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M-50 bridge slide installation completed

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

In northern states, the issue of road repair is a costly and annoying difficulty. Backups caused simply by constricting a highway to one lane for the sake of filling in potholes can make drivers late for appointments or even delay their return home after a long day of work. In the past, bridge repairs have closed down large sections of busy thoroughfares. This was not the case, however, with the reconstruction project for the M-50 bridge over I-96 in Lowell Township which has been going on for the past few weeks.

Using a new technique popularly called the “bridge slide” civil engineers

embarked in an endeavor that has only been practiced a couple of times in the past. The process is simple. Construction crews assemble a new bridge adjacent to the old bridge that they are replacing. In this instance, the old M-50 bridge was over fifty years old, built during a time when John F. Kennedy was still alive and nobody had ever listened to a Beatles record. Once construction is completed, the old bridge is demolished and the new bridge is slid into the place



The bridge slide project was completed with the help of Dawn dish detergent.



the old bridge once occupied. A video of this process can be found at www.michigan.gov/bridgeslide.

The process for the bridge at M-50 and I-96 was expected to conclude on Saturday, October 11, but construction crews ran into a problem.

“We didn’t have all the equipment we needed,” said John Richard of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) office of communications. “Everything and everyone has to be in the right place for this to work.”

Instead, the bridge slide was completed one week later on Saturday, October 18. The project began just after midnight the Friday before and concluded while most people were still in bed on Saturday morning. With a project deadline of November 13, even with the delay the crews finished nearly a full month ahead of schedule.

Prior attempts at a bridge slide gained public notice due to the use of unexpected products in order to assist in the process. Crews had reportedly used dish soap in

order to slide the bridge into place. This hearkens back to the 2001 film *Evolution* where the protagonists halt an extraterrestrial invasion using the chemical properties of household shampoo. The original thought for the Lowell bridge slide was that crews would use a powerful lubricant in order to ease the bridge into place. Come Friday evening, however, workers found that the lubricant was thickening in the cold night air and ended

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Councilmember seeks to add items to meeting agenda, citizens voice opinion on buried cable and dead trees

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

This week’s city council meeting started off with some interesting disagreements over the meeting’s agenda and also included a long presentation by a representative from “The Right Place.”

At the beginning of the meeting, councilor Matt Mayer attempted to have items added to the meeting’s agenda.

“Under ‘new business’ I would like to add, ‘the potential disciplinary action of the city manager,’” Mayer said.

“Uh, maybe I need to refer to the city attorney on that one because there’s

an issue,” said mayor Jim Hodges.

“I would also like to add, under the closed session...,” Mayer continued.

“Excuse me,” said city attorney Richard Wendt.

“Let’s first address this item,” Hodges said.

“That’s improper matter to add to the agenda,” Wendt said.

According to a “rules of procedure” document on the city council’s website, “Any councilmember shall have the right to add items to the regular agenda before the meeting commences.”

However, instead of simply adding the items to the agenda, they took a vote to

decide whether or not to add the new items. Councilors Mayer and Jeff Altoft voted to add them, councilors Sharon Ellison, Jim Hall and mayor Jim Hodges voted not to add them. The items were not added.

“Can we talk about the agenda?” Mayer asked. “Can we do that now?”

“Well, if there’s any additions or corrections to that agenda,” Hodges said.

“I have some questions about it,” Mayer said. “Not any more additions, but questions.”

“Well, maybe you and I can talk about that another time,” Hodges said.



Councilor Matt Mayer and city attorney Dick Wendt discussing the meeting agenda.

“I think we can bring it up now,” Mayer said.

“I don’t think so,” Hodges said.

About 23 citizens attended the meeting, which lasted an hour and 25 minutes. Two local residents spoke during “citizen comments.” Tony Ellison,

the husband of councilor Sharon Ellison, said he was tired of hearing about the recent ‘underground wire’ controversy and that he wished people were less negative.

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up picking up several bottles of Dawn dish detergent in order to coat the horizontal skids.

Following the successful installation of the new bridge, crews will still be hard at work tidying up the surrounding area and tending to smaller bridge matters.

"In the next couple of weeks it should be how it is going to be for the next 50 years," Richard said.

Richard noted that the traditional method of

replacing a bridge over a highway can halt traffic for months. In a state where it is not uncommon to find even detour routes torn up for one reason or another, it is hard not to see the power of this feat of engineering.

"The big benefit is to the motorists," Richard said.

Crews complete M-50 bridge construction using new "bridge slide" method.



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Entire office staff named Staff Member(s) of the Month

As Murray Lake Elementary (MLE) entered their eleventh year, they started without a very familiar face in their office. Joan Weeber, who had been MLE's administrative assistant since the beginning, took a job at Lowell's central office. Julie Simmons, MLE's office assistant, moved into Weeber's position and Alice Bush and Cathy Noffke were hired as office assistants. All three were nominated as MLE's Staff Members of the Month for October.



Pictured, left to right: Julie Simmons, Alice Bush and Cathy Noffke.

"Losing Joan was difficult. I often said that she was my boss and when others laughed, I would say, 'I am not kidding.' Joan was an amazing assistant and we are all going to miss her. I

have, however, been very impressed with how Julie has stepped up. It was also great to hire Alice and Cathy into the office. They have

been fantastic," said MLE principal, Brent Noskey.

"I think Julie, Alice and Cathy deserve this honor. They have had a steep

learning curve and are all doing a great job at keeping MLE running smoothly and preserving our sanity in the process," commented third-

grade teacher, Diane Titcher.

Noffke has four children. Two girls are Lowell graduates and now in college, one at GVSU and one at MSU. Her two sons currently attend LHS.

"I have been volunteering/working at MLE for about 10 years. The last five years as the proctor for MAP testing. I feel so blessed to be part of such a great team here at MLE," said Noffke.

Bush and her husband, Tom, live in Lowell with their children: Mackenzie and Josh, a senior and freshman at Lowell High School.

This is Bush's eleventh year of employment with the district. She spent the first two years at Bushnell Elementary in the office and has been at Murray Lake for eight years as a paraed.

Simmons is in her twelfth year working for Lowell Area Schools. She's enjoying the challenge of her new position and embracing the change. She is very grateful to have the support of Bush and Noffke this year. Simmons has two sons, Jackson, an MSU freshman, and Sam, an LMS eighth grader.

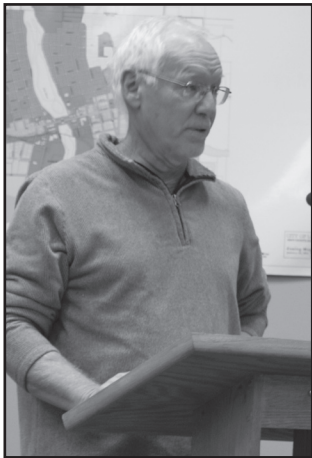
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"I am tired of hearing that some cable is buried 24 inches deep and not 30 inches deep somewhere," Ellison said. "I urge you to stop being so negative; do your homework and give it your best."

Doug Krause said he received a letter from the city stating that a dead tree on his property had to be cut down within 30 days. Krause said the property line is in dispute and he asked the council for more time to work the issue out. He was told to call city manager Mark Howe to discuss the problem further.

Birgit Klohs, president and CEO of "The Right Place," gave a lengthy presentation about Lowell's participation in that organization, ending with a plea to the council for \$12,500 over five years. Klohs said The Right Place's goals for West Michigan are 5,500 more jobs, \$183 million in 'new payroll' and \$390 million in 'capital

investment.' The Right Place is an organization that offers 'assistance' to businesses. More information about the organization can be



Tony Ellison is bored with underground wires and negativity at council meetings.

found on their website, therightplace.org.

The issue with underground electrical lines was discussed for about ten minutes. Light & Power board chairman Greg Pierce was on hand to answer the council's questions. He answered several, apparently to the council's satisfaction.

"The whole thing about this whole deal isn't about the depth of the wire right now, it's about following policy," councilor Jeff Altoft said. "Basically, that's why we're here right now."

The council went into a closed session to discuss 'union negotiations strategy' and then adjourned.

"We're wondering, after three and a half years of negotiations, why the city refuses to respond to our last proposal," said Ralph Brecken, one of the union workers, in an interview after the meeting.

