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## Kent Intermediate School District receives \$83,750 grant to support art advocacy project

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell High School's unique Fusion Rock Orchestra opened up a special evening for the music program in Lowell and those throughout Kent County last week when State Farm awarded the Kent Intermediate School District an \$83,750 arts advocacy grant.

The grant will support implementation of the Rock Orchestra Arts Advocacy Project which hopes to encourage and foster arts participation in poorly funded schools within Kent County. Funds were awarded by local State Farm agent Deborah Wilks through the State Farm Youth Advisory Board.

Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Greg Pratt

was on hand at the Lowell Performing Arts Center for the ceremony and said he was looking forward to seeing what Lowell's orchestra students and director Wendy Tenney would achieve with the generous State Farm grant.

"I am thrilled to see what our students will accomplish this year and to see how they will benefit others. On behalf of the Lowell Area Schools, I would like to extend deep appreciation to State Farm and to the collaborative partnership that we have with the Kent Intermediate school district."

Aaron Tenney, who co-directs Fusion along with Wendy, summed up the mission of their group

before the closing of the check presentation.

"Our goal with this money is to take what we

have and bring it to other school districts throughout all of Kent County to spread

this better citizenship, this love for music and this love for humanity."



Deborah Wilks, of State Farm, presents check to music director Wendy Tenney.

## Statewide Click It Or Ticket enforcement

While standard zombie apocalypse survival kits may contain food, water and first aid supplies, state traffic safety officials are encouraging motorists to remember another lifesaving item: the seat belt.

This Halloween, local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police posts in 26 counties will conduct federally funded seat belt enforcement zones as part of the Click It Or Ticket campaign today through Nov. 9.

"Seat belts are your best and primary defense in the event of a crash, zombie-related or not," said Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) director Michael L. Prince. "Michigan law enforcement will be out strictly enforcing the state's seat belt law over the next couple of weeks."

A new Halloween-related campaign by OHSP highlights the stepped-up enforcement and reminds motorists seat belts can save motorists from a zombie attack. Of the 13 fatalities on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2013, four were not wearing a seat belt and four were pedestrians.

Law enforcement officers from more than 140 agencies in Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Delta, Eaton, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Marquette, Monroe, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford counties are participating in the Click It Or Ticket campaign.

The campaign and seat belt enforcement zones are paid for with federal traffic safety funds coordinated by OHSP.

Michigan law requires drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up as well as passengers 15 and younger in any seating position. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8-years-old or four feet nine inches tall.

## Lowell Community Fund accepting requests

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is noon, Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.

To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in providing help to persons in the Lowell area.

The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set the December date aside

for those qualified to receive funding for 2015. Request forms may be picked up at Dr. James Reagan's office at 207 W. Main Street.

The formal request forms include a demographic data sheet on clients served, how funds from the previous year were spent and the annual budget for the organization requesting funds.

Since 1955 up through

2014 the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$281,000 into the community.

"It is important to note that this funding program is entirely separate from the Harold Englehardt funding program which is handled through the Grand Rapids Foundation," said Dr. Jim Reagan, secretary/treasurer of the fund.

## Lowell youth wins Innovation Generation Fashion Show competition

Ellie Stoller of Lowell was the first-place winner in the 12 to 14 age group category of the Innovation Generation Fashion Show competition at the 21st annual American Sewing Expo that was held Sept. 26 - 28 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The competition was sponsored by Coats & Clark, Baby Lock and Kiki magazine and was held for 8 to 18 year olds, knowledgeable on the sewing process and who had made their own garments. Entries were prejudged and

then worn by the contestants on the Expo fashion stage.

The event is the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country and features celebrities, experts, national fiber arts exhibits, free stage demonstrations, seminars, hands-on workshops, competitions, young sewer programs, fashion style shows, contests and exhibitors displaying sewing, quilting, knitting, home décor and fiber arts products. For more information, visit [www.AmericanSewingExpo.com](http://www.AmericanSewingExpo.com)



Ellie Stoller of Lowell modeling her winning blouse, skirt and vest that she made for the American Sewing Expo Innovation Generation contest. (American Sewing Expo)

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# Latest round of Asian carp sampling produces zero positive results

The Department of Natural Resources today announced that the latest round of Asian carp environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling on the lower Kalamazoo River in Allegan County produced all negative results.

Earlier this month the DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced a single positive eDNA result for silver carp – a species of Asian carp – within the river, discovered during water sampling efforts conducted this summer.

Immediately after the DNR learned of the positive sample, the agency worked with USFWS to conduct this third eDNA surveillance effort. The two agencies

collected 200 additional water samples on the lower Kalamazoo River Oct. 7 and 8. In addition to sampling, the DNR increased the presence of staff along the river to enlist anglers as part of surveillance efforts.

The previous positive result indicated the presence of genetic material of silver carp, such as scales, excrement or mucous. However, there is no evidence a population of silver carp is established in the Kalamazoo River. In addition to live fish, genetic material can enter water bodies via boats, fishing gear and the droppings of fish-eating birds.

“We greatly appreciate the quick work by USFWS to collect and evaluate these

latest samples,” said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. “We are pleased these samples were negative, but that doesn’t mean our efforts to keep Asian carp out of Michigan’s waters are over.”

The DNR will continue to take action in response to the previous positive result. Those actions will include:

- **C o n d u c t i n g** additional sampling efforts in the spring with USFWS to continue monitoring the river.
- **E n h a n c i n g** DNR fishery survey efforts, including expanding our outreach to anglers.
- **C o n t i n u i n g** public education efforts about all aquatic invasive

species, including Asian carp, to increase general understanding of this significant threat to Michigan’s waterways.

Anglers and boaters are a first line of defense in the fight against aquatic invasive species. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters. Anglers and boaters are strongly encouraged to drain all water from their boats and to clean boats and gear after each trip.

Invasive species and eDNA are known to “hitchhike” within live wells and attach to boat trails, anchors and fishing gear.

For even more information on Asian carp, visit [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp)

# Fatal accident in Bowne Township

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Kent County Sheriff Department deputies were dispatched to a personal injury accident at the intersection of 64th St. SE and Pratt Lake Ave. SE in Bowne Township.

According to witnesses, a minivan, driven by Hazel Scobey, 78, traveling south on Pratt Lake Avenue made a quick stop at the stop sign and then continued southbound through the intersection. A pickup truck going east on 64th Street

struck the minivan on the passenger side.

The driver of the van and her passenger, Lois Peterson, 63, both of Alto, were killed in the collision.

The occupants of the truck, Richard Seelye and Miranda Nash were transported to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries.

According to police neither alcohol nor speed were believed to have been factors in the accident.



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Halloween trick-or-treating will take place in Lowell on Friday, Oct. 31, from 5:30-8 pm. The Lowell Police Department will also be handing out candy.

**FOOTBALL PLAYOFF INFO**  
Lowell will be hosting East Grand Rapids on Fri., Oct. 31. Game time 7 pm. Tickets will be on sale Friday at the high school from 7:30 am – 3 pm.

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

**FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., Nov. 5 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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

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# LHS October Students of the Month

Lowell High School has announced that Noah Hawkins, 10th grade; and Hannah Ritsema, 11th grade; are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Hawkins and Ritsema. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.



Hannah Ritsema



Noah Hawkins

Tory Parsons nominated Hawkins and she writes, "Noah is currently a sophomore at LHS and doing extremely well academically. When Noah began at LHS as a 9th grader he had difficulty completing

his work and as a result his grades suffered. His work ethic and attitude towards school has improved dramatically. Noah has excellent attendance and is involved in football. He is a kind young man and I am so

an outstanding addition to my classroom. Over the last six weeks, Hannah has demonstrated a strong desire to learn and be successful in a very difficult math course. She is always interacting and participating in class discussions and lectures. I also routinely find her helping other students master content and aiding them in the learning process. Also, Hannah can always be found with a big smile and

sharing positive attitude that is infectious. I regularly see her with her friends in the hall having fun and enjoying their time here. Hannah is a truly special part of LHS."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may contact the office at 987-2900.

