 cup Gallo Family Vineyards Red Moscato
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- Parmesan cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In large bowl, stir together sausage and Moscato until combined. Using medium cookie scoop, form meatballs and place on baking sheet, evenly spaced. Bake for 25–30 minutes or until no longer pink.

Meanwhile, in small bowl stir together all other ingredients to create yogurt sauce.

Thread meatballs onto skewers and serve alongside yogurt sauce. Garnish with additional cilantro and grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

### Strawberry Pink Moscato Ice Pops

Prep time: 15 minutes (plus at least 10 hours to freeze)  
Cook time: 1 minute  
Servings: 16

#### Fruity layer:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 pound ripe strawberries, hulled
- 1 pinch of fine sea salt
- 8 fluid ounces Gallo Family Pink Moscato

#### Creamy layer:

- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups half and half
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon orange blossom water
- 1 pinch of fine sea salt

To make fruity layer, combine sugar and water in small saucepan. Heat over low, stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool completely.

Add cooled syrup, strawberries and salt to jar of blender and puree until almost smooth, leaving bit of texture. Stir in pink moscato.

To make creamy layer, place everything into a 4-cup capacity measuring cup with a spout and whisk together until well combined.

To freeze, fill ice pop molds about one-fifth of way with either mixture (layers can be any size or amount you choose). Put in freezer until first layer is set enough to hold another layer, 60–90 minutes. Store mixtures in fridge between layers.

Remove and fill another one-fifth with opposite mixture. Return to freezer until layer is set. Repeat until molds are filled to top, adding ice pop sticks in once third layer is added (adjust to type of ice pop mold).

After final layer is added, freeze at least another 6–8 hours before serving. To serve, run bottom of molds under hot water for few seconds, or until able to pull ice pop free from mold. (If using paper cup, just peel cup away.)

**Note:** If you don't want layers, whisk mixtures together. You can also make each layer into its own ice pop, if you choose.

## SWEET IDEAS FOR *Al Fresco Entertaining*



#### FAMILY FEATURES

You can heighten the fun of every outdoor gathering with the right nibbles, noshes and refreshments. A fruitful al fresco experience involves lively conversation with good friends, easy finger foods and tasty, versatile drinks that fit the laid-back atmosphere. For the hosts who long for a successful backyard bash, consider serving palate-pleasing Moscato. This deliciously sweet wine varietal has become very popular as its approachable flavor profile is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

#### Mix it up with fun flavors

In addition to the classic peach taste of the Gallo Family Vineyards Original White Moscato, try the aromatic orange blossom notes of their Pink Moscato or the yummy red berry finish of their Red Moscato.

Or, dust off your finest barware and make a splash by serving simple wine cocktails. Whether it's a refreshing spin on a classic, like the Moscato-lyni below, or your own recipe, Moscato's fruit-forward flavors make it a great and unexpected base for cocktails.

#### Add a bit of flare

To keep outdoor gatherings exciting, Gallo Family Vineyards offers these refreshing tips:

- Label your food offerings for guests in a fun way by cutting a slit in wine corks and inserting a small card.
- Help guests cool down by serving sweet wine cocktails on ice.
- Give your guests a fun way to keep track of their drinks by painting the bottom of wine glasses with chalkboard paint. Guests can use chalk to write their names and draw pictures.

For other ideas to make outdoor entertaining a hit, visit [www.GalloFamily.com](http://www.GalloFamily.com).



### Blackberry Moscato Bellini

Servings: 1

- 1/4 cup blackberries
- 1 tablespoon water
- 5 ounces chilled Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 whole blackberry for garnish

Combine blackberries and water in blender and puree until smooth. Strain through fine-mesh strainer, discarding seeds and solids. Fill bottom of chilled Champagne coupe with blackberry puree. Top with Moscato and garnish with fresh blackberry.

### Moscato Moscow Mule

Servings: 1

- 4 ounces ginger beer
- 3 ounces Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 ounce lime juice
- 1 lime wheel
- 1 mint sprig for garnish

Pour ginger beer, Moscato and lime juice into ice-filled copper mug. Garnish with lime wheel and mint sprig.