The next regular city council meeting will be at city hall at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 3.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant application for 2014. Grant applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

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The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

- Delete Sections 2.82, 2.83, 3.32, 3.33, 14.01 W., and 14.05 V. that regulate and define telecommunication towers and antennas;
- Amend Section 3.14 to include terms proposed under new Section 3.33;
- Delete Sections 5.01 D. and 6.04 H. which permit telecommunications towers and antennas in the AG-Agricultural District and the R-1 Rural Residential District respectively;
- And add new Section 3.33 that regulates wireless communications equipment and support structures.

The proposed amendments provide for the regulation of wireless communication equipment and support structures according to current State of Michigan and Federal laws. The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
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The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

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Dave Stegehuis

Travel far enough north and it looks a lot like winter year around while far to the south summer is endless. Seasons at this latitude on the other hand are distinctively different and provide a backdrop for activities and celebrations unique to this time of year. Landscape changes are the most noticeable. Foliage in the woods and forests turns from green to a full palette of brilliant colors then is gone. Fall may not seem like the longest season but may be the busiest.

Festivals of all kinds pop-up in small towns across the state. Road trips to and from these festivals include stops at farm markets that offer fresh produce from the recent harvest. Pumpkins top the popularity list for Halloween celebrations and provide ingredients

for special pies. Cider and donuts are sometimes a bonus.

Wildlife sense the coming winter and scurry to complete preparations for a lean cold spell. Fish return from the Great Lakes to run up rivers and spawn. Black bears store up fat to sustain them during hibernation. As days become shorter, deer become more active during the rut. Waterfowl and song birds abandon the north country by the thousands in favor of southern destinations.

Hunters and fishermen take advantage of the increased wildlife activity by venturing afield to participate in another harvest. Days spent in the field, woods, and on the water are made more enjoyable because the bugs

are gone, the temperature is comfortable, and scenery spectacular.

Young children and nervous parents face the milestone of the first day of school together. Older students are excited about the promise of a new school year. College students take the big step into adulthood. It's not all assignments and homework. Fall sports practices fill up the remainder of the school day for many students. Football, of course, is the focus on Friday nights and continues on Saturday at campuses across the state.

The remaining seasons do feature special events, activities, and celebrations, but fall in Michigan packs the most punch for the most people amid a beautiful landscape and sets the stage for the coming winter. It is easy to find a reason to get outdoors and enjoy the season.

ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Panic. What is it? How does it differ from anxiety? What can I do to make it better? These are just a few of the questions that people have about panic disorder. Many of the patients that I have seen with panic disorder have been referred by physicians. Since no medical problems have been diagnosed, doctors turn to the psychologist for diagnosis and treatment. Many times the symptoms of a panic disorder are so severe that they rush to the ER to get treatment.

A myriad of physical symptoms, such as pounding heart, trembling, faintness, dizziness, chest pain, choking sensations, fears of dying or going crazy can happen within the span of a few minutes. A

panic attack alone can also be due to OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), SAD (seasonal affective disorder, GAD (generalized anxiety disorder) or social anxiety which can trigger panic when the specific fears are present. A true panic disorder has the following symptoms: 1.) repeated, unexpected, "out of the blue" panic attacks, 2.) dreaded anticipation of another attack, 3.) avoidance of perceived triggers of attacks, 4.) reluctance to venture outside the home for fear of a possible attack, and 5.) fears of an inability to cope. An anxiety disorder is when one's fears and worries are excessive and unreasonable and out of proportion to the event. It disrupts normal daily activities and the

intensity extends longer than a month. Panic disorder has physical manifestations such as, difficulty breathing, dizziness, chest pains and choking, along with fears of dying and/or fears of going crazy.

What can the sufferer do to make it better? If possible go to a safe place and calm down with relaxing breaths. It is important to remember that no one has ever died from a panic attack. A panic attack is time limited. Calm your thoughts by reminding yourself that it will pass. Seeking professional help to find effective ways of coping with the panic disorder will provide a lifetime of positive change. CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy) is very effective. Reality-based thinking is often the best way to prevent the ill-effects of a panic disorder.

If you have any questions, general or specific, please email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Our school just got done with its annual fundraiser. So did my orchestra class. So did band. It made me wonder, how many rolls of wrapping paper with "Peace on Earth" stamped all over them do people need? I understand that the school needs to raise money, but you'd think that they would give some of that to the drama or orchestra

programs so they don't have to do separate fundraisers. Or, maybe the fundraisers could be staggered to occur at different times during the year. That way, we are not hitting up all of our relatives at the same time asking them to buy yet one more thing. Back in elementary school, we had a fundraiser called "Champs on the Run." This was where you

asked people to sponsor you for a lap around a field. It was basically just asking people to donate money and I thought it was a good idea. That way you don't make someone buy something that costs fifteen dollars and after factoring in all the costs of prizes and getting the company to sponsor your fundraiser, the school only makes five dollars. I am just asking if we need all this hullabaloo over prizes and such, when you could politely ask your aunts and uncles if they would simply donate five bucks to a good cause (your school).

viewpoint

to the editor

committed to education

To The Editor,

I graduated from college in 1968 and began teaching that year. I have always felt that the education of our children is one of the most important and critical responsibilities a society has and I have dedicated my life to that end. There are very few things that are more important than giving our children a fighting chance to be successful in the global economy in which they now compete for jobs. Just warehousing them for 12 years is not enough. It has to be quality education which also takes a financial commitment to attract the most qualified people to go into teaching and a commitment to provide the necessary support and materials to get the job done.

Because of my commitment and concern for education, I find I cannot support Lisa Lyons to be our representative in the 86th legislative, house district. She supported with her vote in 2011 the bill (HB4325 / PA62 of 2011)) that cut

around a billion and a half dollars that was earmarked for education and just gave it away, leaving schools so financially decimated that some schools in our state had to close. The reason given for the enormous cuts to education was to create jobs. In 2010 there was one state that had a worse jobless rate than Michigan's (Bureau of Labor Statistics). As of August 2014, there are now five states that have a worse jobless rate than does Michigan (Bureau of Labor Statistics) leaving 45 states with a lower jobless rate and GM is again now the top auto producer in the world. While this is an improvement, it is not enough to warrant the damage to our schools. It didn't work. As a result in Michigan's schools, class sizes soared, help for special needs children of all kinds was reduced and even more critical is that qualified and talented teachers are getting out of the profession. Only half of the young people that go into teaching today stay past five years. Even

though a billion dollars has been replaced in Michigan's education budget, the amount replaced is millions of dollars short of replacing the original amount taken. Parents are rightly upset with the damage done to our schools by the cuts. It has been a big political issue, as it should be, which has forced Lansing to replace some of the money, but I worry about what will happen to spending for the education of our children and grandchildren after the election. No one in 2010 ran on or even mentioned an agenda that would cut over a billion dollars from education, but as soon as they were elected, that is immediately and exactly what they did, including Lisa Lyons. What leaves me unsure is what might be the

next secret agenda out there against education?

I have met with Lynn Mason and am convinced that if education is a critical factor in a voter's mind, she is the superior candidate. She philosophically supports and is committed to quality education for our children and there will be no tricks if she is elected. Lynn Mason's beliefs about the critical nature of education will be reflected in how she votes.

No legislator is a king. Each has one vote to represent the wishes of the constituents. I can assure the voters of the 86th House district that Lynn Mason's vote will always support the education of their children and grandchildren.

Mark Weber
Lowell

see for yourself

Dear Editor,

Please drive down Hunsberger Road and see what the Northview community has accomplished with the leadership of Dr. Michael Paskewicz.

Mike has been asked to help lead the GRCC community in the same way. Please consider and vote for Mike Paskewicz.

With great respect,
Jack Misner

check the records

Dear Editor,

Every Republican in Congress voted against equal pay for women (Paycheck Fairness Act of 2014). Lisa Posthumus Lyons voted to cut 4.2

million dollars from the Michigan Veterans' Home in Grand Rapids. Please consider and vote for Lynn Mason.