## Ballot initiative to ban fracking supporters to protest in Lansing

The Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan, a statewide ballot initiative campaign (www.letsbanfracking.org), will gather outside the Lansing Center (in downtown Lansing) Wednesday, Oct. 9, to protest the Michigan DNR's twice-annual auction of state-owned mineral rights. The event takes place Wednesday from 7:00 am to noon. The auction begins at 9:00 am.

The group cites the continued push by the frack industry, supported by the State, in approving radioactive frack sludge from other states at a waste facility in Van Buren Township in Wayne County, the start of new pipelines that will bring fracked gas through the state, and new natural gas plants proposed in Marquette and Gaylord.

giant Marathon.

"Nearly every day, Michiganders are facing a new threat from the frack industry as the State government helps industry turn our beautiful state into Gasland, whether it's from radioactive frack waste or new natural gas plants. All of this industrialization is going to exacerbate climate change and health impacts," said Kozma.

The fracking giant Encana recently sold its mineral rights to energy

The Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan is a ballot question committee that collected over 70,000 signatures in 2013 for a statewide ban on fracking and frack wastes. The Committee's proposal is not on this November's ballot. The group is working on placing it on the next statewide ballot in 2016.

"The State's role in creating more fracking starts with the DNR auction of mineral rights," said LuAnne Kozma, the Committee's campaign director. "In addition to receiving royalties from the gas and oil industry for leasing mineral rights, the State also receives income from the production of oil and gas, and is required by state law to 'foster the development of the industry along the most favorable conditions,' part of the current law our ballot initiative will overturn along with a ban on fracking and frack wastes."

### CITY OF LOWELL SEALED BIDS

The Lowell City is accepting sealed bids for the replacement of a BACKHOE for the City of Lowell. Deadline for submitting Email of Interest is October 31, 2014. Bid Proposals are Due November 21, 2014, at 3 p.m. All proposals should be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: Department of Public Works Backhoe Proposal. Any vendor interested in submitting a proposal must submit an Email of Interest to Dan DesJarden, Director of Public Works at ddesjarden@att.net. Subject line should include Backhoe Sealed Bid.



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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Avoid these scary investment moves

Whether you have young children or not, you're probably well aware that Halloween is almost here. However, despite the plethora of skeletons and ghosts you might see floating around this week, you probably don't have much to fear (except, possibly, running out of candy). But in real life, some things genuinely are frightening — such as “scary” investment moves.

Of course, investing, by its very nature, is not a risk-free endeavor. Ideally, though, these risks are also accompanied by the possibility of reward. Nonetheless, some investment moves carry very little in the way of “upside” potential and should be avoided. Here are a few to consider:

- *Not investing* — The scariest investment move you can make is to not invest at all — because if you don't invest, you are highly unlikely to achieve a comfortable retirement or

meet any other important financial goals. In a recent survey conducted by the National Council on Aging and other groups, 45% of the respondents who were 60 or older said they wished they had saved more money, and almost one-third said they wished they had made better investments. So make investing a priority — and choose some investments that have the potential to provide you with the growth you'll need to meet your objectives.

- *Overreacting to “scary” headlines* — The financial markets like stability, not uncertainty. So the next time you see some news about domestic political squabbles or unsettling geopolitical events, such as conflicts in foreign lands, don't be surprised if you see a drop, perhaps a sizable one, in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and other market indices. But these declines are usually short-lived. Of

course, the markets do not exist in isolation — they can and will be affected by what's happening in the world. Yet, over the longer term, market movements are mostly governed by mundane, non-headline-grabbing factors, such as corporate earnings, interest rate movements, personal income levels, and so on. Here's the point: Don't overreact to those scary headlines, or even to short-term market drops. Instead, focus on the fundamentals driving your investments — and maintain a long-term perspective.

- *Chasing hot investments* — You can receive tips on “hot” investments from multiple sources: television, the Internet, your friends, your relatives — the list goes on and on. But by the time you get to these investments, they may already have cooled off — and, in any case, may not be appropriate for your needs. Stick with investments that offer good prospects and are suitable for your risk tolerance.

- *Failing to diversify* — When it comes to investing, “too much of a good thing” is a relevant term. If your portfolio is dominated by one type of asset class, such as aggressive growth stocks, and we experience a downturn that is particularly hard on those stocks, you could face sizable losses. But if you spread your investment dollars among growth stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit (CDs), you can lessen the impact of a market drop. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility, it can't guarantee a profit or prevent losses.

Halloween is over quickly. But scary investment moves can have a lasting effect — so stay away from them.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### vote november 4

Dear Editor:

On November 4, I will be voting for Lynn Mason for State Representative from the 86th District.

Her opponent is the incumbent, Lisa Posthumus Lyons, who voted to slash more than one billion dollars from K-12 and high education funding. (HB 4325 of 2011) She also voted to increase taxes on seniors and families. (HB 4361 of 2011)

I have known Lynn for almost 30 years.

Lynn Mason is a leader, now in her fourth term on the Ionia County Commission. In this role, she has been a proven consensus builder with an ability to work with all sides on issues that come before the commission. She is also chairperson of the Mid-West Rail Trail Authority and is on the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee.

Lynn understands the challenges of running a small business, as she and her husband operate Mason Apple Farms near Belding.

She is a mother, a grandmother and a retired educator who knows the needs of our students and our schools.

Lynn is a person with the highest standards for honesty, integrity and fairness.

She is a hard worker. She and her campaign volunteers have visited over 22,000 homes in the 86th District.

She is a good listener and will be an effective voice for all of her constituents.

Please join me on November 4 and vote for Lynn Mason for State Representative.

Tom Stahr  
Ada

Dear Editor,

Wow! One doesn't even have to attend a city council meeting to catch the level of contention and a bit of arrogance from the council, just grab your weekly Ledger!

In the October 8 issue of the Ledger, Mayor Hodges had to be reminded of the First Amendment, Freedom of the Press and the fact that there are and will be dissenting voices. He accused the Ledger of being "snookered" into printing a letter to the editor.

In the October 22 issue, Councilman Mayer felt he had to apologize to the citizens for actions of the council. While Mayer may have been out of order to ask for an addition to the agenda (additions to the agenda should have been presented

prior to commencement of the meeting) one just has to read Mayor Hodges comments to get a sense of arrogance and division within the council.

I am not a citizen of Lowell, but own a business here. The actions (or inactions) of the council can certainly affect my business. I would suggest to the mayor and all councilmembers to be civil, not condescending and to realize there will be opposing views. While these views may not represent the majority of the council (who seem to hang together), they must be addressed in a civil and respectful manner. Civil and respectful does not mean condescending!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Stroosnyder

To the Editor:

After viewing online over two hours of the Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) board meeting of October 9, 2014, I want to commend the board for their willingness to listen to the concerns of the public and the city council and their diligence in following up on the policy in question. I learned a lot just by listening to their discussion.

It was obvious there had not been any previous decisions made outside of the public meeting. There was a great deal of heated debate, discussion and effort made in the meeting in order to come to a consensus. It was a long, involved process with a lot of differences of opinion and many questions asked, but no one gave up or shut anyone down for disagreeing or asking questions. It was obvious there were frustrations and the desire to get past the issues but they all continued to hash things out until all questions were answered and everyone was able to agree on the solution. What a great example of a group of people working together to find a solution to a problem. Thank you for your openness and willingness to allow the public to see the true and honest inner workings of our Lowell Light and Power board.

This was in stark contrast to what I observe at the city council meetings. There it is obvious that many decisions are made in advance and often amongst only three of the five councilmembers so that in the public meeting there is little if any discussion allowed or questions answered before a vote is taken.

At the LL&P meeting I also witnessed a request made at the beginning of the meeting to make a change to the agenda. This was unanimously accepted and the meeting continued.

What a difference I saw at the city council meeting of October 20th. There a councilmember asked for changes to be made to the agenda and was immediately challenged and not even allowed to continue.