### Moscato Mango Mojito

Servings: 1

- 1 lime, cut into eighths
- 5 leaves basil, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon demerara sugar
- 1 1/4 ounces Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 ounce white rum
- 1 1/4 ounces mango puree or mango nectar

Muddle lime, basil leaves, and sugar in bottom of cocktail shaker. Fill with ice; add Moscato, white rum and mango nectar. Shake and strain into ice-filled rocks glass. Garnish with basil sprig.



### Food Pairing Notes

Moscato is more than just a dessert wine. It tastes great with a variety of food and particularly helps balance out spicy dishes that heat up the night. No matter what cuisine you're cooking up, a chilled glass of Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato and the pairing guide below are the perfect combination to elevate your outdoor engagements.

- **White Moscato:** The honey notes are a perfect match for grilled seafood, such as shrimp or trout.
- **Pink Moscato:** Great paired with spicy Asian or Mexican dishes, and complements everyday desserts.
- **Red Moscato:** This refreshing red is served cold. Try it with light cheeses and juicy burgers.

# New FM station, continued

community because we want to be a community-oriented station.”

Eckman is optimistic

and wants to expand WRWW’s programming to include nearly anything that happens in town.

“I think it’ll take off,” Eckman said. “We want to broadcast every concert that is here in the performing arts

center. We do the Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts; we did the Pinknic. We are trying to get students interested in doing some sportscasting. We do all the football games right now. We do boys and girls basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, soccer, so we want to keep involved. We would like to do city council meetings, school board meetings. We have a lot of students involved in what we do and other community leaders and citizens that are interested.”

At this point most of the material broadcast on WRWW will come from Lowell High School students.

“Students sign up to

do shows,” Eckman said. “They play music they like to hear and who they think their peers might like to hear. I’ve got a 9th grader that plays mostly the top 40 and he’ll do a show on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30. We’ve been very fortunate that we’ve gotten students that have really taken interest in what we do. Right now I think we have about 21 students involved in what we do here. I would say 12 to 15 of them want to get and are involved in doing their own on-air shows and I have about another 8 to 10 students ready to start once school starts, so we’re pretty excited about that.

Some of them are on-air

students that get behind the microphone, some students are technicians that work with equipment. It’s extra-curricular, the students get no credit. I’m not sure how many actually pursue it once they get out of high school, but they’ve done an excellent job for us over the past nine years.”

If you have input, the station is on Instagram and Twitter at @wrwwradio, but your best bet is to contact Eckman directly.

“Either call the station here at 987-2549 or they could email me at aeckmen@lowellschools.com,” Eckman said.

# This Thursday will be the last Sizzlin' concert of the season

Main Street transformed into Bourbon Street last Thursday when the Cajun sound of K. Jones and the Benzie Playboys filled the air at the second to last Lowell Showboat Sizzlin’ Summer Concert of the 2014 season.

Authentic Creole style and sound produced a lively atmosphere for concertgoers who lined the Riverwalk for the show. Using instruments well associated with the unique southern sound, such as the fiddle and the button accordion and lesser known ones like the scrubboard and tif’fer, the five-member band successfully created a traditional Louisiana dance experience.

Series finale performers Nicholas James and the Bandwagon will showcase their Michigan rooted country music next week to round out the concert series which is brought to the community annually by the efforts of LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



K. Jones and the Benzie Playboys hit all the right notes on the Riverwalk.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from Vergennes Broadband LLC to install a tower approximately 100 feet in height for the purpose of providing broadband internet service.

**LOCATION & ADDRESS:** The property on which the tower is proposed to be located is 11760 Grand River Drive which is on the south side of Grand River Avenue approximately one quarter mile west of Springside Drive. This property is owned by James VanderWoude.