Nancy Misner

you've come a long way baby

Dear Editor,

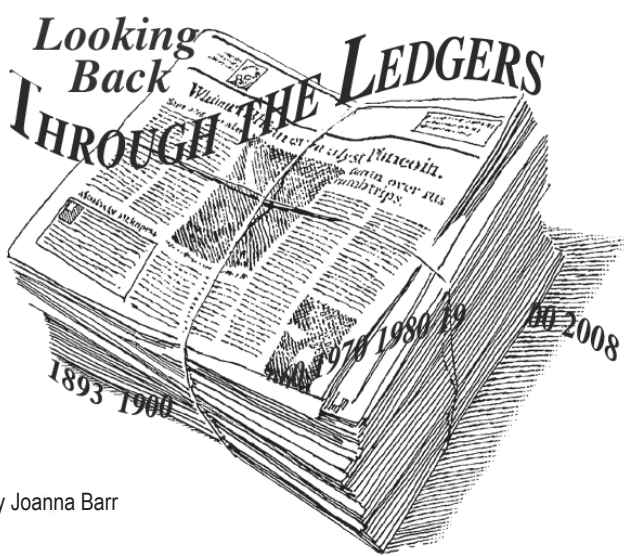
With American politics one can go a lot farther on charm. See Reagan vs. Carter. See also the uncharming Thatcher, Harper, Cretien, Merkel, Cameron, and especially Putin, none of who could get elected here. But I must admit, township clerk Linda Regan has charm and it worked! Given her warmth I actually showed picture i.d. for an absentee ballot in the primary by going back to the car.

However, Michigan election law duly makes alternate provision and I urge its use. She gave me the dime lecture on voter fraud, but men of the world know it is a Republican voter suppression project to counter the federal "motor voter" law of 1993. In panel discussion some days ago Marks Shields repeated that

with the Republican sweep of 2010, in America today it is easier to buy a gun and harder to vote. Maybe American exceptionalism is not a cozy myth: if you seek incipient dystopia, like a "beautiful peninsula," look about you. Remember the cigarette ads, "You've come a long way, baby?" Party of Lincoln? Not bloody likely.

When did the Republican party cease being the party of refinement which attracted my father his whole life and in my younger years, me? Youth for Goldwater. I have the button somewhere. Years ago I said the G.O.P. was the worst large political *aparat* in the G-8 outside of Russia. Now it is the worst in the G-7.

G.M. Ross
Lowell



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal October 23, 1889

The dancing party given by Rickert's Orchestra last Wednesday eve. was a success socially but a failure financially, only about 35 couples participating. The music was all that could be desired and they rendered a superb program to the Queen's taste.

Now that the base ball season is over, fishing seems to be the go and judging from the strings some of them bring in and others sell there is more sport and money in the fish than in base ball. One who was there informs us that there were thirteen fishermen on the river back of the pump house Sunday. Thirteen was a very unlucky number for the fish.

Tramps are becoming uncomfortably numerous in this locality, probably it is the cold weather driving

them in, at any rate they are all together too previous. Wouldn't it be a good scheme to have a village wood yard, or let them clean the gutters, anything so they could have something to do? In places where they are set to work they are as scarce as the dimes in their pockets.

A. B. VanDeusen, a brother of Mrs. John Wright, and former Lowell boy, who was so successful in his portrait, form life, of the famous trotter, Axtell, has finished the painting, for which he was commissioned, of the fine herd of Swiss cattle at Clermont, Iowa, which will be elegantly framed and presented to their owner, Governor Larrabee.

Monte Sayles' barn was burned last Monday morning. At about 5 o'clock he was awakened by the neighbors who told him his barn was on fire and before anything could be done the barn fell in. The loss was heavy, consisting of all his farm implements, harness, wagon, fodder and grain. It will foot up at least \$1,800, with insurance of only \$800. How the barn took fire is unknown, but that neighborhood has been infested with tramps and the impression is that they are the cause.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 22, 1914

An army of butters unloaded in Lowell. Three carloads of goats, 745 butters, were penned in the Pere Marquette stock yards in this village from Sunday morning until Tuesday morning, before permitting to continue their journey to Chicago, whither they had

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To The Editor,

I'd like to say I'm sorry to the many citizens who have valid questions and concerns of our so-called transparent city government. I tried to bring these concerns to the council so you could hear the responses for yourself and draw your own conclusions.

I have failed you by trying to use the facts and the charter as a basis for my questions, while not looking more into the legal aspect of things.

Although I am still very new at this, it is very apparent there are other people and forces which

are preventing me from accomplishing much in the way of getting answers for you.

After the meeting, while I was sorting through all that took place, the philosophy my parents instilled in me has almost never been more true.

To quote my late father, "I hate liars and thieves. If you don't tell me the whole truth, you are stealing the truth from me. This makes you a liar and a thief." I will never lie to any of you and will try harder next time to serve you better.

Thanks,
Matt Mayer

for the veterans

To the Editor,

It seems the letter I had written regarding Lisa Lyons and her voting record a couple weeks ago has struck a nerve with some Veterans who thought that Lyons would "never" vote for anything that had a negative impact on Veterans.

My previous letter pointed out that Lisa Lyons had voted to approve

funding cuts to the Grand Rapids Home For Veterans to the tune of \$4.2 million. If you want to know your Representative's true feelings regarding Veterans, just Google "funding cuts for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans" and see what comes up. News articles

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weddings

Kurtz/Sikorski



Matthew and Jessica Kurtz

The marriage of Jessica Sikorski and Matthew Kurtz was celebrated at Harbor Life Church in Grandville on July 12, 2014. Parents of the couple are Daniel and Tracey Sikorski of Wyoming and Debra Kurtz of Lowell.

Maid of honor was

Amanda Wall. Bridesmaids were Julia Sikorski, Shelia VandenBosh, Lauren Kurtz and Rachel Sikorski.

Best man was Ryan Krombeen. Groomsmen were Nate Vaught, Greg Salmon, Joshua Sikorski and Joseph Sikorski.

health

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



gastroesophageal reflux disease

Heartburn, acid reflux and acid indigestion are all terms used to describe a burning feeling in the chest or a backwash of stomach contents into the mouth or the esophagus. The most common symptoms of GERD are a burning feeling in the chest and regurgitating food or liquid into the throat. Other symptoms include dry cough, chronic cough, wheezing or asthma, sore throat or hoarseness and tooth erosion.

The diagnosis of GERD can usually be made based on symptoms and whether your symptoms improve with medication. Other tests that are sometimes used for the diagnosis of GERD are endoscopy, which uses a video camera to look down the esophagus; and manometry, which measures the muscle contractions of the esophagus.

There are a number

of treatments for GERD. Sometimes people need to use one or more on an ongoing basis. Over-the-counter medications include antacids and two types of medicines that reduce stomach acid: H2 receptor blockers (such as ranitidine) and proton pump inhibitors (such as omeprazole). Some people also find it helpful to avoid eating or drinking chocolate, coffee, peppermint, greasy or spicy foods, tomato products, and alcohol. Other treatments include quitting smoking, avoiding overeating, avoiding eating within two to three hours of bedtime

and trying to lose weight if you are overweight. Some people also prop the head of their bed six to eight inches. Sometimes doctors recommend surgery for GERD, most commonly laparoscopic fundoplication. This procedure helps to prevent backwash of stomach contents into the esophagus. In some cases, the doctor may recommend weight loss surgery. Left untreated, GERD can cause problems in the esophagus, including ulcers, swallowing problems or Barrett esophagus, a condition that increases the risk of esophageal cancer.

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the cookie drive and is supported by the Lowell Women's Club, the American Legion and many Lowell bakers, including many children. Their efforts have provided over 30,000

home baked cookies for many of our oldest veterans, many from WWII. Having anything home baked for them is a truly rare occasion and they greet the delivery with open arms and mile-

wide smiles. This is one of the biggest treats they receive all year.

Please bring your cookies to the Lowell Veterans' Center either packaged three cookies in a zip locked bag or provide bags and volunteers will package them for you when you arrive.

Packers will be on hand from 10 am until noon to receive your cookies.



college news

Western Michigan University has announced the graduation list for the 2014 summer sessions. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and honors in Ada: Heather Ann Cassidy, Master of Arts, counselor education; rehabilitation counseling; Gail Damon, Bachelor of Science, student

integrated curriculum; Colin Matthew Engel, Bachelor of Business Administration, marketing; Kristin Elizabeth Terhorst, Bachelor of Business Administration, food and consumer package goods marketing; and Heidi J. White, Bachelor of Arts, global and international studies and Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, cum laude;

in Alto: Patricia L. Crum-Allen, Doctor of Philosophy, educational leadership; Matthew J. Beresford, Master of Arts, educational leadership; K-12 school principal; Sara Boelens DeVries, Master of Arts, educational leadership; K-12 school principal; and Ashley Marie Tuma, Bachelor of Social Work, social work; in Lowell: Jaime Lynn

Ritenburgh, Bachelor of Arts, anthropology; and Samantha Jo Ritchie, Bachelor of Science, interdisciplinary health sciences.