It was extremely frustrating to see a councilmember trying so hard to just get a discussion going. This councilmember was appointed by a unanimous vote of the council after having received a large number of write-in votes at the last election. As a write-in candidate, he was closer in votes to the incumbents than either of the incumbents were to the other newest councilmember. Yet, the three veteran members seem to feel that they know it all and don't even need to listen to the other two councilmembers, much less the public. They even tend to be disrespectful and condescending to them.

Ironically, as I understand it, one of the items requested to be added to the agenda was discussion of some possible clerical errors to the minutes posted online. These are minutes the public depends on for accurate information and by law must be true and accurate. Three of the five councilmembers voted to not even allow for any discussion. What is going on here? I've heard it said "People who have nothing to hide, hide nothing." Hmm. Makes you wonder.

You can watch the city council meetings at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflowell> and the LL&P meetings at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZF1dn02\\_dc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZF1dn02_dc). You may also want to check out <http://lowellcityhall.com/index.php/it-wasnt-personal>, [for] lots of interesting, informative and even some humorous articles.

Thank you,  
Peggy Covert

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some Alpena log drivers by being thrown in the river. They had to fish him out.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 29, 1914

This has been a remarkable fall for Michigan. Lots of fine sunshiny days up to the last week in October. First killing frost night of October 24. First snow flurry morning of October 26.

The present system of taxation penalizes a man for improving his property. The more he fixes up his home, even though he borrows money for the improvement, the harder the tax man puts on the screws. This way of doing business, pats a man on the back for letting the property run down at the heels and become an eyesore to the community. It's all wrong, brother; dead wrong.

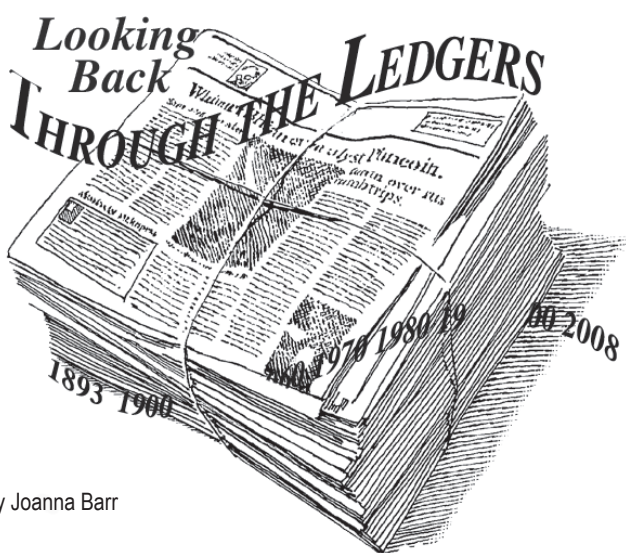
Claud Booth has raised a fine lot of Hubbard squash and pumpkins, some of the former weighing 35 and 45 lbs. and the largest one 51 lbs. His largest pumpkin weighed 60 lbs.

The National Express Co. will forward Christmas gifts for the war children of Europe, free to Brooklyn up to November 10, when the steamer leaves that city.

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

We go from the World Series to football as the big attraction and tune in or attend the events with great anticipation of witnessing real sport. The month of November brings to the attention of Lowell fans another performance that calls for action with a capital A. That is the National Corn Husking Contest when twenty men from ten major corn-producing states,

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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal October 30, 1889

This is getting to be a lively town, lots of excitement last week. A shooting scrap (practical joke) and a fistic encounter (stern reality). There are few towns of our size that have so many really metropolitan features as this little town of ours.

Hattie Cadwell, of the Postal Telegraph Co., sent a telegram to Reding, Cal., at 7 o'clock in the evening and received an answer at 8 o'clock the next morning, and another to Laport, Ind., and got an answer in 50 minutes.

Geo. Jacob Schwunforth, who claims to be Jesus Christ, and who has quite a considerable following, said that he was unable to swim but had Divine powers and could save himself from death, was tested by

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# weddings

# engagements

## Bradley/Beachum



**Meghan and Benjamin Bradley**

Perry and Teresa Beachum of Lowell and Thomas and Betsy Bradley of St. Louis, Missouri, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Meghan Beachum and Benjamin Bradley, on June 28, 2014, at the base of the Flat Irons at Chautauqua Park in Boulder, Colorado. The bride, a 2005 graduate of Lowell High School and graduate of Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland, Ohio, first met while

attending Hope College in Holland, Michigan and now reside in Denver, Colorado. Chris David, a friend of the couple, officiated the ceremony. Matron of honor was Chelsea Bossenbroek; bridesmaids were Jordyn Timpson, Sophia Beachum, Anne Bradley and Meaghan Lewis; best man was Matthew Moorehead; groomsmen were Zachary Beachum, Brian Howard, Andrew Ruemenapp and Nate Reed.

## Kohls/Soyka



**Samantha Kohls and Joshua Soyka**

Samantha Kohls and Joshua Soyka, both of Lowell, will be wed on March 21, 2015 at the Third Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. Parents of the bride-to-be are Joseph and June Kohls of White Lake. Her education is in chemical

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# LWC announces Woman of the Year



**Pictured, from left to right: Lori Ingraham, past president; Sue Stouffer and Jan Thompson.**

The Lowell Women's Club (LWC) has announced that their 2013-14 Woman of the Year is Sue Stouffer. Stouffer has served the club in many capacities during her years as a member. She has been the music chair, the club's auditor, treasurer, as well as being a member of the yearbook, fundraising committee and the board of director's nominating committee.

This year she co-chaired the club's first Fallasburg Fall Festival booth and is currently co-chairing

the upcoming Christmas Through Lowell craft booth. She is married to Bill Stouffer, has four daughters and five grandchildren.

"Perhaps most important to the LWC, Sue has been the club's 'go to' volunteer who never says no. She is someone the club could not get along without. The Lowell Women's Club is proud to acknowledge her work and dedication by making Susan Stouffer their 2013-2014 Woman of the Year," said Jan Thompson, LWC president.

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# Century old serviceman's monument has ties to local mason

submitted by Alan Teelander

In 2007 I was in Langston, Michigan, doing research for my one-year-old website called FadedFootsteps. In the back of the local "Riverside Cemetery" in the northeast corner, I found a monument that was placed at the grave of US Navy Serviceman - Thorwald Niels Jorgensen.

Thorwald worked on the ship as a "coal passer" and on 11/28/1913 he died after being transferred from his ship the "New Jersey" at Vera Cruz, Mexico, to the Ward Line Steamer "Morro Castle," while being transferred to the Naval Hospital at New York for treatment.

This monument was erected by his shipmates of USS New Jersey.

I thought at that time that (19 year-old) Thorwald Niels Jorgensen must have been a wonderful young man

who touched a lot of hearts in his short life. After he died, his shipmates ordered and placed a monument in his honor on the family plot in Langston's cemetery.

In 2007, I built a page with images of his monument and as much of his story as I could find and placed it onto the FadedFootsteps website. I have revisited Thorwald's grave several times and I think of him and his story often.

Two weeks ago in the Looking Back "100 Years Ago" section of our local paper - The Lowell Ledger, it was a fine coincidence to read that our very own Lowell Granite Company had received the order from the paymaster of the ship "New Jersey" for a monument to be built and placed in Langston.

As you read this story you will see that Thorwald Jorgensen's name is mentioned five times. In reading and saying his name, it keeps his service

to our country and memory alive to a new generation.

I do a bit of work with the local Lowell Granite Company as they are so kind in accepting and helping me with ordering VA issued headstones for deceased Veterans buried without a headstone. The folks at Lowell Granite were also a great help in our sorrow

when our family needed to purchase a headstone for our ten-month-old granddaughter who died of SIDS.

The link to that paper is below:  
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## ★ In The Service ★

Army Pvt. Joe B. Hanley has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and

unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

Hanley is the son of Brian T. Hanley of Lowell and of Diane H. Sterne of White Lake.

He is a 2010 graduate of Lakeland High School in White Lake.