The hearing will be held as follows:

- WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**
- TIME: 7:00 P.M.**
- WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331**

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI. 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

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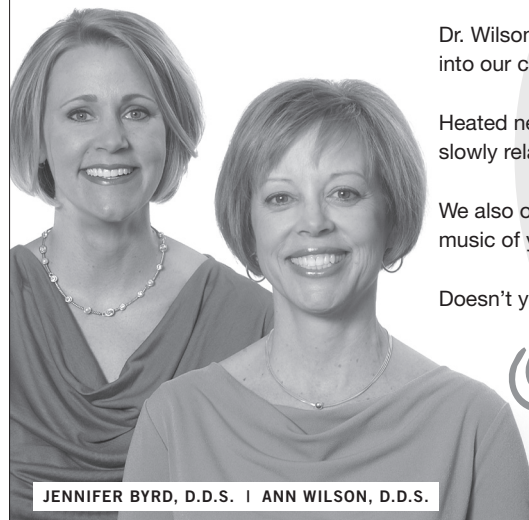
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# obituaries

## CANTWELL

Linda L. Cantwell, age 66 years, of Lowell, Michigan, died at 2:47 am on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Metro Health Hospital in Wyoming, Michigan following an extended illness. She was born on April 8, 1948, in Lansing, Michigan, to Richard E. and Delores Jean (Martin) Newman. She graduated from Farmington Hills (Michigan) Northern High School and has lived in Fishers, Indiana and Lowell most of her life. As a young mother, Linda enjoyed supporting the school and scouting activities of her daughters. Her interest in children led her to operate a daycare center for several years. More recently, she has participated in a Bible Study of the Impact Church in Lowell, enjoyed yardwork and gardening, and reading, especially the novels of James Patterson. She has also enjoyed exercising her mind through a variety of computer game challenges. Linda was previously married to Dennis Cantwell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Delores Newman. Surviving family includes her daughters, Jennifer (& Akiko Tamamuri) of Japan and Rebecca (& Chris) Harris of Otsego, Michigan; grandchildren Christopher Richard Harris, Jr, Isabelle Grace Harris and Aubrey Faith Harris; Linda's brother, Rich Newman of Angola, Indiana and his children, Andrea and Aaron, and their children Tyler and Addison, and Mitchell and Connor. Services for Linda Cantwell will be at 10:00 am on Friday, August 22, 2014, at the graveside in Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles, Michigan, with the Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence of First Presbyterian Church in Niles officiating. Contributions in memory of Linda may be made to the Weekday Preschool of First Presbyterian Church in Niles. Arrangements were made at the Halbritter Funeral Home in Niles. [www.halbritterfunerals.com](http://www.halbritterfunerals.com)

## TRUESDELL

Mary Helen Truesdell, age 99, was born in Petoskey, MI, the daughter of Hazel Ramsby Bowman and Norman Stover Bowman. She grew up in Richmond, MI, graduated from the University of Michigan, Phi Beta Kappa, and taught Latin until her marriage to Robert John Truesdell who preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter Patricia A. Jones, a son-in-law Roderick C. Jones, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She resided at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, MI at the time of her death and will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, MI. A private memorial service will be held. Donations can be made to Clark Foundation, 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, 4291 Cascade Rd SE at Kenmoor, E of I-96 [www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com](http://www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com)



## VANLAAN

Jean Hazel VanLaan, age 89 of Lowell, entered into her eternal home on Friday, August 15, 2014. She was preceded in death by her brother Earl VanLaan. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Doris VanLaan; nephew, Phillip (Rebecca) VanLaan; nieces, Patricia (Joel) Walker, Barbara (John) Williams, Mary (James) Craig, Nancy VanLaan, Susan (Philip) Dykstra, Linda VanLaan, Karen (Roger) Onan, Ruth (Jeff) Gesselman. Funeral Service was held at Forest Hills Baptist Church, 3900 E. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids. Pastor Jeff Burr officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Forest Hills Baptist Church, 3900 E. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.



# Get to know the faces and facts of disability

Perhaps the most misunderstood Social Security program is disability insurance, often referred to as SSDI. Some people mistakenly think that beneficiaries are "on the dole" and getting easy money for minor impairments. That's not the case. There are two ways to understand the truth about disability. One is by looking at the facts. The other is by getting to know some of the people who make up the many faces of disability.