To The Editor, continued

from all over the state condemn these cuts. In at least one of these articles, Lisa Lyons is referred to by name.

I don't ever recall Lyons getting on the "stump" in our district and campaigning that Veterans Care in Grand Rapids is too expensive. I also don't remember any campaign promises to cut the \$1800 Senior Tax Credit or the \$600 per Child Tax Credit. And then there is the College Tuition Tax Credit. Lisa Lyons opposes all of these issues and more that you may never hear about.

There is more to being a Representative of the People than saying "I support

farms, veterans, seniors and children." She must vote for issues which support that statement and she has not.

Lisa Lyons has proven by her voting record that she is the representative of special interests, big business and the rich and needs to be replaced.

I urge your support for Lynn Mason for State Representative. Lynn has served her community as a teacher for over 30 years and as a four-term Ionia County Commissioner.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the November 4, 2014 General Election will be conducted on Friday, October 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Susan Ullery
Deputy City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

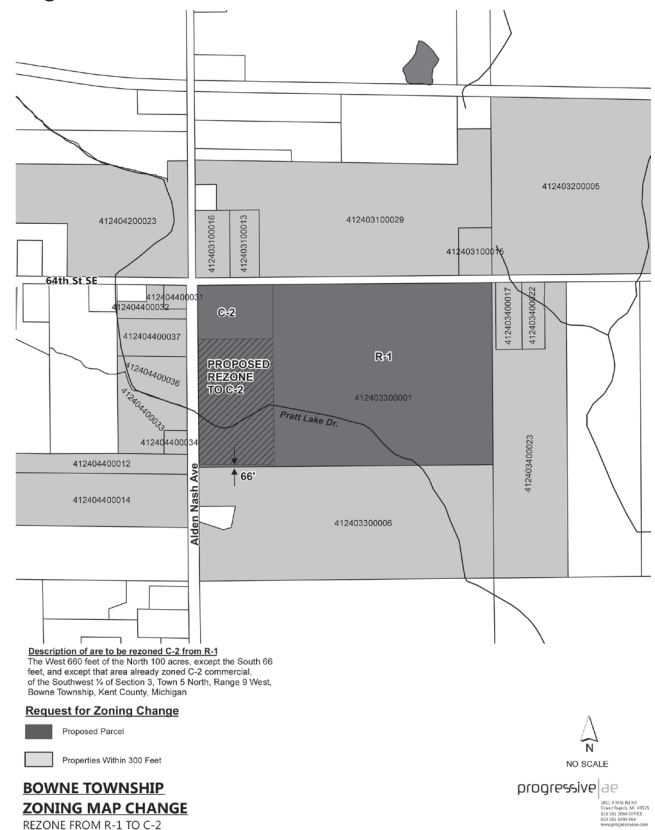
The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following Amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

An Amendment to rezone the following described portion of a parcel from R-1 Rural Residential District to C-2 Commercial District:

Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number: 41-24-03-300-001
Property Address: 6520 ALDEN NASH AVE SE
Area to be rezoned, generally:

The West 660 feet of the North 100 acres, except the South 66 feet, and except that area already zoned C-2 Commercial, of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan.



The hearing will be held as follows:

- WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014**
- TIME: 7:00 P.M.**
- WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302**

The proposed Amendment is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616.868.6846.

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Jim Chichester

Position: Owner of Lowell Chiropractic
Education: Doctor of Chiropractic, Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa
Experience: Chiropractic care and natural health
Interests: Camping, running, bowhunting, reading

Behind The Scenes



Lowell chiropractors invest in community well-being

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

Going behind the scenes with Dr. Jim Chichester at Lowell Chiropractic, one thing becomes apparent: there is no such thing as Lowell Chiropractic without both Dr. Jim and Dr. Maria Chichester. With such a marriage of equals here in Lowell, any feature story about the business becomes a co-feature story.

Both Jim and Maria attended Grand Valley

State University for their undergraduate work. Jim graduated with a Bachelor's of Science (BS) in biomedical science and Maria with a BS in health science. Following their undergraduate work, the couple uprooted to Davenport, Iowa, where they earned their doctorates at Palmer College of Chiropractic. Though both received the same degree, their emphases were quite different. While Dr. Jim pursued certification in

wellness - eating well, exercising, keeping balance in terms of emotional, spiritual and physical well-being - Dr. Maria specialized in pediatrics - families, expectant mothers, infants and children. Both were involved in clinic abroad, a chiropractic program that took Dr. Jim to Manaus, Brazil and Dr. Maria to Morocco, both for approximately two weeks.

Dr. Jim originally wanted to be a dentist, but after experiencing a serious

back issue while attending college he changed his mind and pursued a career in chiropractic. One morning, he had awoken to intense pain and difficulty moving, a problem which kept him from going to class. He went to a regular practitioner who prescribed drugs to calm the pain. When he returned to school, the drugs made him so incoherent that he couldn't focus, couldn't study. He ended up missing a final and ended up unhappy with his grades. When he discovered chiropractic in general and the Michigan Chiropractic Society in particular, Dr. Jim not only was able to deal with his pain more naturally and without the side effects; he embarked in a change of career which brought him to where he is today.

Drs. Jim and Mary have been a staple in the Lowell community since 2008 and their practice has only grown. Both chiropractors spent time working with Dr. Eric Seif and Dr. Tanya Prokop-Seif at Seif Chiropractic in Caledonia. At the end of their tenure, they bought their current practice in Lowell from the Seifs. The latter half of 2008 was full of changes for the Chichester family. In just a short period of time, Jim and Maria were married, they purchased a chiropractic business, moved to Lowell and Maria graduated from Palmer.

"It was pretty intense," said Dr. Jim.

As the practice expanded, the Chichesters had the opportunity to employ massage therapists, conduct nutritional counseling, have exercise and stretching programs, and Dr. Maria is now working with essential oils. They currently share the district presidency for the Michigan Chiropractic Society, both are adjunct teachers at Davenport University - Dr. Jim teaches pathology and Dr. Maria teaches medical terminology. Dr. Jim is on the board for Lowell Community Wellness, a

position he has held for six years; and he has been the chair of the Harvest Festival for the last three years.

One might think that all of this community and professional involvement might leave no time for a family, but the Chichesters also have two sons: a one-year-old named Cade and his older brother Keaton, who will be four in December.

"We really want to be a whole family type of practice," Dr. Jim said.

Not only is the whole Chichester family commonly found at the office (a young Keaton sitting in the lobby watching Space Jam and playing with toys), but Lowell Chiropractic caters to the needs of the whole family. Dr. Jim noted that it is not uncommon for multiple family members to receive chiropractic services. As an example, he said that there is a mother with three children, all of whom are under Chichester spinal care. Dr. Jim sees patients into their 90s and Dr. Maria will often care for the spinal health of babies.

"Different techniques," Dr. Jim said. "Same philosophy."

Regarding the difference of treatment between chiropractic care and the work of a general practitioner, the Chichesters often find themselves in the position of educator.

"A lot of times people have a misconception of what we do," Dr. Jim said.

For Dr. Jim the goal is to correct any sources of nervous system interference in order to allow the body to heal itself. A small portion of this process takes place on the table of a chiropractor. The adjustments that Drs. Jim and Maria conduct on patients are intended to deal directly with spinal problem areas, but the real battle is when the patient goes home. The Chichesters would rather distribute education than drugs, believing that people need to become healthier overall. While medical technology has its

clear benefits, Dr. Jim has a problem with the idea of taking drugs to deal with symptoms while ignoring the root causes of bad diet, lack of exercise and general bad habits.

"Some people come in here with low back pains and a gastrointestinal issue," Dr. Jim said. "When I treat the back pain, both problems clear up. Is this just a coincidence?"

Dr. Jim's concern for the whole person is more than philosophical. He has been known to stop in at a patient's place of work in order to see what they do and see how they are doing.

"I like to go out of my way because I want people to know that I care about them in a way that is personal," Dr. Jim said. "That's why I do this. We care about our patients."

Recently, Lowell Chiropractic made a big move into a former bank building at 1425 West Main Street. They have reported a busy eight weeks since arriving at the new location. At their grand opening event, they were happy to receive somewhere between 100 and 150 people.