## health



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

### glaucoma

Glaucoma damages the major nerves of the eye (the optic nerve) and eventually may cause permanent vision loss. There are two types of glaucoma: open-angle glaucoma and angle-closure glaucoma. Both of these diseases cause too much

fluid to collect within the eye, which can increase pressure in the eye and eventually damage the optic nerve. Some patients with open-angle glaucoma do not have high pressure in the eye.

Glaucoma affects more than 70 million people in the world. It is the leading cause of blindness. Because

in most cases there are no symptoms until the disease is fairly severe, most people are not aware they have it. People who are over 60 years old or have a family history of glaucoma are more likely to develop both types of glaucoma.

Open-angle glaucoma causes no symptoms early on. Later in the disease, when a large part of the optic nerve is damaged, some people notice loss of vision. This occurs first in the outer parts of their field of vision, resulting in tunnel vision. Angle-closure glaucoma can cause symptoms earlier, but not always. When it occurs suddenly, it can cause pain and redness in the eye in addition to visual changes.

Vision testing can be used to detect glaucoma by testing for tunnel vision. Also, testing for increased pressure in the eye can be helpful. The best test for glaucoma is looking into the back of the eye with a special medical instrument to detect signs of optic nerve damage. These tests can be done by an eye doctor. The goal of treatment of glaucoma is to maintain a person's vision-related quality of life. There are treatments that can slow the progression of the nerve damage. These include several different types of eye drops or in some cases, eye surgery.

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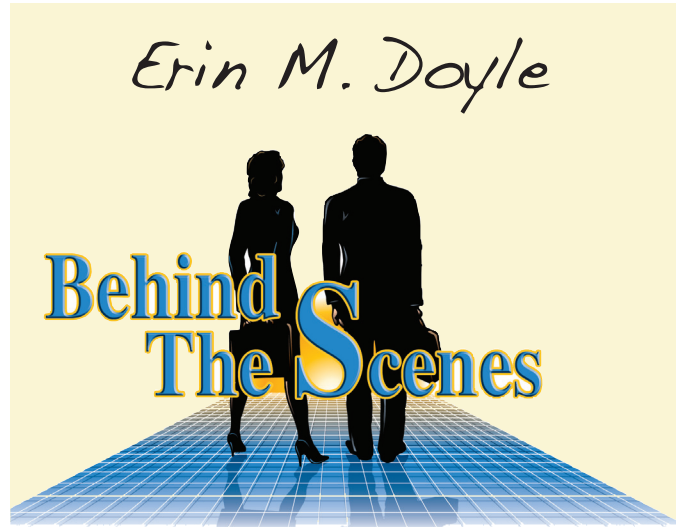
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**Interests:** Running, music, charity work



## Sense of community helped Lowell grad determine career choice

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Erin M. Doyle has a long history in Lowell. Her family has lived in the area for a century and they own King Milling, which would be difficult to miss. Doyle is an attorney for the Grand Rapids law firm Worsfold Macfarlane McDonald, PLLC.

"Growing up in Lowell, the sense of community really has helped," Doyle said. "[As] a lawyer you help a lot of people, so growing up in a small community, my parents were really active in helping others and I guess that kind of helped my drive to become a lawyer."

Doyle has four siblings, one of whom is still of school age.

"I'm the oldest of five," Doyle said. "I have three brothers and one sister. My two brothers and my sister went to Lowell. My littlest brother is 11 so he hasn't yet graduated."

Doyle's family has run King Milling for generations and Doyle herself spent some time working there.

"The King family was the founding family of King Milling and then the Doyles bought into the business and eventually had full ownership," Doyle said. "They bought it out from the King family but they kept the name and 'King' has now become a family name. King Doyle was my grandpa, his middle name was King; my dad's middle

name is King, my brother's middle name is King and his son's middle name is King. I'm the fifth generation to have worked there. I worked there in college. I did office work and I worked out in the plant; I did a lot of maintenance and [a] lot of grounds work and helped with the July wheat harvest."

Doyle's initial career path was foreign service, which included an adventure in Central America.

"I was really interested in foreign policy and getting into that," Doyle said. "The 9/11 [terrorist attacks] got me really interested in politics. I thought maybe foreign service would be the

way to go, so when I was in college I interned at the U.S. embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It was an awesome experience. It was really different. You couldn't tell people you worked at the embassy because you didn't want people trying to get special favors or visas or anything. It was great. It was an awesome way to see another culture. You kind of get a taste of what the lifestyle is and you meet everyone from the ambassador to the locals that work for the embassy and I kind of got a taste of what it would be like to be a foreign service officer, so I decided I'd rather go to law school and make a

difference domestically. Also my family is here."

Doyle said she became interested in becoming a lawyer after taking political science classes.

"I was a political science major in college and, kind of looking at my options with that, I wanted to go into law," Doyle said. "I was away for about ten years and then came back to be closer to family and to West Michigan."

She got her law degree from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri; practiced law there and in Illinois for several years and finally moved back to West Michigan in 2012. She's been with her current firm since last October. Doyle describes her work as 'litigation.'

"It's taking peoples' issues and kind of helping them work their way through it, whether it's through litigation or putting knuckles to the grind in the courtroom," Doyle said. "We do try a lot of cases. Most cases settle prior to going to trial or getting in front of a jury, but an attorney from our office is in court five days a week. We're the type of lawyers that you see in court. We mostly do a lot of commercial litigation, businesses going head-to-head, or even personal injury. We do a lot of insurance defense, like if you're injured in a car accident your insurance company will hire our firm to defend you. We also do some agricultural litigation."

Doyle is an active runner. The longest distance she's run is 26.2 miles, which takes her four hours and 11 minutes.

"I like running and I do marathon training," Doyle said. "You get a lot of stress built up when you are an attorney and so it's just a good outlet to go out and have peace and quiet and get away from technology. I usually go on the trails, like in Ada. I've been training a lot around Bailey and Vergennes just because the hills are really nice. I'm

going to a half marathon in Midland, the 'Mid-Land Run' on November 8."

She is also interested in becoming involved in Lowell's 4-H program.

"I'd like to remain active, especially with the 4-H program and I'd like to have kids in the near future and have them be a part of that," Doyle said. "I was really active in 4-H in Lowell. I was part of the Alto Active Achievers. We did rabbit showing and sheep showing. The 4-H fair is the best part of the year I think, especially as a kid growing up."

Music is another one of Doyle's passions. Her favorite band is Old Crow Medicine Show.

"I really enjoy bluegrass," Doyle said. "I got into bluegrass probably four years ago. I was out one night with some friends and we listened to a bluegrass band so I started to enjoy that. I like a lot of the local groups. I've been to Lowell's bluegrass festival with my dad. It's a very organic, grassroots type of music, which I think is awesome and I've always liked Irish music a lot."

Doyle is also involved in charity work.

"I really enjoy getting involved in volunteering," Doyle said. "I like doing active stuff, like helping people with their houses when the opportunities come up. I've done Habitat for Humanity before, when people have needs around here. I like doing it locally."

After her adventures in St. Louis, Honduras and elsewhere, Doyle said she's happiest here at home.

"I'm just excited to be a part of Lowell and be back in the area," Doyle said. "Coming back to Michigan, it's nice to be part of a community. I missed the safety of Lowell. Probably the best part about coming back to Lowell is, my family is extremely important to me and they're an active part of the community. Being with them and being a member of that community is probably the best thing for me."

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# Through thick and thin loyal golfing friends break new ground in Lowell sports

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Anna Organek arrived to the first day of first grade with tears on her cheeks. She was crying because she missed her mom. Fellow classmate Danielle “Dani” Krajewski approached her quietly and offered a solution, “If you stop crying, I’ll be your best friend.”

True to her word Krajewski did become Organek’s best friend. According to their first-grade teacher Martha Hayden, who remembered the friendship with fondness, the two immediately became inseparable, “When

Division 2 state golf finals last weekend.