The Social Security Act sets out a very strict definition of disability. To receive a disability benefit, a person must have an impairment expected to last at least one year or result in death. The impairment must be so severe that it renders the person unable to perform any substantial work in the national job market, not just their previous work. SSDI does not include temporary or partial disability benefits.

In addition, Social Security conducts a periodic review of people who receive disability benefits to ensure they remain eligible for disability. Social Security also aggressively works to prevent, detect, and prosecute fraud. Social Security often investigates suspicious disability claims before making a decision to award benefits—proactively stopping fraud before it happens. These steps help to ensure that only those eligible have access to disability benefits.

As for the faces . . . there are so many people who benefit from our disability program. But for now, allow us to introduce you to a few of them. Meet some of the faces of disability—people who have benefited from Social Security when they were most in need—at the new *Faces and Facts of Disability* website, [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts).

*Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at [vontil@ssa.gov](mailto:vontil@ssa.gov)*

## —LEGAL NOTICES—

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In the matter of **BARBARA F. PIERCE**. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Cindy Piecre and Louis Pierce whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

In the matter of **KALEIGH THOMPSON**. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Susan Marlatt and Stephanie Faire whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on 09/03/2014 at 1:30 pm at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Michele Boley for the appointment of a conservator for Barbara F. Pierce.

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on 09/17/2014 at 8:45 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Michele Boley for the appointment of a successor guardian for Kaleigh Thompson.

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Ada, MI 49301  
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# classifieds

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

CENTRAL BOILER CLASSIC OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE - Provides heat for entire home & domestic water. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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

ANTIQUE DESK - \$25; Futon bed (no mattress), \$30; CD player, \$15; dresser, \$10; wooden TV trays, \$20; laminator, \$15. 616-421-5286.

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

**for sale**

WASHER & GAS DRYER - GE Estate, both large capacity, excellent condition, \$200 for both. Call 616-244-3313, Belding.

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**help wanted**

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

J & H FAMILY STORES/TIM HORTONS - are now hiring energetic & friendly people to fill part-time positions at our new location at the corner of Lincoln Lake & Vergennes. Duties include great customer service, running a register, stocking, cleaning & food service. We offer flexible hours. Applicants must be available to work on weekends & holidays. Please apply at Lowell Mobil, 4475 Alden Nash, Lowell or applications may be completed on our website.

COMPOSITECH a ISG company - Taking Applications for fiberglass fabrication, General shop work, manual machine operator, CAD operator & field services. Apply between 9 am & 3 pm, 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS IS LOOKING FOR APPLICANTS - for the following positions: CUSTODIAL CLEANERS: These are custodial cleaner positions, without benefits. One position working 3 hours per day at Bushnell Elementary; one position working 4 hours per day at Cherry Creek Elementary; one position working 5.5 hours per day at Lowell High School. All three positions are Mon. - Fri., working on scheduled student days of instruction. Approximate calendar is from mid-August thru mid-June. To apply: visit www.lowellschools.com - departments - human resources - job postings or apply in writing to: John Zielinski, Chief Financial officer, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

NOAH'S PET CEMETERY & PET CREMATORY INC. - is looking for an outgoing, compassionate and reliable person to work in the cemetery, crematory and driving for pick-up and deliveries. Must be able to lift heavy items. Must have an excellent driving record. Contact Rob at 616-949-1390, 2727 Orange Ave., Cascade, MI 49546.

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**help wanted**

LOWELL BUSINESS SEEKING TEMPORARY PART-TIME HELP - Answering phones & making sales phone calls. Daytime hours vary. Informal brief interviews will take place on Tues., Aug. 26 & Thurs., Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment necessary. Location: corner of Amity & Chatham (entry door faces Amity).

LOWELL WATER WORKS - 1941 W. Main. Please see manager, 8-3 p.m.

**for rent**

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

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

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

**sales**

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 21, 22 & 23, 9-5 p.m. 1575 Sibley, Lowell. Baby boy clothes up to size 2T, Avon & much more.