Regarding the future of the practice, the Chichesters are hopeful. While it is too early to tell if either Keaton or Cade will take over the family business some day, Dr. Jim said, "I think it'd be awesome for at least one of them to take it over."

That said, the Chichesters do not want to force either child into chiropractic practice. They plan on encouraging their children to follow their dreams, no matter what those dreams may be.

"It would be neat to take on associates or interns," Dr. Jim said, but he noted that the practice would have to grow - both in terms of patients and in terms in the size of their building - for that to happen. At the same time, the Chichesters encourage high school students interested in the sciences to shadow them.

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Zombies roam the streets on Girls Night Out

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

More than thirty Lowell retailers participated in last Thursday's zombie themed fall Girls' Night Out sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Main Street was flooded with the undead as customers decked out in costumes roamed the streets in search of bargains, snacks and fun at the annual celebration of local shopping.

Blood stains, darkened eyes and tattered clothes were worn by many in attendance, including the entire staff of Station Salon who offered free zombie makeovers to the public.

About three dozen people took advantage of the fun according to owner Nancy DeBoer. "We had a pretty good turnout. Our zombie makeup and hair seemed like a big hit for sure."

Station Salon has been open for two years and has participated in Girls' Night Out activities since their inception. DeBoer said it is a great way to network her business as well as to serve the community.

Down the street at Rookies Sportscards Plus owner Jack Reedy shared the same sentiment. With a customer base that is predominately male, Reedy said it is nice to have an influx of female shoppers.

"I am hoping they will come in and see our great selection and remember us when birthdays and Christmas roll around," he added.

Reedy also regarded the evening as a success pointing to an increased number of buyers who took advantage of the 20 percent

off games and graphic novels discount he offered. He said that customers were fittingly very interested

in the particular line of merchandise, The Walking Dead.

The next Girls' Night Out event is scheduled for spring 2015.



Jennifer Baylis spent the evening applying zombie hair and makeup makeovers at the Station Salon.



This sign outside of Red Barn Consignments and Antiques attracted Taylor Lacic to the store.



Mother and daughter Allison and Sharon Annable show off their scary costume creations at Rookies Sportscards Plus.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section 3.41 to delete certain sections and to amend certain sections that regulate design and development standards and regulations along minor arterials as defined in the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

The amendments may be recommended for approval by the Township Board following the public hearing.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

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Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Boys and girls complete season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Riverside Park in Grand Rapids hosted the final boys and girls cross country OK White conference competition of the season last Wednesday.

Girls from Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) dominated the top ten with

seven runners. They beat out second-place finisher East Grand Rapids by a margin of 41. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (FHC) finished third with 86. Caledonia (99), Jenison (103) and Lowell (189) rounded out the pack.

Desiree Striplin clocked

the best time for the team coming in at 21:37. She was followed by freshman Katrina Droski who earned a 21:51. Megan Khodl and Kyla Dixon both finished with a 22:22 while Breanna VanLaan and Emily Judd tied at 22:27. Senior Colleen Cater ran a 22:42 just over a

minute from the squad's top finisher Striplin.

"Lowell had a very tight pack, but we lacked the one or two front runners we needed," said head coach Paul Judd of this particular meet and of the season overall. "As a coach you always wonder what might have been with more summer miles."

Members of the team participate annually in a training camp held over the summer. Judd said that this year's camp will be decidedly different due to the loss of several seniors this season, "I have watched most of these girls run together for the last six years starting in middle school, so next summer's CC camp will be different. I hope they keep working hard, stay in shape and remember that it is about the journey as much as the destination."

Despite the loss of seniors, seven of the team's ten best runners will return next year leaving hopes high for a better finish next season. Judd said the potential for new runners is always promising as well,

"We always hope that there is a diamond in the rough who will decide to come out for the team next year."

GRC also dominated the boys' competition clinching their seventh consecutive OK White title. The number one ranked team placed five runners in the top eight tallying up a mere 20 points. EGR runners claimed second place with 55 points and Caledonia third with a 96.

Jenison earned a fourth-place finish with a 97, just one point out of third place. FHC and Lowell finished in fourth and fifth with a 116 and a 153 respectively.

Zach Diamond placed best for the squad clocking a 17:17 that earned him a 14th-place finish. Nick MacDonald followed 15 seconds later clocking a 17:32. Alex Bohr (18:43), Kyle Cater (18:58) and Eric Judd (18:59) were the Arrow's other top finishers.

Losing record aside, head coach Clay VanderWarf said he is happy with the gains made and the future potential of the team. "I was pleased to see the

runners' times continue to drop throughout the season. They were a great group of kids to work with."

Looking forward to next season, VanderWarf said there are some key areas the team must work on. "One area of improvement for next year will be for the varsity [to] run closer as a pack. We lose two key seniors, Zach Diamond and Nick MacDonald, so the underclassmen are going to have to step it up."

Diamond and MacDonald have consistently led the team in times throughout the season and have been integral parts of the current group according to VanderWarf who wished to share some words with his outgoing seniors, "It's been a pleasure coaching them for the last four years, seeing them grow and mature into the fine young people they are. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Continue to work hard and get some miles in, but you can ease up on the 60/60s or 400 meter repeats."

- SOCCER

Arrows kept scoreless by Trojans in districts

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Varsity boys soccer hit the field for the final time this season to take on defending state champions the East Lansing Trojans in the first round of OK White district competition.

Seven saves by goalkeeper Trevor Sherman were not enough to slow down Lansing. The Trojans managed to keep the Arrows scoreless.

The Arrows started out the year with a winning streak against non-conference competitors, but struggled inside the OK White earning only one win against Jenison.

Head coach Rick O'Keefe said that the team will benefit from the improvements made throughout the season, especially with eight

returning underclassmen starters.

"This year was all about building our play, building confidence. I am comfortable that we accomplished our goals. This year was not measured in wins and losses, but by how we played on the field. I thought that was a success for us."

LOWELL CHARTER
TOWNSHIP PLANNING
COMMISSION2014 DRAFT MASTER PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider comments on the 2014 Draft Master Plan. This proposed Plan is an update of the 2008 Master Plan and is intended to serve as a guide to the future development of Lowell Charter Township. The Draft Plan contains goals, information about existing land use, demographics of the Township, recommendations about future land use, citizen survey results, analysis of land use issues, and recommendations to implement the Plan.

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The Draft Master Plan is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

The Draft Plan may also be viewed on the Township web site: www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

- VOLLEYBALL

Heavy competition for
Lowell girls last weekby Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrows varsity volleyball team suffered two disappointing losses last week as they faced off against conference competitor Grand Rapids Christian (GRC) and participated in the Sparta Invite.

Another tough OK White match up against GRC added up to the first loss of the week for the squad. GRC dominated, beating Lowell in three with scores of 25-18, 25-10 and 25-11.

Head coach Julie Quist said, "I'm extremely proud and excited for Lowell volleyball as we continue to improve and get closer to putting together a complete match."

The team headed to Sparta on Saturday to take part in the Sparta Invitational. The Arrows started out strong at the tournament taking on Cedar Springs in the first round of play and handily claiming the win 25-10 and 25-16.

In second-round action Lowell faced host team Sparta. The strong teams battled hard in two close games that ended with Sparta on top by two points in game one, 23-25 and by one point in game two, 26-27.

The team's performance was good enough to advance them to quarter final competition against TriUnity High School. In game one they fell by four

points with a score of 21-25. Lowell rallied back in game two and managed a 25-19 victory tying the score 1-1. Facing a must win situation in game three, the Arrows came up short by two points propelling TriUnity into the final rounds and ending the Lady Arrows' run toward a win at the event. TriUnity went on to beat Sparta in the final round to win the championship match.

Stand-out performers at the tournament included senior Bethany Kaczanowski who racked up 9 aces, Rachel Fox who earned 16 kills and Katie Bush who put up 5 blocks. Tara McQueen led the team in digs with 31.

The girls will face two OK White rivals this week on the road, Jenison on Tuesday and Caledonia on Thursday.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

Scots top Arrows for the first time since 1990

by Brett Bremer

The playoffs still lie ahead.

The Red Arrows can still clinch at least a share of the OK White conference championship with a win over Forest Hills Central Friday.

The Lowell varsity football team's undefeated season came to an end Friday though in Ralph E. Myers Stadium in Caledonia with a 33-0 loss to the Fighting Scots.