Though their team sadly missed their bid at state play by a mere eight strokes to Greenville High School, both Organek and Krajewski made the cut for individual competition claiming two places in the top three. This is the first time in the sport’s history here in Lowell that two players have qualified to advance to the state finals.

Krajewski placed second carding an impressive 95, “I was hoping I would qualify because I went last year as well and I wanted to end my

University’s Forest Akers West golf course was the site of this year’s tournament where the girls played 36 holes over two days. Though neither girl played well enough to earn a title, they both placed respectably in the top half of the 90 competitors. Organek earned a 92 and a 98 to place 25th and Krajewski carded a 103 and a 106 to place 44th.

The friends called the experience a great one and said that they were glad to have been able to battle together in the state competition here at the end of their high school career,



Anna Organek and Dani Krajewski then and now.



it was time to find a partner, they chose each other. They played together at every recess.”

More than a decade later the pair, closer than ever having faced tragedy, triumph and all of the life in between as a team, played together once more as they represented Lowell High School (LHS) at the

senior year well.”

Organek surprised even herself by coming in with a 94 to claim the number one spot, “I was in total shock. The whole course I was thinking to myself, ‘don’t get your hopes up.’ This is probably your last match of high school so enjoy it.”

Michigan State

as they once had to battle together all those years ago in elementary school when Organek was diagnosed with cancer.

“My parents brought me in to the hospital because I couldn’t breathe. They thought I had pneumonia,” explained Organek. “The doctors ran some tests and then they took me down for a CAT scan. When they got the results they sent me straight to the intensive care unit and told my parents that I had non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and they needed to start treatment immediately.”

Multiple softball size tumors were resting against the seven-year-old Organek’s heart and lungs. The tumors were so heavy that they caused her lung to collapse. As her best friend started a short round of radiation followed by multiple doses

of chemotherapy to save her life, Krajewski did not fully comprehend the gravity of the situation. “I was so young that I didn’t really understand it. I knew she was sick but I thought she had the flu or something.” Krajewski’s parents did understand the seriousness and quickly got to work supporting the Organeks in any way they could. According to Hayden, “The families were closely knit. When Anna started her cancer journey, Dani and her family were right there to support them. The Krajewski’s hosted a picnic fundraiser at Creekside Kingdom. Dani would visit Anna at the hospital and play with her at Anna’s home.”

When Organek’s chemotherapy treatment suddenly stopped working the Krajewski family organized a bone marrow

drive at LHS to aid in the search for a much needed match. The drive was a huge success and stands as one of the largest self-funded bone marrow drives in the United States.

Though a match was not found for Organek she said countless other lives were saved because of the effort, “I still get calls that they have found other matches from the drive.”

Despite never finding a match, Organek did recover from the disease and has been in remission since the fifth grade, “I am pretty healthy. I just have asthma and restrictive lung disease but that doesn’t really hold me back.”

Organek said she feels incredibly fortunate for the support she received from her family, her community and especially her best friend during that time, “Dani’s friendship means

more than words can describe. We have literally faced death together and I would not have anyone else by my side. No matter where we go in life, she will always mean more to [me] than anyone.”

As they both make plans for their future following graduation next spring, it seems they are still headed in a similar direction. Krajewski plans to attend college to enter the pharmaceuticals field while Organek plans to attend Grand Valley State University to become a physician’s assistant, “I am really interested in this career because of my experience and I feel like it is a way for me to give back. I had a nurse who went through it when she was younger and I liked that because I could relate to her. I just want to be that person for some other kid.”

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# Red Arrow - VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

## Lowell spikers continue to improve in tourney play

by 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. Both are home events and begin at 7 pm.**

## Player Spotlight

**Our Spotlight Athlete This Week:** *Colleen Cater*  
**Team:** Cross Country **Grade:** Senior



*Four-year varsity cross country team member Colleen Cater is described by her coach Paul Judd as "rock solid, both on and off the field." The senior honors student plays in the LHS band, is a part of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club and also participates in two other varsity-level sports while maintaining the position of a leader among her teammates and peers.*

### How long have you been playing cross country and what drew you to the sport?

I've been participating in cross country since 7th grade, so about six years. I tried out for the cross country team to learn how to run long distance. I originally loved to sprint.

### What is your relationship like with coach Judd?

Coach Judd has helped and encouraged me since I started cross country in 7th grade. He is one of those people that knows how to push you to your absolute limits. I've grown so much this last year with him being my coach and I'm

very grateful for that. He holds very tough workouts, but he manages to give insanely great pre-race speeches that makes each one of us runners remember why we are there.

### What other sports do you participate in?

I am also involved in the varsity gymnastics and soccer programs.

### Will you be attending college and if so will you continue to run?

I plan on attending Adrian College and playing soccer there.

### What do you excel in academically?

I am a good student in all of my classes, but my favorite would be English.

### What career path are you interested in pursuing and why?

I am undecided as to what I want to pursue, probably something involving English and/or writing.

### Who is your personal inspiration?

My parents because through the years they've always supported me and my sports. Through all sorts of Michigan weather, they've always been there watching me.

### What is the greatest lesson you have learned through athletics?

One of the greatest lessons I've learned is that people depend on you. You're part of a team and every person is needed and important to make the team succeed.

### What has been your greatest moment participating in cross country?

My greatest moments from cross country include getting my personal records of all time. Each time I get one, I'm super excited knowing that I'm improving from year to year and it's a great feeling; you just want to go out and celebrate the rest of the day.



**At Your  
Local  
Library**

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

### Michigan Reads Celebration -

Celebrate the 2014 Michigan Reads book, "Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band" by Kwame Alexander, with crafts and activities. For ages 6 and younger. Thurs., Nov. 6, 10:00 am.

## KCTC Students of the Month

Three Lowell High School students have been named Students of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center and they are Brendan Chumney, 12th grade, is enrolled in the information technology program; Colin VerWys, 11th grade and Talitha Hull, 11th grade; are both enrolled at Kent Innovations High School.



Colin VerWys



Brendan Chumney



Talitha Hull



# Red Arrow SPORTS

- FOOTBALL

## Arrows back on top at the end of regular season play

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity football team took to the field at Red Arrow Stadium last Friday for the last regular season home game of the year against conference foe Forest Hills Central (FHC) in pursuit of the OK White championship.

Coming off of a devastating shut out loss to the Fighting Scots of Caledonia last week, the first for the Arrows since 1998, the team entered the game tied in the conferences first-place position with the Scots. In order to seize the

title outright the Arrows needed to win the match up with FHC and Caledonia had to fall to Grand Rapids Central (GRC). If both teams were to win their games, the two schools would share the conference title.

The Arrows hit the field a bit sluggishly in the first unable to put themselves in scoring position. FHC made it into the end zone first with just over four minutes left in the quarter putting them up 7-0 with a successful extra point attempt.

Gabe Steed successfully reversed the momentum



The Lowell Red Arrows storm the field before their 41-21 victory over Forest Hills Central.



Junior quarterback Ryan Stevens threw for six touchdowns during the conference clinching game.

about ten seconds later when he ran back a 98-yard kickoff return for the first Arrow score of the game. Dan Bieri missed the extra point leaving the Rangers up 1 point, 7-6.

Several pass interference flags put FHC in scoring position again just before the clock wound down in the first, which they

capitalized on widening their lead to 8 points moving into the second quarter.

Quarterback Ryan Stevens teamed up with Steed for the Arrow's second touchdown of the game, a 31-yard pass. Making up ground from their earlier missed field goal the team went for the

two-point conversion. Josh Branagan made the catch in the end zone to tie the game up at 14.

Senior Josh Colegrove managed a sack against the FHC quarterback in their next possession forcing a Ranger 4th and punt that led to the Arrow's next score. Junior Max Dean got the credit this time pushing through the Ranger defense into the end zone to grab the first lead of the game for Lowell, 21-14 with the extra point from Bieri. The Arrows compounded that lead by earning one more score before the half when Dean made a quick one-yard touchdown run to push the score to 28-14.