GARAGE SALE - Misc. GM car parts, baby girl clothes, Avon, misc. items. 273 Jane Ellen, Lowell. Sat., Aug. 23, 9-7 p.m.

BARN SALE - Aug. 22 & 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Many household items including a canoe, ice boat & much more! Come check it out. 1773 McCabe NE.

GREAT SALE - at Key Heights office, 11335 Fulton, Lowell. Antiques, crafts & lots more. Fri., Aug. 22, 9-5 p.m.

MEGA SALE - Housewares, bedding, water cooler, light fixtures, ceiling fan, Palm, bed, clothing, hockey pads & helmets, framed art. Thurs.-Fri., 8-5, Sat. 9-12. 3148 Lally Ct.

**wanted**

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

RECYCLING MATERIAL SCRAPS WANTED - to be used for housing insulation. Scraps may be dropped off at L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St. Lowell. Call Judy at 897-0052 with questions.

**misc.**

FOOTBALL GAME DRAWINGS - LHS Academic Boosters has 4 passes to home football games. Donate \$1 for your chance to win 4 red stadium seats. Look for the RED box at Burch field and the LHS office. Thank you for supporting Lowell Academic Boosters.

**services**

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## Coming Events

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

KIDS TALK - Tuesdays 6 - 7:15 p.m. A group for children in elementary school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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

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.

LEGO DAYS - 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,

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

# Social Security Q & A

**Question:** I got married and I need to change my name in Social Security's records. What do I do?

**Answer:** If you change your name due to marriage, or for any other reason, you'll need to report the change and get a corrected Social Security card with your new name. You will need to fill out form SS-5. You can get a copy of this form by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc) or by calling our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You'll also need to provide the original marriage certificate showing your new and old names. You can mail or take the documentation to your local Social Security office. In some cases, we may need other forms of documentation as well.

For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

**Question:** Do I have to give my Social Security number whenever I'm asked?

**Answer:** No. Giving your Social Security number is voluntary. If requested, you should ask why the person needs your Social Security number, how it will be used, what law requires you to give your number, and what the consequences are if you refuse. The answers to these questions can help you decide whether to give your Social Security number. However, the decision is yours. Keep in mind that requestors might not provide you their services if you refuse to provide your Social Security number.

For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) to read or print our publication *Your Social Security Card And Number*.

**Question:** Will my retirement benefits increase if I wait and retire after my full retirement age?

**Answer:** Yes. You can increase your Social Security retirement benefit in two ways:

- You can increase your retirement benefit by a certain percentage if you delay receiving retirement benefits. We will automatically add these increases automatically from the time you reach full retirement age until you start receiving benefits or reach age 70; and
- If you work,

each additional year you work adds another year of earnings to your Social Security record. Higher lifetime earnings may result in higher benefits when you do retire.

For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) to read, print, or listen to our publication, *When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits*. You also can use our *Retirement Estimator* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) to determine your estimated future benefits.

**Question:** I have children at home and I plan to retire soon. Will my children be eligible for monthly Social Security payments after I retire?

**Answer:** Your

children will get monthly Social Security payments if they are:

- Unmarried and under age 18 (age 19 if still in high school); or
- Age 18 or over, and became severely disabled before age 22 and continue to be disabled.

This applies to biological and adopted children, as well as dependent stepchildren and, in some cases, dependent grandchildren. For more information visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) to read, print, or listen to our publication, *Benefits For Children*.

**Question:** I'm thinking about getting disability protection from a private company. If I

become disabled and have a private policy, would it reduce my Social Security disability benefit?

**Answer:** No. Having private insurance does not affect your eligibility for Social Security disability benefits. But, you may be interested to know that workers' compensation and certain other public disability payments may affect your Social Security benefit. You can learn more and even apply for disability benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability). Also, read our publication, *How Workers' Compensation And Other Disability Payments May Affect Your Benefits*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

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## Looking Back, continued

illegal use of the city hall. The council ordered the manager to lock the city hall after regular business hours.