This year's winning streak wasn't the only streak snapped Friday. Lowell hadn't lost to Caledonia since 1990 and hadn't been shut out since a 12-0 loss to Hudsonville in 1998.

Chances to score came often and early for the Red Arrows Friday, but the Fighting Scot defense was always up to the challenge. The first four Red Arrow possessions of the first half ended in Caledonia territory, but it was the Scots who led 20-0 at the half.

After 14 plays, the Arrows had to punt from the Scot 40 on their first drive.

Caledonia went 91 yards on its first possession to score on a one-yard touchdown plunge by Logan Soule.

Gabe Steed returned the ensuing kick-off 70 yards to the Caledonia 25-yard line for the Red Arrows, but was prevented from getting to the end zone by the Scots' Eddie Kelly. Lowell turned the ball over on downs after gaining just two yards.

The Fighting Scots took over in their own end, but Lowell's Max Dean came out of the pile with the football on a second-down run by the Scots and gave his Arrows another shot to even the score. This time it was Caledonia's Nick Adams who chased him down at the 10-yard line to prevent the defensive score for the Red Arrows.

Lowell handed the ball to Dean four times, but he was stopped at the Caledonia 2 on the last try to turn the ball back over to the Fighting Scots. Dean rushed 18 times in the game for 61 yards to lead the Lowell attack.

Caledonia converted on a fourth-and-1 from its own 11-yard line to keep its ensuing drive alive and three plays later got an 83-yard touchdown pass from Tanner Christian to Eddie Kelly to put their team up 14-0. Kelly was open over

the middle on third-and-9 from the Scot 18-yard line and stepped through tackles at his own 25-yard line, the Lowell 45 and the Lowell 35 on his way to the end zone.

Kelly was tough to bring down all night, rushing 24 times for 170 yards. He caught three passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

"When Eddie decides he wants to play hard like he has, he is as good a football player as there is in West Michigan," said Caledonia head coach Tom Burrill. "He just is. He can catch the ball; he can run the ball; he's physical and he's fast. Our offensive line played really well for most of the game."

The Red Arrows were limited to 151 total yards of offense by Caledonia, with quarterback Trevor Shurlock completing just 8-of-29 passes for 57 yards in a steady, light drizzle which fell for much of the contest. He didn't get a ton of help from his receivers who had a number of balls go off fingers and through hands.

"Our defense has been playing so well the past ... really all year," said Burrill. "Our defensive backs are making plays

on balls and we're putting pressure on the quarterback. It wasn't a great night to be a quarterback throwing the ball, so I think that helped us out a little bit tonight."

Lowell's next drive stalled because of three straight incompletions after getting to the Caledonia 22-yard line. The Scots marched the other way to get a one-yard touchdown by Christian on a sneak with 16 seconds left in the half.

Christian rushed ten times in the game for 55 yards and the Scots got 11 rushes for 31 yards from Jalen Burton.

Christian added a 31-yard touchdown pass to Kelly three-and-a-half minutes into the fourth quarter and Burton tacked on the Scots' final points on a 5-yard touchdown run with 3:40 left in the game.

Josh Branagan caught three passes for 32 yards for the Arrows and Steed added four receptions for 19 yards.

Lowell is now 7-1 overall this season and 3-1 in the OK White. Caledonia caught the Arrows at 3-1 in the league with the win and improved its overall mark to 6-2.

There is a chance the two teams could meet again in the playoffs. Both have qualified now and are likely to find a spot in the Division

2 tournament. The Arrows went into the contest ranked third in the state in Division 2.



The Red Arrows' Zeth Dean (3) tries to chase down Caledonia's Eddie Kelly as he races for the end zone in the fourth quarter Friday night in Caledonia.

Photo by Brett Bremer

Boys wrap up season at regionals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's boys varsity tennis team finished up a difficult season at the Division 2 regional competition at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (FHN) last week.

"Regionals was tough," said head coach Chris Phillips, "We only won a few of our first round matches. There was some good competition there. Unfortunately we were without our number one singles that day, so that also made it difficult."

The Arrows were only able to manage two points in the tough competition which ended with host FHN and sister school Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central both landing in the top spot tied at 20. Grand Rapids Northview claimed the number two spot, while Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills came in third, just one match point ahead of Lowell.

The team's regional finish is a reflection of the struggle the team has endured throughout the season. According to

Phillips, "Overall it was a very tough season. We only managed a handful of wins, but the players fought hard no matter what. It is tough when you face the powerhouse schools, but our players tried their best."

Phillips said that the team will be losing three senior members next season and credited them with

being positive influences on the team, "I enjoyed the seniors we had on the team this year. We will be losing Zack Ritchie, Jared Laux and Josh Buechler to graduation. Zack and Josh were our captains this season and did a great job of getting players ready and leading."

Most of the young team will be returning next season, though armed with the experience gained from this season's competition. Phillips said he believes this will lead to a better showing next year, "We will still have a very tough time in conference play, but I expect we will see improvement."

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FRIDAY: Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, fresh baby carrots; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, fresh baby carrots, apple, juice.

obituaries

COLLINS

Judy M. (Worthington) Collins, August 22, 1951 – September 29, 2014, presently of Blanchard, formerly of Saranac. Preceded in death by husband, Bradley Collins; parents, Percy and Hazel Worthington; brothers, Wayne, Kenneth and David Worthington; sisters, Sheila Signor and Marsha Driggs. She is survived by sons, Bradley and Adam Collins; grandsons, Adam and Mason Collins; granddaughter, Terry Bauer; two great-grandsons; brothers, Phillip (Carla) Worthington of Hudsonville, Roland (Laura) Worthington of Greenville, James (Becky) Worthington of Gobles; sister, Carol (Bill) Raison of Saranac; several in-laws, nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed. Cremation and memorial have taken place.

FEASAL

Kevin Paul Feasal, 54, of Newaygo, passed away on October 8, 2014, in Grand Rapids. He was born on August 10, 1960, to Gaylord and Doris (Johnson) Feasal in Hastings. Kevin is survived by his wife, Brandie; four sisters, Karla (Dan) Lehmoine, Kathy Sue (Scott) Atchison, Carol Feasal, Carrie (Mike) Mireles; and brother, Karl Lee (Julie) Feasal. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 11:00 am at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto, with Pastor Bryan Maley officiating.

KUNARD

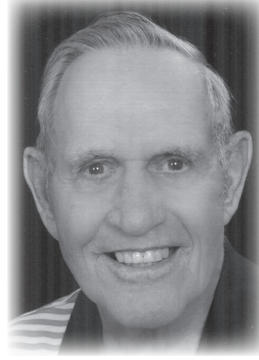
Nancy Jane Kunard was born June 18, 1947 to Ernest and Vivian Collins. Nancy peacefully left us to go home to her Lord on October 13, 2014 while staying in Tucson, AZ. She previously resided in Lowell, MI where she graduated and started a family, became a nurse's aide, and later a hospice worker. She had a kind heart, an endearing and humorous soul, was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. The memories of her will remain, but she will be missed by all. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Vivian Collins. She is survived by her children, Brian and Anne Kunard, Brenda and Paul Owen, grandchildren Aleacia Contreras-Kunard, Paul E. Owen III, Chris Peterson and Kassi Peterson and great-grandchildren Vilecia Contreras-Kunard, Kristian, Kaden and Kali Kelsey, aunt Jean Shear, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and special friend Sherry Barone. Graveside services were held at Oakwood Cemetery by the family.



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RASCH

Carl Edward Rasch Sr., age 87 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar & Agnes Rasch, brother-in-law Erwin Miller and those who left us too soon, his grandchildren James Rasch and Becky McDaniel. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Julia; children Carl Jr. (Roxanne), Thomas, Kenneth (Sally), Marilyn McDaniel, Larry, Diane Rasch, Duane (Debbie), Janice Dollen and Ed (Judy); brothers Richard (Marilyn) and Jack Rasch; sisters Margaret Ann Miller and Jeanette (Jim) Wahlfield; 25 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and special friends Ray & Erma Armock. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St SE, Lowell. Interment St. Mary Miriam Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Rosary 6:00 p.m. at the Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331 or the family would appreciate Mass Cards.