The Arrows never surrendered that lead in the second half of play. FHC had several opportunities, including an intercepted pass, but were unable to create a scoring opportunity for themselves against Lowell's tough defense.

Trevor Shurlow earned the Lowell squad's next touchdown of the night running the ball in three yards for the score and putting his team up by a margin of 21 points. FHC did manage another score in the fourth and final stanza of the game but the Red Arrow's offense kept delivering making their effort moot.

The game ended in an impressive 41-21 victory for the home team after yet another touchdown catch for quarterback Stevens' favorite receiver Steed. The win, along with a 38-14 Caledonia victory over

GRC, garnered the squad a tie for first place in the OK White and their second consecutive conference title.

The team will face East Grand Rapids, who they beat by a slim margin during the regular season, this Friday at home for the district title and the opportunity to move into regional competition.



The Lowell High School marching band takes to the field for the last time during the regular season.

**LAS**  
**Elementary**  
**Lunch Menus**  
week of 10/27/14

**MONDAY:** Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, steamed broccoli; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, salsa, mixed fruit, sliced pears.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips w/dinner roll, baked beans; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, peaches, applesauce.

**WEDNESDAY:** French toast sticks served w/eggs, hashbrowns; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, broccoli florets, pineapple, orange juice.

**THURSDAY:** BBQ pork ribbie on bun, (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), Chicken nuggets w/dinner roll (served at Bushnell), mashed potatoes & gravy; Fruit & Veggie Bar: spinach & romaine side salad, fresh baby carrots, strawberries, peaches.

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



# obituaries

## YAEGER

ROBERT "BOBBY" ALAN YAEGER, age 60 of Lowell, passed away Friday, October 24, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Yaeger; mother, Patricia Grant; and sister, Robin Stephens. He is survived by his girlfriend of 44 years and wife of 38 years Mary Ann; children, Tyler (Gina) Yaeger, Lauren (Bridger) Pierce; "mother", Arline (Rog) VanBelois; sister, Kathy (Joe) Bush; mother-in-law, Edith Brown; brother-in-law, John (Margaret) Brown; and his "grandbuddy" Eric Alan Pierce. Bobby lived a life with no regrets. He loved all sports, coaching, hunting, the outdoors, and was a diehard Michigan fan including all the Detroit teams. He worked for Sysco for 36 years, starting out in sales, and was planning his retirement as Vice President of Sales. A Celebration of Life Service was held at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Bobby's name to Kids Food Basket, 2055 Oak Industrial Dr NE #C, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 or Prostate Cancer Foundation, 1250 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 [www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org)



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# Social Security Q&A

**Question:** How can I protect myself against identity theft?

**Answer:** First, don't carry your Social Security card with you. Keep it secure at home with your other important papers. Second, don't readily give out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records.

If you are the victim of identity theft, you should report it right away. To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission (the nation's consumer protection agency) recommends you:

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the following companies (the company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports):
  - Equifax, 1-800-525-6285;
  - Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; or
  - Experian, 1-888-397-3742.
2. Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain;
3. Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently;
4. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place; and
5. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

**Question:** Can I conduct my Social Security business online in the event of a hurricane or other disaster that keeps me from visiting an office?

**Answer:** Yes, you can conduct most of your business with Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), where you'll find a wealth of information and services. For example, you can create or access your own mySocialSecurity account, apply online for Social Security benefits or Medicare, and check the status of your pending application. If you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you can change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or get an instant proof of income letter. You also can get your Social Security Statement online. Your Statement lets you check and verify your earnings record and see estimates of your future benefits. You also can find out if your local office is open at [www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency). That site lists any office closings and delays.

Also, make sure you receive your benefits electronically. While the mail can be disrupted during severe weather or other emergencies, electronic payments arrive in your account on time, all the time, no matter what. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit) to sign up or get more information.

**Question:** I'm retired and the only income I have is from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Are my IRA withdrawals considered "earnings?" Could they reduce my monthly Social Security benefits?

**Answer:** No. We count only the wages you earn from a job or your net profit if you're self-employed. Non-work income such as annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains, and other government benefits are not

counted and will not affect your Social Security benefits. Most pensions will not affect your benefits. However, your benefit may be affected by a government pension from work on which you did not pay Social Security tax. For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Question:** How do I earn a Social Security Credit?

**Answer:** Social Security credits, sometimes referred to as quarters of coverage, are the measure of your work under Social Security. You earn Social Security credits when you work and pay Social Security taxes. The credits are based on the amount of your earnings. In 2014, you receive one credit for each \$1,200 of earnings, up to the maximum of 4 credits per year. Each year, the amount of earnings needed for a credit goes up slightly as average earnings levels increase. Generally, a person needs 40 credits or 10 years to be eligible for retirement benefits.

There are special rules for the self-employed. Read more about self-employment and Social Security in our online publication, *If You Are Self Employed*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

To learn the amount of earnings required for Social Security credits for prior years, see *Quarter of Coverage* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/QC.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/QC.html)

**Question:** How can I apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

**Answer:** If you are applying for SSI based on a disability, you can start the process by going online to complete the disability report at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html). Then you can call us toll free at

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## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Synopsis of Minutes  
October 20, 2014

**Motions Approved:**  
To start new recycling program Resolution 2014-021 to reduce rate on Fire Department Building Loan.  
To purchase equipment for WI-FI.  
Bid for 2014/2015/2016 snow plowing was awarded to Creekside Property Services.  
Upgrade to Grattan Vergennes utility building.

**Budget Amendment:**  
To 101.371.802 Zoning Legal from 101.301.802 Professional Legal to equal \$8000.00.

Our next Township Meeting will be **November 10, 2014**  
At 7:00 p.m.  
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at [www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

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# classifieds

## for sale

**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>

**CRAFTSMAN 10" CONTRACTORS TABLE SAW** - table 27 d X 40 w. 120 volt vacuum pickup. Call 616-540-5937 or 676-2478.

**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>

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**KUBOTAB7500 - 4 WD, 21 hp, 237 hours, rear mower & back blade.** Asking \$8,000. Call 284-7267.

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

**MID-CENTURY PIANO** - simple design, cherry wood, medium finish. \$250 obo. 897-4260.

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**WOOD FOR SALE** - \$45.00 a pickup load. Call 868-6707.

**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>

**FREE AD!** - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555.

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

**COLD WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY** - and along with it, comes chapped hands! Try something different this year - homemade, all natural hand lotion. Non-greasy, lasts a long time and leaves your skin super soft! Many scents available. Check out my store at [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com), search for NanaHannahs.

## help wanted

**CARRIERS NEEDED** - to deliver the Buyers Guide every Saturday. Please apply in person, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. No phone calls please.

**METAL SHINGLE ROOFING CRAFTSMEN NEEDED** - Year round work, paying \$100 per square. We supply all materials. Great company to work for. MUST have own tools, truck, insurance & aluminum brake. Call 616-648-7036 ask for Frank.

**WANTED INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTORS** - Press carriers, Lowell area. Reliable transportation required. Contact Paul at 616-541-0564 or Brian at 616-541-0563.

**WINDOW/SIDING CRAFTSMEN NEEDED** - Year round work, best pay in the industry. We supply all materials. Great company to work for. MUST have own tools, truck, insurance & aluminum brake. Call 616-648-7036 ask for Frank.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER** - Self Serve Lumber Company, headquartered in the Saginaw, MI market is always looking for interested candidates to work at our Lowell location. Candidates should have a strong retail sales background. Previous management experience desirable, but not required. Do-it-yourself project & home improvement product knowledge a plus. This position is full-time with full benefits & has a flexible schedule that includes evenings & weekends. Qualified candidates should email their resumes to [kattjud@selfservelumber.com](mailto:kattjud@selfservelumber.com)

**SELL AVON** - Only \$15 to get started. Call 616-897-5086 or sign up now at [www.startAvon.com](http://www.startAvon.com) and use ref code SGRIMM

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**MAINTENANCE** - An apartment complex in the Lowell area is seeking a 30-40 hour per week maintenance person. Candidate must possess basic mechanical abilities: i.e. general repair/maintenance of appliances, fixtures & furnishings; painting as needed; maintaining supplies & scheduling subcontractors. Hours are flexible. Send resume to: PO Box 830, Ada, MI 49301.