A group of young boys and girls have been hanging around the building and gave the excuse they were using the pay phone in the lobby. Investigation revealed that the second floor had been broken into and mattresses were being used for immoral purposes. Some youths have used the upper floor as a place to sleep, Olson told the council. Walls have been defaced with indecent language, a hole has been drilled in the wall between the two restrooms, papers, bottles, etc., had been discarded in the hall and in the second floor. The council discovering that the city was paying part of the cost of the pay phone ordered that removed as long as there were two other public phones available.

Richards Park squirrels are now looking for new homes, now that all but two of the oak trees have been removed. City manager, Bernard Olson, said that the upper branches of the trees were rotten and dangerous. Removal of the giant oak trees will be completed this week.

"Michigan Outdoors" will televise the Aquanaut's Ski Show as presented at the Lowell Showboat.

Richard Schlernitzauer, operator of Frank's 5c to \$1 store, revealed at the council meeting on Monday night that he plans to replace the sidewalk along the front and side of his store and other stores he owns on Main Street over to the bridge. This will be a nice improvement. Riverside Drive will be made wider by narrowing the sidewalk along that side of the building.

Peter Speerstra, owner of the Levee Restaurant building, is installing a new sandstone front on the structure while the proprietor, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, is taking her annual vacation.

Gertrude Bieber and Mabel Whitaker, Lowell Beauty Shop operators, were among the more than 70 outstanding cosmetologists in attendance at Ferris State College's Cosmetology Summer Workshop, August 8-12. A special feature of the workshop was a day long lecture and demonstration program by nationally acclaimed hair stylist Susan Hill.

Three men robbed Alexander's Standard Station of some \$400 in tools and parts early Sunday morning. Two of the men have been apprehended and signed confessions. A third man has been implicated Chief Avery Block revealed Wednesday... The three men broke a hole in the side window and opened it from the outside. They used a sledge and cutting torch found in the building in an attempt to open a cash vault. They ruined the door to the safe, but failed to get into it. It took professional safe men two hours on Tuesday to remove the damaged door. None of the parts and tools stolen have been recovered, police said, but the identity of the third man is known and his arrest is evident.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 23, 1989

Don Start celebrated two births on August 14 – the birth of a new job and the birth of a baby girl. To a man,

Lowell superintendent, Fritz Essich; LCTK consortium and school community services director, Dick Korb; and LHS principal, Jim DeWeerd noticed a certain excitement, a certain chemistry about new Lowell assistant principal Start, in the interviewing stage. Start, with his wife, Debbie, assuming the leading role, reaffirmed that feeling Monday night following a board meeting and the approval of his appointment. Driving back to Grand Haven, Debbie, carrying their second child, went into labor – six-and-a-half hours later they were the proud parents of an 8-pound, 21 inch baby girl (Jody Lynn). Start, with a smile creasing his face, adds if the baby had been a boy its name would have been Lowell. The timing of the birth wasn't as convenient as Start would have planned, but he adapted to the situation easily enough. In a sense, that one characteristic, the ability to adapt easily to one's surroundings, played a key part in Start landing the position of Lowell High School's assistant principal.

Headline: King Memorial Pool usage down. Dr. James Reagan was near the top of the agenda at Monday's meeting of the Lowell City Council. Reagan is a member of the Lowell YMCA board of directors and was on hand to brief the council members on the status of the King Memorial Pool. Reagan reported that use of the pool is well down from last year. "We're at about half what we had projected," Reagan said. "I don't know if it's the weather ... more people with their own pools ... it could be a number of things," Reagan added. Reagan told the council that the pool has shown a loss every year for the nearly thirty years the YMCA has operated it. He reminded the council that the YMCA's contract to operate the pool expires in June of next year and noted that the YMCA board is seriously contemplating their loss. Reagan said he is very much in favor of seeing the pool stay open under the YMCA supervision, but told the council the YMCA will be wrestling with a very difficult decision over the next few months.