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RUTHERFORD

Richard John Rutherford, age 75 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. Rutherford and baby brother. He is survived by his mother, Marion Rutherford; brother Stephen Rutherford, sister Julie (Will) Beaton; niece Sarah Beaton and nephew Jason Beaton and several cousins. Dick graduated from Lowell High School in 1958 and attended Ferris State. He served his country in the US Army. He retired from Kent County, where he was employed at the Gerald R. Ford Airport. A funeral service will be Thursday 12:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Lowell. The family will meet with friends and relatives one hour prior to the service. Rev. Dick Sherlock officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake SE, Box 234, Lowell MI 49331 or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell, MI 49331.



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P-VAN WEELDEN

Gilbert (Gil) Hahn Van Weelden of Lowell Township, passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2014 in Byron Center, MI. Gil was born on February 1, 1932. He spent his early years in Grand Haven, MI enjoying the beach and riding motorcycles before enrolling in the Navy. After returning from the Navy, he met and married Sandra (Thompson) Van Weelden and they made their home on an 80-acre farm on which he resided until his death. He enjoyed a career as an engineer at Lear Jet, Rapid Design, Gerber International and Oliver Products. He had a heart of gold and enjoyed spoiling his children and grandchildren. He also had a love for cars, motorcycles, trains and pets, especially his dog Tank. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra (Thompson) Van Weelden, daughters Carol Marculis, Kim (Kevin) Taylor and son Mark (Carol) Van Weelden and his grandchildren Matt and Nate Marculis and Garret and Riley Taylor. He was preceded in death by his father, Seymour Van Weelden, his mother Arvalla Van Weelden, his brother Marvin and sister, Marlene. A celebration of Gil's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Safe Haven Humane Society, PO Box 55, Ionia MI 48846. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff at Metro Health in Byron Center, especially Dr. Steve Van Laan and the wonderful staff of Lowell Medical Center, in particular, Drs. Gauthier & Lang.



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WEEKS

Gerald A. Weeks, 77, of Grattan Township, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2014, in Muskegon. Gerald was born on February 9, 1937, in Grand Rapids, the son of Harold A. and Emma J. Weeks. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews. In keeping with his wishes no public services will take place. Funeral care and cremation services have been entrusted to Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Private graveside prayers will be at Mason Cemetery, Grattan Township. Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.

WILCOX

Rex Gordon Wilcox, of Lowell, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2014. Rex was born in Grand Rapids on June 2, 1952, to Hazen and Darlene Wilcox and spent the first years of his life living in Clarksville. He attended a one room school house until he attended Lowell Junior High. Later his family moved to Mattawan where he attended and graduated from high school. While in school, he worked hard doing farm work and later served in the US National Guard. He and his family lived in Lowell for many years, while Rex worked as a builder in the area. Rex enjoyed all types of hunting (especially bear), life on the Lake, his dog and watching television. He was married to Barb Fink and with her had two daughters, Beth (Nathan) Garrelts and Eva (Cade) Klein. He is survived by his daughters, two grandsons, Winton Garrelts and Wiley Garrelts; and several brothers and a sister, Lee (Donna) Wilcox, Kim (Jackie) Wilcox, Jay (Karen) Wilcox, and Amy (Joe) Wilcox. He will be especially missed by his brother Kim, a special cousin (Richard) and long-time friend (Tommy-too-to). Rex was a generous, kind and gentle person who will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew him. The family will have a private memorial for Rex.

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NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Don Aversano at 847-571-8373 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social

gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Wed. & Fri. 10-8 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Food Pantry, 897-8260; Emergency Services, 897-8260.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

Kent ISD and Lowell Area Schools' Rock Orchestra up for Arts Advocacy grant

Student musicians will join educators on stage Oct. 23 as State Farm representatives present a check to Kent ISD to fund the Rock Orchestra Arts Advocacy Project. The brief ceremony at Lowell High School's auditorium takes place at 7 pm prior to a middle school orchestra concert.

The grant will help orchestra students and their directors embark on a series of music activities, from performances, music camps and a daylong institute, to inspire arts participation and youth leadership in schools

with scarce resources and communities with high poverty rates. Activities will be shared through social media, while the project and curriculum will be available through the Kent ISD website (www.kentisd.org).

Kent ISD is one of 65 community organizations to receive a service-learning, youth-led grant across the United States and Canada. The 65 grant projects will receive a total of more than \$3.7 million in funding through the State Farm Youth Advisory Board.

"We are incredibly thrilled that State Farm

Youth Advisory Board has generously awarded Lowell orchestra students with dollars that will support a powerful, student-led service learning project," said Lowell Superintendent Greg Pratt. "I can't wait to see what our students will accomplish this year and how they will benefit others."

Kent ISD Superintendent Kevin Konarska said he was surprised and "pleased" that the Youth Advisory Board would support our schools with an award two years in a row.

"With last year's project sponsoring community gardens at two urban districts and this year advocating for the arts through Lowell's orchestra, State Farm is making a real impact in Kent ISD," Konarska continued. "We are grateful for this recognition of great work being done here, and for the financial support. I have no doubt these students will make you proud."

"State Farm supports service learning because it integrates service to the community into classroom curriculum using a hands-on approach to

mastering subject material while fostering civic responsibility," said State Farm Spokeswoman Angie Rinock. "The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is a prime example of State Farm's commitment to education, our community and our youth."

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board has provided \$28 million in grant money since its inception in 2006, empowering youth to implement service learning in 509 communities.

About State Farm Youth Advisory Board

Thirty high school and college-aged youth oversee the granting of \$4 million for student-led service-learning projects in the United States and in the Alberta, New Brunswick and Ontario provinces of Canada. The process is unique in that youth are given full responsibility and resource decisions. The Board themselves research pertinent societal issues, review grant applications, and ultimately decide the grant winners. For more information, please visit <http://www.sfyab.com>

Looking Back, continued

been shipped from Marlete. The goats were unloaded here because of an embargo placed on the sending of cattle, hogs, goats and sheep out of the state on account of the hoof and mouth disease said to be ragging among Michigan cattle. The poor creatures were not watered while here and it will probably be a long time between drinks for them.

Ottis Heron, who fell from a scaffold in his barn and hurt himself quite badly is convalescing. His neighbors had a "bee" for him to help about his fall work Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Buck entertained six little girls last Thursday in honor of her little daughter Wilma, who was four years old. Norton Avery photographed the group after which ice cream and cake were served.

The fire alarm at 1:45 today was caused by a blaze at the rear of the Ford hardware basement, quickly put out by ready response of neighbors. Little damage except by smoke.

The Jolly Dozen gave a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. White Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Giddis of Windsor, brother and sisters of Mrs. John Lasby. Mr. Giddis announced himself as thoroughly Americanized and went home Monday to join the Annexationists.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 26, 1939

Considerable local interest is being shown in the oil well now being drilled on the Wm. C. Doyle farm in Vergennes Twp. Yesterday the well had reached a depth of 2,450. A slight showing of oil was found about 21 feet below the Traverse lime top.

The fact that the Claire (Mich.) Sentinel was 47 years old this past week is of no special news to our readers. We mention it to bring out a feature enjoyed by this excellent newspaper, viz.: a double page spread practically every week from the Bicknell store in that enterprising city. And in passing, these two pages have built the Bicknell store into one of the best known and successful enterprises in that entire area. Congratulations to a good newspaper and their top space buyer, comments the Charlotte Republican-Tribune. The Claire Sentinel, referred to above, was founded by the present editor of the Ledger, in 1892.

The weather wise muskrat is busy these days getting his house ready for the winter. Some weather prophets claim to tell how severe the winter is by the height and size of the muskrat house. Whether this is true or not, the rat probably builds to protect himself from any kind of weather. On two or three roads that we travel with some regularity, are pond holes. In these the conical houses have arisen as if by magic, giving evidence that wild life is aware of winter's approach.

For over fifty years, the Grattan Grange Hall was a landmark in that township. It was destroyed by fire in May. Driving out M-44 the other day, we saw a new Grange hall being built. The new hall will be modern and up-to-date, but it will lack some of the homey fixtures that characterized the old hall. That old "Round Oak" stove will be gone. There were a couple of Boston rockers that were most comfortable. There were a lot of old fashioned straight back chairs that we always imagined were hand made or else made in

some early cabinet shop. Grattan Grange was number 170, indicating it is among the earliest. And while on the subject of Granges, we noticed the Paris Grange is getting its dooryard cleaned up with the completion of South Belt Line. The Highway Department should give the Paris hall a bath. And speaking of numbers we notice that this grange was No. 19 and that is still earlier.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 22, 1964

Headline: Council puts out 'help wanted' sign; while search continues. The search for a suitable replacement member of the Lowell City Council is still underway; members of the council have contacted several citizens but have not found a citizen who would accept the appointment. Under the city charter the council must select a new member within 30 days after accepting the resignation of an elected councilman. It appears that public spirited citizens who are qualified do not want to serve on the city's governing body.

Headline: Pay tribute to young people. Two representatives from the Junior High School will be crowned king and queen of the Youth Honor Day Halloween party sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee on October 31. The royalty will reign as the Moose pay special tribute to the young people of the community. Cider, donuts and apples will highlight the refreshments which will conclude an evening of fun at Recreation Park. A huge bonfire will provide the background for the judges who will try to select the young goblins, adorned in traditional Halloween attire, the best of show. This well planned and well supervised program, entering its second year, will start with a parade and end with the arrival of the Moose Chuck Wagon.

Attwood Corporation is in the process of building an addition on their plant which will be 40 x 180. This will give the corporation room for increased die casting operations.

New speed limits have been posted on Lincoln Lake Avenue, for several weeks, but drivers have been slow to observe them, Chief Avery Block said Wednesday. The 25 mile per hour zone now extends from Foreman Street to Main Street.

The Happy Hens Extension Club will meet October 29 at the home of Mrs. Larry Cahoon. The lesson will be on "Literature For Children." Roll call will be answered by "Why We Should Vote."

The aroma of freshly baked homemade goodies will fill the kitchens of the members of the Lowell Business and Professional Women's Club as they prepare for a sale this Saturday. Homemade bread and baked goods will go on sale at 10 am at Wepman's Store on East Main Street, October 24. The sale is being conducted to boost the scholarship fund of the club. Stop at Wepman's Saturday morning and get an added treat for the family over the week end.

Headline: Gives self up to Lowell police Saturday. Kent Delano Kauffman, 24, of Clarksville, walked into the Lowell police headquarters on Saturday morning at 8:14 am and confessed he had broken into a 28th Street garage in Grand Rapids. Lowell police called

the Grand Rapids police who did not have a report on his break-in at that time. Kauffman said he broke a window in an overhead door to gain entry to Nationwide Brake Service, he drank several bottles of pop and took a jacket valued at \$4, which was recovered at his home. He is being held on a breaking and entering in the nighttime charge.

A semi-truck trailer struck a parked car on East Main Street Saturday morning and inflicted over \$400 damage on the car. The truck driver said he moved over to let a car pass and misjudged the distance. The car was owned by Edwin Wittenbach of Route 3, Lowell.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 25, 1989

Headline: Alto bank robbed. Lowell teenagers get their Florida tickets punched at Kent County Airport. Two Lowell teenagers, Kevin L. Martin, 17 and Michael Benson, 16, had their Orlando, Fla. flight plans grounded Tuesday (Oct. 17), six hours after robbing the United Bank of Michigan in Alto... Many errors in carrying out the bank robbery and a camera in the bank helped police catch up with the two teen-aged bank robbers. First, as they approached the bank, they carried their .22-caliber rifles pointed skyward, raising suspicion of a store clerk who called 911. Only one of the teenagers wore a nylon over his face; Benson referred to Martin by his first name during the heist and they used their legal identity when purchasing the tickets. "I don't think it was well planned," [Kent County Sheriff Department's lieutenant Jack] Christensen said. "It was poorly planned and poorly executed. There are not a lot of experienced bank robbers around." Local television stations carried portions of the hidden camera tapes on the local evening news which proved helpful in identifying the suspects.

Construction of Development Center begins in spring. The \$1.8 million, 18,800 square foot child development center to serve all ages. The opportunity for individuals and families of West Michigan to achieve a greater sense of wholeness and well-being, takes an 18,800 square foot step forward, with the construction of a new \$1.8 million Franciscan Life Process Child Development Center, in the rural setting of 11761 Downes Rd., N.E. "The first spade will go into the ground when half of the two-level \$1.8 million building fund is realized," said Peter M. Wege, chairman of the Development Center Expansion Program. "We hope to begin construction by spring of 1990." The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have been offering programs of therapy, counseling and education services since 1972.

The Lowell FFA will hold a Bowl-a-Thon to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House in Western Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 28. The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home, where families of children with serious illnesses stay while their child is receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. The house provides emotional support to the families and it also helps the child to know their families are nearby.

**THEME:
THE SIXTIES**

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35. Deserter
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46. At any time
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48. *Like the 1960s to "The Four Seasons"
50. Black tropical American cuckoo
52. Grandmother in Britain
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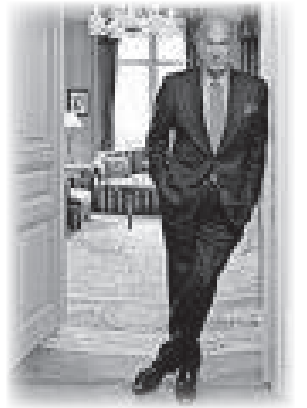


OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 21



• Millions of cars are being recalled due to faulty air bags. The bags are exploding and injuring and killing passengers when metal fragments fly out as the bags are deployed in crashes. Toyota, General Motors and Honda vehicles are all included in the recall.

• Bladerunner Oscar Pistorius has been sentenced to five years in prison for the killing of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. It is possible he will be able to be out in less than a year in prison and then be on house arrest.



• Oscar de la Renta, fashion designer to the stars as died at the age of 82.

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11. Small ornamental case
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20. Leg protectors
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24. Drool, pl.
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26. Cognizant
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29. *Johnny's "Jackson" partner
31. *Like some rock by

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**THIS WEEK'S
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**Do your children
trick-or-treat door-to-door?**

- YES
- NO
- YES but not as much as I did when I was a kid
- NO we only do organized parties
- I don't celebrate Halloween

**TO VOTE IN
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Chili proceeds go to Lowell Senior Neighbor Center

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Larkin's Restaurant presented a \$2,825 donation to the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center on Monday, October 20. The

funds were raised at a chili cook-off held during the Harvest Festival last week. The check was presented to the center by Larkin's manager Deb Apol.

"Every year they donate to a nonprofit," said Pam Krause, the senior center's coordinator. "This year we were designated as the nonprofit, and we're going to buy a snow-blower and a leaf-blower for our premises here." The senior center provides a great deal of



A group of seniors after enjoying lunch at the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center.



Deb Apol from Larkin's presents a check to Pam Krause of the Lowell Senior Neighbor Center.

Honoring Our Area Veterans

The Ledger along with local businesses will once again be saluting area Veterans.

The names and pictures we receive will appear in our November 5th edition in time for Veterans Day 2014.

If you would like to spotlight a Veteran living in our area, please mail or bring their picture along with their name, branch of service and years served to:

The Lowell Ledger/Veterans Page
105 N. Broadway PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
OR email: displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com
Put "Veterans" on the subject line, type the name, branch of service and years served into the body of the email and attach the picture.

Deadline for submission is noon, Monday, Nov. 3, 2014

For more information call the Ledger at 616.897.9261

You or the Veteran you are honoring must be from the Lowell area.

If you have submitted pictures in the past, you MUST send a new one for this year's edition or call the office to see if we still have it on file.

VETERANS DAY
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

activities for seniors 60 and older.

"We have musicians come in; we have speakers come in; we have a podiatrist; we try about anything," Krause said. "We go on trips. Every Wednesday we make sure that they get to Meijer to get their groceries if they don't drive. We take them to doctors' appointments, shopping [and] at night we go out for dinners. We go and we play pool every other Tuesday at Larkin's. They play cards, they play bingo. We're going to play a gambling game this afternoon called 'pokeno.' They could lose up to 90 cents."

"We go a tremendous amount of places," said Sharon Rix, one of the seniors on hand. "We had a cookout this past summer. Every holiday we have a party with entertainment."

Every day the center provides a quality, affordable meal.

"We have lunch five days a week and we only ask a \$2.75 donation," Krause said. "If somebody can't afford it, we do not discriminate and everybody is welcome. We actually even take them younger than 60, but they have to pay full price for the lunch. All seniors are welcome."

The winning team at the cook-off was called "Dragon Spit." Second place went to "Boiler Up Chili," third place was "Dude Chili," the best white chili was by "Fatt Kidds" and the 'people's choice' award went to "Outlaw Brothers."