## help wanted

**GREEN ACRES OF LOWELL** - is currently seeking an experienced part-time cook to prepare nutritious, tasteful meals & snacks for residents. Candidate will need to be available to work weekends & afternoons. If you have a passion to work with the elderly & truly want to make a difference then we want you! For immediate consideration, apply in person at: Green Acres Lowell, 11530 Fulton St. SE, Lowell. No phone calls please.

**WE ARE SEEKING** - positive, high energy individuals to work in our job site department. Responsibilities include: passing out flyers around our job sites in nice suburban neighborhoods. Applicants should be professional & have excellent communication skills. **No sales involved.** Not a straight commission position. Average producers make \$400-\$800 per week. \$10/hr. + bonuses. Please call 616-340-7974, ask for Duane.

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## wanted

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

## misc.

**71-YEAR OLD MALE** - forced into boredom would like help learning to knit. 616-897-4171, leave message.

**PUBLIC SIGHT-IN** - Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sight-in at their range facility at 8731 West Riverside Dr. This service is free to the public & will take place on Nov. 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Targets & assistance will be provided. For more information go to [www.Quake-Zik.org](http://www.Quake-Zik.org)

## sales

**MOVING SALE** - Fri., Oct. 31 & Sat., Nov. 1, 9-5. Stoneridge Apartments, 11521 Boulder Dr., Apt. 180. Large desk, large coffee table, 2-year old washer & dryer, chairs, kitchen items, mens & womens clothing, vinyl records, recliner & misc. items.

## 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](mailto:classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com), by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION** - Dec. 4, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, Lowell.

**TASTE OF VEGETARIAN** - Nov. 9, 4 p.m. at Riverside Fellowship, 10300 Vergennes. Free event. Samples, door prizes, health lecture on weight management. Call 676-1667 for reservation or more information.

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

**ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY 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.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS** - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life

has become unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Meets the

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

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

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

**LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB** - Meets the second Wed. of each month, Sept. - May, 11:45 a.m., Schneider Manor. For more information call Jan at 897-2533.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, [www.impactchurch.org](http://www.impactchurch.org) or [www.celebrater-recovery.com](http://www.celebrater-recovery.com)

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

**LOWELL** - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council 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](http://www.wlhrsradio.org) internet radio website.



## Social Security Q&A, continued

1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment with a Social Security representative. When you meet with a representative, bring the items listed in our online publication, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). Even if you do not have all of the things listed, apply anyway. The Social Security staff in your local office can provide guidance to help you get the information you need.

**Question:** I was turned down for Supplemental Security Income (SSI); can I appeal the decision?

**Answer:** If you disagree with a decision made on your SSI claim, you can appeal it. Learn more about appealing a decision, including how to submit your appeal online, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/appeal.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/appeal.html).

**Question:** Does Social Security provide special services or information for people who are blind or visually impaired?

**Answer:** Yes. Social Security offers a number of services and products specifically designed for people who are blind or visually impaired. If you are blind or visually impaired, you can choose to receive notices and other information from Social Security in ways that may be more convenient for you. To find out more about this service, go

to our page, If You Are Blind Or Visually Impaired — Your Choices For Receiving Information from Social Security, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/notices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/notices) or call our toll-free number for more information at 1-800-772-1213, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Many of our publications, such as brochures and fact sheets, are available in Braille, audio cassette tapes, compact discs, or in enlarged print. Our publication, If You Are Blind Or Have Low Vision — How We Can Help, and other publications in alternative formats can be obtained by calling, toll-free, 1-800-772-121 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). For more information, see our page Public Information Materials in Alternative Media at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/alt-pubs.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/alt-pubs.html).

**Question:** How do I know if I've worked long enough to get Social Security disability benefits?

**Answer:** To get Social Security disability benefits, you must meet the definition of disability under the Social Security Act and you must have worked long enough—and recently enough—under Social Security to qualify for disability benefits.

The amount of work you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Generally, you need 10 years of work, and that must include

working 5 out of the last 10 years, ending with the year you become disabled. However, younger workers may qualify with as little as one and one half years of work earned in the three-year period ending when the disability starts. See our Disability Planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify3.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify3.htm) for credit requirements at different ages.

**Question:** I want to apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. Can state agencies also help with my Medicare costs?

**Answer:** When you file your application for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug (Medicare Part D) costs, you also can start your application process for the Medicare Savings Programs—state programs that provide help with other Medicare costs. When you apply for Extra Help, Social Security will send information to your state unless you tell us not to on the application. Your state will contact you to help you apply for a Medicare Savings Program.

To apply for Extra Help and learn more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).

While we're on the subject of open seasons, the open enrollment period for qualified health plans under the Affordable Care Act is November 15 to February 15. Learn more about it at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

## Looking Back, continued

a field more than five hundred yards long and six corn rows wide, to bring the title of champion home to the farm. The husker waits for the bomb to start the task of husking, two rows at a time in eighty minutes of real

he-man labor that calls for speed, action, tension and endurance. The average husker loses between six and eleven pounds per man during the eighty minutes of work. Tractors follow him and he plunks the ears of corn against the bangboard sometimes at the rate of fifty or more a minute. Nothing stops this contest as hundreds of thousands of people swarm over the field as each contestant moves down the line... The event is important enough to be broadcast over a nationwide hook-up for this most thrilling and action-packed event and the hero deserves as many cheers as hail from gridiron and diamond.

The present cider-making season is drawing to a close and the Kellogg Vinegar Works will have produced upwards of one million gallons by the time vinegar manufacturing comes to an end this year. Mr. Kellogg now has a total of 31 storage tanks, five additional tanks having been built this past summer. All of the apples used this season have come from within a radius of a few miles. In seasons when the apple crop has not been as plentiful as this year growers have trucked their fruit here from a distance as great as 75 miles. But a million gallons of vinegar should be enough to float the Great Eastern.

The new postoffice building is in final stages of completion and the local postoffice has received notice from Washington to begin business in the new building on December 15. The new building is a beautiful structure and should serve as a stimulus to

the improvement of surrounding business properties. Tentative date for dedication ceremonies has been fixed for December 11.

### 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 29, 1964

The 1965 automobile license plates go on sale Monday, November 2, at the Western Auto Store on East Main Street. Numbers starting with JR 0001 will be distributed the first week, so if you want a good number, purchase your plates early this year.

A fire, believed to be started by a careless hunter, blazed through the wooded area on the farm of Mrs. Cleo Thompson, 2893 Kissing Rock Road, Sunday afternoon. Members of the Lowell Fire Department were called out to halt the engulfing flames.

Arthur Hoyt, R2, Belding, was the first to unload kidney beans at the new Runciman Co. plant on West Main St. Chris Walter, of Sheridan, brought in the second load. The new plant has complete cleaning and weighing facilities along with storage for 2 ½ million pounds of colored beans.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 1, 1989

A hand brake failed to stop Aero Med after landing south of the truck accident near Hudson Street Bridge on Friday. The helicopter finally stopped after rolling 10-15 feet into a curb. The tire blew and the landing gear strut was bent.

The Red Arrow girls' cross country team placed five runners in the top 23 positions at the Class B Regional in DeWitt Saturday, as it became the first Lowell girls' club in the school's history to race home with the regional crown.

In a constantly changing and growing society, many times people are caught rushing and looking to the future and thus forgetting the past. On Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School, a group of 50 or so, including school administration, school staff, residents, students, past principals and Lowell alumnae paused a moment to focus on the richness that Yesteryear left behind. That richness is embodied in the "Old High School" Bell which rang for 52 years before its voice fell silent. The voice was heard again at the dedication of the "Old High School Bell" in remembrance of Ken Smith. "Ken Smith was the cornerstone of what was happening at Lowell Schools for many years," Lowell School Board President and 1957 graduate, John Haggai said. "I remember students at the old high school, sneaking around and ringing the bell."