Lowell was dumped on again by the city of Belding and this time it had nothing to do with basketball. On Tuesday, Aug. 14 health officials in Kent and Ionia counties issued an alert, advising people against coming in contact with the Flat River downstream of Belding, following an overload in Belding's sewer system. The designed spill or overload dumped about one million gallons of diluted but untreated sewage into the Flat River. Lowell residents will remember that they were recently sued by the Environmental Protection Agency and then forced to pay higher sewer rates to clean up the sewage discharged into the Flat River. Many believe it is now Belding's turn to do the same, including Lowell city councilman Charlie Doyle.

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48. In need of fixing
50. Brooklyn team
52. Big fuss
53. Minor damage
55. Beehive State native
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10. Gaelic
11. "\_\_\_\_\_ there, done that"
12. "C' \_\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
15. \*The Platters' sound
20. Dead to the world
22. Moo goo gai pan pan
24. Young codfish
25. \*Thermonuclear weapon
26. "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" composer
27. Narcotics lawman
29. Wanted state in old west?
31. Bankrolls
32. \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_la
33. "Eight Is Enough" group, e.g.
34. \*Frisbee and Hula Hoop maker
36. Yellow on bald eagle
38. "Absolutely!"
42. Get something ready
45. Tied the knot
49. Not a thing
51. Exterior plaster
54. Very recently
56. Set of principles
57. Lucy and Ricky, e.g.
58. Has a mortgage
59. \*1952 Olympic site
60. Like soup, but thicker
61. Supreme Court count
62. Ancient Peruvian
63. \_\_\_\_\_ \*Newsweek sports editor, "Boys of Summer" author
64. Pencil type
66. \*CBS unveiled this logo in 1951

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- Famous perennial announcer, Don Pardo, has died at the age of 96. He was the announcer on Saturday Night Live for nearly 40 years.
- Tensions are still running high in Ferguson, Missouri after an independant autopsy, on slain teenager Michael Brown, shows that he was shot six times, twice in the head. The medical examiner also said the sixth shot was likely the one that killed him. Brown's mother is calling for the officer who shot her son to be arrested.
- Singer Christina Aguilera has given birth to a baby girl and named her Summer Rain.
- Figure skating and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto racing might be the most diametrically opposed sports around. From the personalities that participate in each to the fan bases that follow them, the respective disciplines on ice and pavement have very little in common.
- Olympic champion ice dancers Charlie White and Meryl Davis were asked to be grand marshals for Sunday's Pure Michigan 400. But the gold medalists, both Michigan natives, were booed by the Michigan International Speedway crowd for their less-than-rousing rendition of the famous line.
- Pope Francis has endorsed the use of force to stop Islamic militants from attacking religious minorities in Iraq.
- Texas governor Rick Perry and has assembled a team of high-powered attorneys to fight the two felony counts of abuse of power against him.

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# Practice has begun for Red Arrow fall sports teams

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Practice has begun for the fall varsity sports' teams. Girls golf, boys tennis, volleyball, cheer and football seasons will hit the ground running over the next two weeks.

Golf will start swinging this week when the ladies host Grandville High School at Arrowhead Golf Course on Thursday and Lakewood High School the following Tuesday.

Boys tennis will kick off their season on the road at Portland High School as well as at Lakewood, while volleyball players will begin their season at North Point Christian High School in Grand Rapids.

Varsity football will face first time competitors Canadian Prep Academy under the leadership of newly appointed starting quarterback Ryan Stevens in the school's first international game on Thursday, August 28. The home game will kick off at 7 pm and is set to be a challenge for the squad according to head coach Noel Dean. "They are pretty good. They have some nice players so it's not going to be about athlete versus

athlete. It's going to have to be about hustle, discipline, desire and some of those things. It's going to have to be a team game all around," concluded Dean.

A full fall sports' preview, including roster and schedule information, will be featured in an upcoming issue of The Lowell Ledger.

Schedule information can also be found on the school's website [www.lowellschools.com](http://www.lowellschools.com) under the Athletics tab.



Head coach Noel Dean watches on as the varsity Red Arrows prepare for the 2014 football season.

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**Murray Lake Open House**  
from 5:00 to 6:45

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Middle School Smart Start**  
from 3:00 to 6:00

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

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[www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

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