### LEGAL NOTICE

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FILE NO. 14-196351-DE

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SWIECICKI. Date of  
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TO ALL CREDITORS:

October 21, 2014

NOTICE TO  
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03/29/2014.

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Sharon Swiecicki-Fay  
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**THEME: DANCE  
DANCE DANCE**

**ACROSS**

- 1. \*Hula dancers wear skirts made of this
- 6. Automated teller
- 9. Grain in "The House That Jack Built"
- 13. Send in payment
- 14. Indochinese language
- 15. Juan or his wife
- 16. Administer oil to, often in religious ceremony
- 17. Make a choice
- 18. Fancy tie
- 19. \*Big band music dance
- 21. \*Distinctly urban dance
- 23. Do needlework
- 24. His alter ego was a doctor
- 25. Ship pronoun
- 28. "I'm \_\_\_ you"
- 30. Rubber gaskets
- 35. \*Dance to a ballerina
- 37. Chows down
- 39. Motionless
- 40. Aware of
- 41. \*Tony Manero's dance
- 43. Purse to go with evening gown
- 44. Searched, often used with "around"
- 46. \*Ballet move
- 47. Well-deserved reward
- 48. Matured
- 50. Lend a hand
- 52. "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"
- 53. "\_\_\_ we forget"
- 55. Beluga yield
- 57. \*Montparnasse dance
- 60. \*May Day dance prop

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OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 28

- South Korea's spy agency says North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, was missing for nearly six weeks because he had surgery to remove a cyst from his ankle. Other theories for the absence of the overweight, heavy smoking leader include a long list of possible illnesses and ailments including broken ankles, gout and diabetes.



- Paul Kitterman, 53, from Kremmling, CO, told his friend that the experience of being at his first ever Denver Broncos game in person with his son was "awesome" - and that was the last she heard of him. He seemingly vanished into the Sports Authority Field crowd at the Broncos-Chargers game Thursday night in what Denver police now call a missing persons case.

- More stupid criminals. Two people were arrested in Roswell, New Mexico, after they pocket-dialed 911 after burglarizing a home and talking about the crime during their getaway. The call was being recorded by authorities..

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- 64. Fair market \_\_\_\_\_
- 65. \*Meryl Davis' and Charlie White's turf
- 67. Lowest deck on a ship
- 68. Real estate broker, e.g.
- 69. Driving hazard
- 70. Upholstery choice

- 71. Nessie's Loch
- 72. Drug approver
- 73. \_\_\_\_\_ or a spy

**DOWN**

- 1. Tennis great Steffi \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. She is a former U.S. Attorney General
- 3. Used for charging
- 4. River clay deposits
- 5. Three-dimensional sound
- 6. A bunch
- 7. \*Soft-shoe
- 8. Like an eaten blanket?
- 9. Mosquito net fabric
- 10. a.k.a. Atlantic Richfield Company
- 11. \*Ice dancer's jump
- 12. Dynamite
- 15. School assignments
- 20. Had title to
- 22. Altar avowal
- 24. Uncomfortable position
- 25. \*East Coast or West Coast dance
- 26. Kind of roll
- 27. Having an irregular edge
- 29. Peacock's pride
- 31. Bookkeeping entry
- 32. Fertilizer ingredient
- 33. Sticky
- 34. \*Electric \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Was aware of
- 38. Healing sign
- 42. Performed at Teatro alla Scala
- 45. Pleasing to the ear
- 49. Cause of fairytale princess' downfall
- 51. "Let's Go Places" vehicle
- 54. Use nose as detector
- 56. Erasable programmable read only memory
- 57. \*Where dancer performed in Whisky a Go Go
- 58. Guinness and such
- 59. Women in habits
- 60. Large, prefix
- 61. Assortment
- 62. Take it easy
- 63. "All for one, one for all" sword
- 64. \*MGM song-and-dance star, \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson
- 66. Atlantic catch

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**LAST WEEK'S  
ONLINE  
POLL  
RESULTS**

**Do your children  
trick-or-treat  
door-to-door?**

- YES .....57%
- NO .....14%
- YES - but not as much as I did when I was a kid .....29%
- NO - we only do organized parties .....0%
- I don't celebrate Halloween.....0%

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THIS WEEK'S  
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**T**he Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2014**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$ 2,457,506
Contributions	\$ 100
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,457,606</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 747,661
Investment Manager Fee	\$ 56,668
Support Services	\$ 74,295
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 878,624</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,578,982
Net Assets, Beginning of the year	\$ 14,931,465
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 16,510,447</b>

**Community Fund Advisory Committee 2013**

- Jeff Bunn**, representing Vergennes Township
- John Darling**, representing the Englehardt Family
- Mark Howe**, Lowell City Manager
- Amy Pallo**, Principal, Lowell High School
- Gregory Pratt**, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools
- David Simmonds**, representing Lowell Township

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**Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Financial Assistance Critical Needs & Transformation	To support the transformational service model shift through the expansion and training of staff.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$ 24,525
Fallsburg Park Keystone Land Acquisition	To acquire 20 acres of private land on Covered Bridge Rd. for a multi-year park expansion project.	Kent County Parks Department	\$100,000
Police Patrol Vehicles	For patrol vehicles over the next four years.	City of Lowell	\$ 54,521
Downtown Lowell Historic District	To improve and maintain the Downtown Lowell Historic District through grants to preserve historic properties.	City of Lowell	\$50,000
Preparation for a Capital Campaign	To prepare a capital campaign to relocate the Kent County Youth Fair to new grounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$ 35,000
Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	To support innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$ 20,000
YMCA Cancer Wellness Program	To offer adults affected by cancer with a safe, supportive environment to participate in physical activities.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$ 11,800
Lowell Showboat Summer Concerts	For the Lowell Showboat Summer Concerts.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$ 10,650
Lowell Senior Center Zumba Gold	To provide wellness, health, and exercise to seniors through regular, ongoing Zumba Gold classes.	Senior Neighbors Inc.	\$ 2,500
Fire Rescue/Pumper Truck	To replace the 1988 Pumper and 1996 Rescue Truck.	Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority	\$ 94,250
Lowell Pre-school and Tots	To help families prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$ 49,500
Connecting Artists and Audiences through the Arts	To support LowellArts! programs, events and services in the visual and performing arts.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$ 25,000
Greater Lowell Community Calendar Kaleidoscope	To publish the Kaleidoscope ads, brochure and community based website.	Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$ 13,042
Lowell LaughFest	To support the Lowell LaughFest 2014 event.	Gilda's Club Grand Rapids	\$ 12,000
Restoration - Lowell Civil War Memorial Site	To restore 113 year old Lowell Civil War Memorial site.	City of Lowell	\$ 10,000
New Marketing Plan	For a marketing specialist to develop a new plan for the Lowell Area Historical Museum.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$ 8,000
Handicap Accessibility - Creekside Park	To provide handicap accessibility from the parking lot to the ballfields and playground at Creekside Park.	City of Lowell	\$ 5,675
Public Building Wireless Connection	To create a wireless network to connect public buildings.	City of Lowell	\$ 5,000
New Swine and Poultry Pens	To purchase new swine panels and new poultry coops for the Kent County Youth Fair.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$ 2,423
Scholarships	College scholarships awarded to Lowell Area Residents.		\$ 61,000
HAP: Health Assessment Project	To provide a data-drive, needs-based assessment to help prioritize resources regarding the health of our community.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$50,000
Financial Assistance - Critical Housing Needs	To meet critical housing needs for residents of the greater Lowell community.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$ 39,192
Accelerated Reading Technology	To purchase mobile technology in order to support teaching and learning in the classroom.	Lowell Area Schools	\$ 36,000
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$ 25,000
Interpretive Historic Panel Project	To install sixteen historic interpretive panels throughout the community.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$ 4,000
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>			<b>\$749,078</b>

**Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation**