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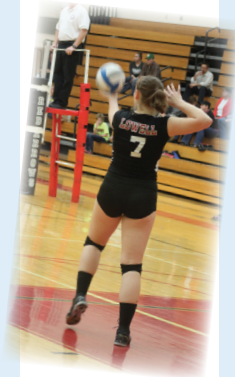
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Local artists and crafters prepare for annual Christmas Through Lowell

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The 23rd annual "Christmas Through Lowell" will take place on November 14, 15 and 16. Local artists in homes and businesses throughout Lowell will have their creations on display and for sale that Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We like to say it's a shopping extravaganza, because you'll find just about everything," said Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. "It's handmade treasures, so you're going to find jewelry, Christmas decorations, folk art, fine art, antiques, baked goods, homemade things like that as well. You name it, you're probably going to find it, so that's why we call it a shopping extravaganza."

Not all the stops are open at the same times, so you should plan your weekend with that in mind.

"Not everybody, because of religious beliefs

or whatever, are open on Sunday," Baker said. "We have about 50 percent [open] and 50 percent closed. On our map this year what we did is, the red numbers and letters are open Friday and/or Saturday and then the green letters and numbers are open all three days of the event. That's on the key of the map. We wanted it to be clear, because we heard that people had gone out to visit a home and it wasn't open and it wasn't as clear as it could be, so that was an improvement. We hope that'll be easier for our visitors to understand this year."

Baker said the event is very good for the local economy, even for businesses that don't participate in the event.

"You have three days of bringing people into Lowell," Baker said. "It has a huge economic impact, not just on people that are participating but the businesses that don't, like

your gas stations, your fast food places. They all see commerce from this event. It's huge. It has such an impact in Lowell and on the businesses that participate. It's just a great event, a great way to spearhead your Christmas shopping."

Maps to the 49 venues are available at most downtown businesses and on the chamber of commerce website (<http://www.lowellchamber.org/>). The venues range from private homes to businesses and churches.

"Each stop is unique in itself," Baker said. "I think the cool thing is, although you'll find duplication, it won't be the same because it's all handmade, so everybody will have their own twist on items. For instance, the Lowell Women's Club. [are] on the tour here and they're going to be here at the chamber and they're doing lunch on Friday and Saturday. They do soup, some pies

and sandwiches and things like that. So that's their thing, whereas the Grand Volute has several artisans in their location and they also do a lunch. They're all wonderful. Every one of them is so different. I think for the participants it's kind of like a treasure hunt. The homes, I have to say, are amazing. These homes take a tremendous amount of time to create a destination for shoppers. We've got one home, it's Karin Jelsma, people stand in line to get into her home, because it's a fun place to visit. She has worked to create this destination and she's very

specific in the crafters that she engages there, so it's just a shopping experience and so many of them are."

There are 49 locations, but hundreds of artists.

"It's huge. It's vast," Baker said. "We're saying that we have 300 crafters but I'm sure there's probably well over 400, 450 because the Grand Volute itself has 55. If you look at some of the homes, some of the homes have 25 different artists in them. It's pretty big. It's a pretty big deal, actually."

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Lowell alum runs Marine Corps Marathon



On October 26, Lowell grads Gerrid Uzarski, class of 99 and brother Joel, class of 96, were in Washington D.C. for the 39th annual Marine Corps Marathon, Gerrid to run and Joel to support him. It was the first marathon run for Gerrid who now lives in Pennsylvania.

"A marathon was on my bucket list. I was very happy to finish and be part of such a patriotic marathon. I will be back to improve my time," said Uzarski.

His brother Joel resides near Washington D.C. with his wife and two children. Uzarski had a finishing time of 5:32:11.

Water distribution supervisor retiring early, citizens address city council

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

At this week's city council meeting it was revealed that water distribution supervisor Bob Robinson will retire on Dec. 26.

Two of the 13 citizens in attendance addressed the council. Tony Ellison thanked Bob Robinson, the police department, the department of public works and Lowell Light & Power board chairman Greg Canfield for helping him with various unstated issues that he has apparently had. Ellison is the husband of city councilor Sharon Ellison.

Rachel Phillips of Vergennes Township spoke to the council about Robinson's retirement. Phillips is the wife of Todd Phillips, an employee of Lowell Public Works Department.

"He will be retiring four years early of reaching

his full retirement benefit," Phillips said. "Most people don't decide to do that unless they have, for a good reason. For the most part, what we all understand is Bob just can't take the stress anymore. He has decided to take lesser pay in his retirement."

Phillips said the water department is already understaffed and expressed her concern that the city might use Robinson's retirement as an excuse to bring in an independent contractor. No current city employees hold the "S-2" license required to fill the position. Robinson's retirement was addressed by the council later in the meeting.

"I'm really, really sorry that Bob Robinson is leaving early," councilor Jeff Altoft said. "There's really no excuse for it and I had brought up that we were understaffed in a

couple departments a couple times and Mr. [city manager Mark] Howe stated in our last workshop that maybe he did make a mistake, but I don't think it's acceptable. That's not an acceptable answer. There's two or three departments that have been understaffed for years and they need to be addressed."

"I think it's really nice that he's able to retire early," councilor Jim Hall said. "I retired. I waited too long, but it was an economic issue. I damn near died two years before retirement and I've seen that happen to so many people."

The council voted to extend the city's lawn care contract with Clean Cut Lawn Care, a Lowell company, for one more year. Howe said that a recent tree-removal dispute between Laurels of Kent and some

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Lowell's first "Bark for Life" raising funds for a cause

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's first "Bark For Life" fundraising event welcomed cancer crusaders and their canine best friends to the Kent County Fairgrounds for a fun afternoon of activities, sales and contests that benefited the Lowell Relay For Life this past weekend.

The event, which celebrated the contributions of our canine companions during the fight against cancer, enjoyed good attendance for its premiere according to chairperson Holly Milks, "I think for planning a first-time event of this caliber in only two months, it went really well. It was a beautiful sunny day, even though it was a little chilly. Everyone seemed to have a really good time."

More than 30 dogs and their owners participated in the Halloween themed and canine focused fun and fundraising that kicked off with opening remarks from local cancer survivor Carol McGregor who shared the story of the connection between her pup Preslee and

her journey with the often deadly disease, "Over the nine years of Preslee's life he has seen me go through my second bout with breast cancer and helped nurse me through four surgeries. As we go through life we can expect to gain all kinds of experiences, but none compare to the times we spend with our little friends."

Following a silent half-mile walk around the hosting fairgrounds, honoring both survivors and their canine and human caregivers, the event kicked into high gear aided by upbeat tunes

spun by volunteer DJ Gil Jewell from Midnight's Music Machine and funny and vibrant emceeing from WZZM's Nick LaFave.

Event activities included a dog agility course experience provided by the Grand Rapids Agility Club and doggy dancing lessons from the Rockin' Rovers. Other highlights included pup photo shoots, a dog kissing booth and creative small item sales including homemade dog and human treats. The Michigan State Police were also on hand providing free child ID kits.

Laugh inducing contests were held midway through the event's three-hour schedule. Awards were given for best trick, best costume, pet and owner look alike and smallest and largest dog. "It was fun to see so many different kinds of dogs all together in one place from six pounds up to 150 pounds," said Milks.

Overall Milks said the event was filled with many memorable moments, "The contests gave us some laughs, Carol McGregor gave an inspirational speech about how her dog was her caregiver as she went through cancer treatments and our emcee, Nick LaFave from WZZM, did an awesome job."

The event raised nearly \$800 dollars thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors and volunteers. That money will go toward this summer's Lowell Relay For Life which will soon be celebrating its tenth year in the community. All funds raised from both events will ultimately benefit The American Cancer Society.

Milks and the event committee have high hopes for the future growth of this

unique dog-friendly event, "I will definitely take on this role again and look forward to a bigger event next year because we will have more

time to plan it! We're hoping that the word gets out about how much fun it was and that we'll at least double our attendance next year."



Autumn Fuchs speaks to event emcee Nick LaFave from WZZM with her petite pup Bijoux.



Cancer survivor Carol McGregor, with her dog Preslee, opened up the event by sharing her connection with her canine caregiver.

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Christopher C. Godbold

prepare far ahead for long-term care costs

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month – a month dedicated to educating the public about the need to prepare for the potentially devastating costs of long-term care. And the more you know about these expenses, the better prepared you will be to deal with them.

To begin with, just how expensive is long-term care? Consider this: The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$87,000 per year, according to the 2014 *Cost of Care Survey* produced by Genworth, a financial-services company.

And the average cost of an assisted living facility, which provides a level of care that is not as extensive as that offered by a nursing home, is \$42,000 per year, according to the same Genworth study. All long-

term care costs have risen steadily over the past several years, with no indication that they will level off.

Many people, when they think about long-term care at all, believe that Medicare will pay these costs — but that's just not the case. Typically, Medicare only covers a small percentage of long-term care expenses, which means you will have to take responsibility. Of course, if you are fortunate, you may go through life without ever needing to enter a nursing home or an assisted living facility, or even needing help from a home health-care aide. But given the costs involved, can you afford to jeopardize your financial independence — or, even worse, impose a potential burden on your grown children?

To prevent these events, you will need to create a

strategy to pay for long-term care expenses — even if you never incur them. Basically, you have two options: You could self-insure or you could “transfer the risk” to an insurer.

If you were going to self-insure, you would need to set aside a considerable sum of money, as indicated by the costs mentioned above. And you would likely need to invest a reasonably high percentage of this money in growth-oriented investments. If you chose this self-insurance route, but you never really needed a significant amount of long-term care, you could simply use the bulk of the money for your normal living expenses during retirement and earmark the remainder for your estate. However, if did need many years of nursing home care, you could end up going through all your money.

As an alternative, you could transfer the risk of paying for long-term care to an insurance company. Many plans are available these days, so, to find the choice that is appropriate for your needs, you will want to consult with a professional financial advisor. Here's a word of caution, though:

The premiums for this type of protection rise pretty rapidly as you get older, so, if you are considering adding this coverage, you may be better off by acting sooner, rather than later.

None of us can know with certainty what the future holds for us. Ideally, you will always remain in good shape, both mentally and physically, with the ability to take care of yourself. But, as you've heard, it's best to “hope for the best, but plan for the worst.” So, take the lessons of Long-Term Care Awareness Month to heart and start preparing yourself for every scenario.

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sleepwalking voters

To the Editor,
 Yesterday, October 28, 2014, I was witness to a construction atrocity on the side of the city hall building. Panels and trim had been replaced due to deterioration, with materials doomed to fail within a season; a year at most. The original materials failed because they were of inferior quality, so why were equally or even more inferior materials used to replace them? That is a good question. Was a scope of work developed that would define the quality of the products used in the repair? Was there competitive bidding as is legally required? It doesn't seem so. Only one "bidder" and I put that in quotations because there was only one "bidder" which means the job was handed to him with no bidding at all, which means it was illegal. Let me be clear; any half-baked carpenter with rudimentary

skills would have done a better job. There are products on the market, have been on the market, for years: MDO, PVC trim, all products for exterior storefront work that anyone in the business knows, or should become aware of if in fact they were pressed to do so by the scope of work designated by the contractor (city hall).

But can we take a disgusting mess and turn it into a positive experience? Well, now that it's done, yes we can. We can view it as just one instance of a methodology on the part of the "good ol' boys" network that runs the town. What should have occurred? There should have been three bids, minimum. There should have been a "scope of work" defining what products and what methods should have been performed. But none of this was done. They had their "man" and they didn't

care, as they don't care about anything that the citizens of Lowell care about. It's very much like the lack of attention to the city streets. A little blacktop in the holes will do it again and again, until we're retired and living in Boca Raton!

You have until next year to find leaders, get

motivated and throw the bums out. Hopefully in an Ionia institution closer than Florida. Please wake up people of Lowell; stop sleepwalking through life. There is a hand in your pants, fleecing you and it's the city of Lowell.

Stephen Thurtell
 Lowell

city manager allow on the agenda.

An Oct. 21, 2013, standing room only city council meeting ended in a mass walkout when the city council refused to respond directly to comments or

questions. First the city needs a credible city council and then civility will follow. Not until then.

Sincerely,
 Jim Howard
 Lowell

councilmember is an exception

Dear Editor,

What a powerful message councilmember Matt Mayer made in his "letter to the editor." Here's a man so concerned about the community that he apologized because he felt that he has failed the public in bringing their concerns to the forefront.

Three councilmembers voted down Matt's attempt to add items to the council's agenda. I can understand Matt's feeling of failure. Many have come to the city council's podium to express their concerns only to leave empty-handed. I am one of them.

I believe the majority of the city council is self-

serving and hides behind closed doors or what other pretense they can conjure up so they can promote their own agenda. Councilmember Jeff Altoft along with newcomer councilmember Matt Mayer are the exception. They stand for credibility. The rest of the council are the victims of their own arrogance and a domineering city manager. The council is not there to be the sole decider, they're there to be the servant. Facts need to be debated in public meetings in a civil manner. But the only things that get debated are what a self-serving city council and the

outdoors

dress up

Dave Stegehuis

Michigan weather is unpredictable at best, but this fall has shifted from one extreme to another almost on a daily basis. Outside temperatures varied from freezing to the 70's within a short period of time. Heavy rain has been common. One could leave for work in the morning in shirtsleeves and wish for a winter coat when returning in the evening. This is not a big problem when driving, but if a person is fortunate enough to ride a bicycle or walk he or she needs to be prepared to be comfortable. Those who work outside or are engaged in other outdoor activities also need to pay attention to the weather and dress accordingly. Just two kilometers into a cross country ski trek we stopped for a break and our juice had already turned to slush in the bottle. My outer layer was only a knit wool sweater. Although there was frost on the back, I was obviously very warm.

Fortunately, manufacturers have provided retailers with clothing to meet the challenge. In days gone by, women who fished and hunted had to make due with men's clothing when afield and on the water.

Today women and girls make up a significant portion of participants in these activities. Manufacturers have recognized the trend and have responded by providing a good selection of proper fitting attire.

A good strategy is to dress in layers. Start with moisture wicking material next to the skin. Avoid cotton because it retains moisture and can be a bit clammy. An outer shell should block the wind and be water resistant. Footwear is particularly important because cold feet can cut short an ice fishing trip or time on stand in the deer woods. Carry chemical foot warmers as a backup.

When away from home or a vehicle, like out fishing, it is wise to bring along plenty of clothes including something waterproof. You can always take it off if not needed, but if you don't have it you can't put it on.

Clothing may seem to be a mundane topic, but if one is uncomfortable skiing, hiking, or hunting, for example, it is difficult to fully enjoy and appreciate the experience. In some cases being unprepared could be dangerous. Dress for the occasion.

week to Nathaniel Rice, Register of Deeds, for \$385. They are the two that took blue ribbons at the fair and are Bellemont Maid - 2 yrs. old - for which he received \$225 and Annie E. - 7 mos. old - for which he received \$160. That isn't very bad.

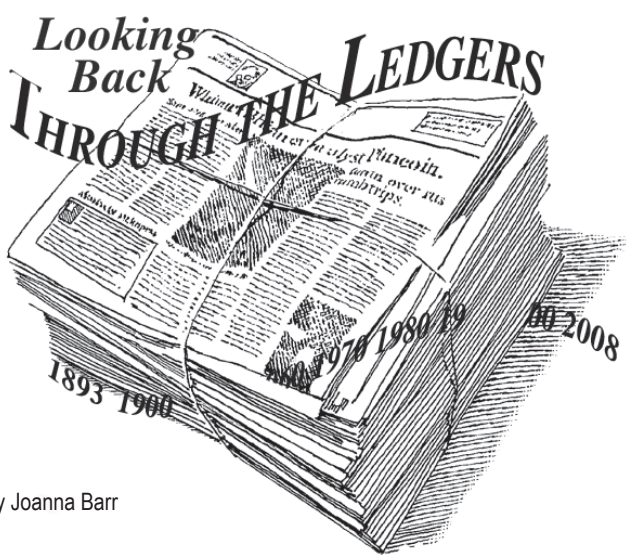
Fisher & Co. have recently purchased a car load of Rock Salt in chunks just as it comes from the mines. One piece weighs over 500 pounds. This salt is especially for the stock and is placed in the manger, or other places accessible, where it can be easily reached when required by them.

The Lowell Furniture Company is running again, light handed; but as orders are coming in a little faster they hope to be going full blast in a short time.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 5, 1914

Headline: A serious accident. Alto people injured in automobile disaster. A serious, perhaps fatal, automobile accident occurred to a party of Alto people Sunday on the Ada road. The seriously injured are: Mrs. Sarah Ann Yerigton, 66 years old, Alto, internally injured; Mrs. Frank Campau, 50 years old, Alto, several ribs broken and badly bruised about body; Miss Cecile Bancroft, 20 years old, Alto, right arm broken and badly bruised about head and body; Edward Campau, 20 years old, Alto, was badly bruised about the body.

The body of Joe Duffy was found on the Grand Trunk tracks a mile east of Saranac at 6 o'clock Sunday morning frightfully mangled. It is supposed Duffy went to Lowell Saturday night and returned on a midnight freight. The supposition is that he fell from the train. The body was taken to Saranac where Justice Gates held an inquest and this afternoon Undertaker Bradley of Ionia brought the body home to Ionia. Young Duffy



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal November 6, 1889

From the appearance of things Friday morning one would think that instead of its being Hallowe'en that the hosts from the lower regions were turned loose and had reigned supreme.

If we want electric lights in this town we can have them on terms more favorable than ever, to our knowledge, have been offered to any town. We have at this office a letter from Mr. A. C. Sekell, in which he says if he can get subscribers for 250 Incandescent lights he will put in an electric light plant here. In a few days the applications for lights will be in your hands and it rests with the business men and residents to say whether we have them or not.

Monte Sayles sold his two Fred B. Hine fillies last

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20 Chromebooks latest addition to St. Patrick School

New technology to be integrated into the classroom

Middle school students at St. Patrick School took the latest addition to the technology department for a test drive the other day. They were the first to try 20 Chromebooks which

are expected to be used to enhance classroom activities in the middle school grade. "In the coming days and weeks, we will begin to integrate the Chromebooks into our

classrooms. Students will learn how to use Google tools and how to access those tools on their computers at home," said Lynette Gasper, St. Patrick School science teacher. "The more I learn about ways to incorporate the use of Chromebooks, the more excited I get."

During the summer, all St. Patrick middle school teachers became Google certified by going through a learning process to learn how best to use the Chromebooks in the classroom.

The Chromebooks were made possible through the generous support of the St. Patrick Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and come at no additional cost to

parents. The PTO also plans to provide iPads for use by the lower grades.

"We have a great computer lab at St. Patrick School, but we wanted to offer more opportunities for teachers to use technology in the classroom," said RaeJeana Newland, PTO president. "The Chromebooks were the perfect choice because they are so versatile."

St. Patrick School has been educating students for more than 120 years. Located in rural Parnell, the accredited preschool through grade eight school offers a full range of extracurricular and athletic activities.

health



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

cellulitis

Cellulitis is the term used to describe a bacterial skin infection. This can occur anywhere on the body but most frequently occurs on the legs. The skin will appear red and swollen and will feel warm. It originally feels tender and progresses to become very painful. Severe infections will cause a fever.

Your skin is the biggest barrier to prevent infection. Injuries, chronic skin conditions like eczema, chronic swelling of the legs, obesity and a weakened immune system all increase the risk of getting cellulitis.

Cellulitis can spread to the deeper tissues allowing bacteria to get into your

blood stream and cause sepsis, a potentially life-threatening situation.

Blood tests and skin cultures may be done when you present for evaluation. Cultures may be done to rule out methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). Antibiotics are given to treat and cure the infection. Sometimes intravenous (IV) antibiotics are needed. You can prevent cellulitis by washing hands with soap and water and applying topical antibiotics to it. Trimming your fingernails and toenails and moisturizing your skin regularly will also help prevent infections.



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NOVEMBER 8
David Korte, Andrew Potter, Joshua Chamberlain.

NOVEMBER 9
Roxanne Goff, Danielle Bundy, Katie Mendez, Carol Sue McGregor, Angie Briggs, Tom Mohr, Daryll Gildner.

NOVEMBER 10
Ann Bellah, Sarah Mogor, Alex Peel, Tyler Dewey.

NOVEMBER 11
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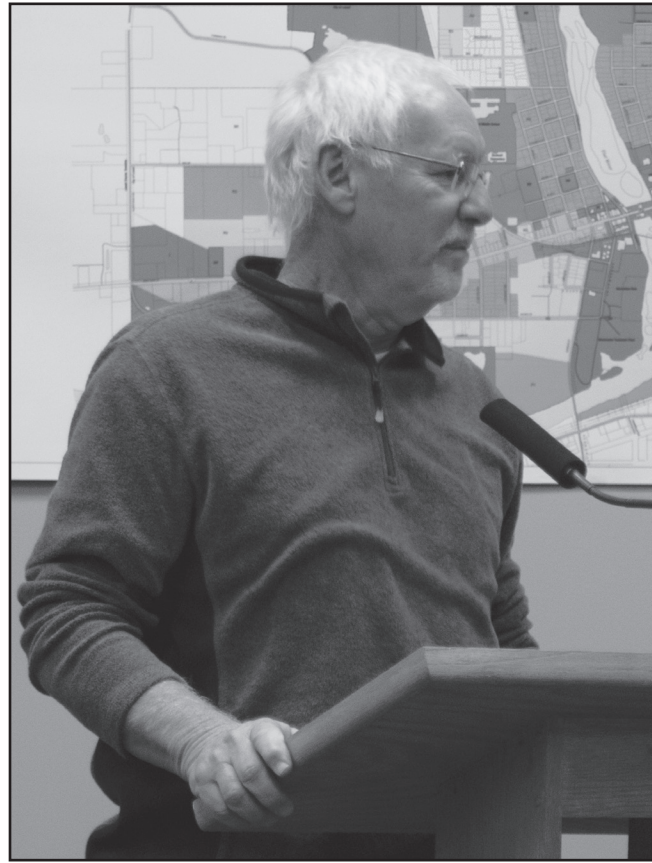
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Alto All Stars

Students at Alto Elementary have their eyes on good behavior. Each week, teachers at the school select and honor students demonstrating excellence in their actions and attitudes. These "Alto All Stars" are required to show the qualities described in a STARS acronym used at the school - Show respect, Think safety, Act responsibly, Resolve problems and Stay cooperative. Pictured here is the first group of students to earn the "All Star" title.

City Council, continued



homeowners has been resolved. The two sides agreed to share in the work and the cost of removing the trees. Howe also said that the city's "Standard and Poor" bond rating was increased from "A" to "A+." The council voted to increase the city's "investment" in The Right Place from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each year. Finally, there are two vacancies on the Board of Review.

The next city council meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, November 18.

Tony Ellison thanking various city departments and employees.

Christmas Through Lowell, continued

This year's featured artist is Kristy Bem, located at 832 N. Jefferson.

"Every year we do a featured artist," Baker said. "Kristy Bem does ceramics, pottery, that sort of thing. She's been on the tour since 2006."

"I do pottery. I'm a ceramic artist," Bem said. "I have a pottery wheel and I have a kiln. I like to do art that you can eat off of. I started off with coffee table

bowls; that's really what I love to make. Big, giant serving bowls for serving pasta or putting fruit in. That's really what I love to do."

Bem also makes ceramic pieces out of catalpa and rhubarb leaves from her garden.

"My mother, years ago, she discovered some leaves at art shows down in Florida and along the coast and she said, 'She's really got to make these leaves.' So I actually listened to my mother for once and I started making leaves out of my garden," Bem said.

If you stop in at Bem's house, you'll find a couple other artists there as well.

"Kris Endres, she does quilting, baby books, it's all sewn fabric," Bem said. "She makes stuff for the kitchen and she started doing American Girl doll clothes recently. Sherry Hall does a lot of stuff. This woman lives for creativity. She does cards, she does knit hats and scarves and she sells these things for \$5 or less. Just ridiculous prices. She calls it her 'therapy.' She is so creative. Mike and Mary Lacy, they take natural stones and they polish them down and make beautiful pendant necklaces. They're just beautiful. We're talking like \$7 a pendant. Really affordable and beautiful."

Bem tries to keep prices low on her own pieces.

"I have \$3 items up to near \$60, but I try to keep it in the \$20 range," Bem said. "If you keep it affordable people can't resist."

Bem was very pleased to be selected as 2014's featured artist and looks forward to having hundreds of people stomp through her house.

"I was shocked," Bem said. "I'm very excited. I'm just so pleased that I have this opportunity to open up my home, bring out my artwork and sell pottery. It's kind of like a dream come true. I feel very fortunate, very blessed that we have this community, that they do this kind of stuff. It's really wonderful to be a part of this. I think the best part is seeing a lot of my neighbors and community folks that I might not see all the time. I usually talk myself right out of a voice and end up with no voice by the end of the weekend."

Not only will there be stuff to buy, you'll also have multiple chances to win free stuff.

"We have a punch card," Baker said. "Everybody has one of these cards and you have to visit so many venues, then they hand those cards in at the last destination that they visit, they put them in a basket. The homes take the cards that are left at their

place and they pull a winner out of that. Each home has a \$15-value door prize that is on display at their home. For many shoppers, they'll come back all three days and they'll find the prize they would like to win the most and they'll leave their card at their home. And then we also, all of the participants put a small gift into a basket that we have here at the chamber and then we send out this direct mail postcard and then they bring that postcard when they're shopping and they can drop that postcard off at any home and after the event is over all the participants bring all their cards back

to us and we draw a winner from that. They win a really neat gift basket with all kinds of various things from the participants."

Baker stressed that, despite the event's origins, everybody is welcome to participate.

"It's a great time," Baker said. "It was an event created for the deer hunting widows, but over the years it's not just ladies that do Christmas Through Lowell, we have lots of guys that come along too. It's just a great event and we encourage everybody to get out there and do some shopping."

LAS Elementary Lunch Menus
week of 11/10/14

MONDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, seasoned corn; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, apple.

TUESDAY: Chicken taco on soft tortilla shell, refried beans; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, mixed fruit, pear.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks served w/sausage, (served w/eggs at Bushnell), warm cinnamon apples; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, applesauce, orange slices.

THURSDAY: Rotini w/meat-sauce w/dinner roll & seasoned broccoli (served at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake); WG breaded chicken nuggets w/roll, mashed potatoes & gravy; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, peaches, fresh grapes.

FRIDAY: Homemade cheese pizza on WG crust, side salad; fruit & veggie bar: spinach & romaine side salad, celery sticks, applesauce, juice.

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



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VETS PROGRAM AT LAHM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum (LAHM) will hold their annual Veterans Program. This year the program, *Send in the Marines* will explore the Vietnam War. A panel of three veterans has been put together by Grand Valley State University's Veterans History Project. Panelists Louis Dudeck, Michael Woods and Michael Burton will discuss their experiences. Moderator Dr. James Smither from Grand Valley State University will facilitate the panel. Mark Weber will introduce the program at 7 pm Wed., Nov. 12, at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. Call the museum with questions, 897-7688.

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.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

When is the last time you turned on your radio and listened to your favorite program? People these days are listening less and less on their car stereos and boom boxes and depending more and more on their smart phones and other gadgets to get their news.


But I feel that radios have a certain vibe that smart phones do not. For one thing, you always get service on your smart phone, but with the radio, it takes a special touch to get the dial exactly right so the program comes in. And if you get too far away, nothing but static!

Also, I think the radio teaches us patience because you have to wait for your favorite programs to air

while smart phones provide "100 percent faster service than DSL" (or so they say). The smart phone may have videos of grumpy cats and cute puppies, but listening to the radio you learn patience and how to multitask (like drive and listen at the same time...which you should not do with a smart phone!)

On the radio you can listen to your favorite host or even call in and possibly answer questions to win prizes. The only prize you get on your smart phone is getting overcharged for using too much data.

All I am saying is that grumpy cats are cute, but I think listening to "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" on the radio is better.



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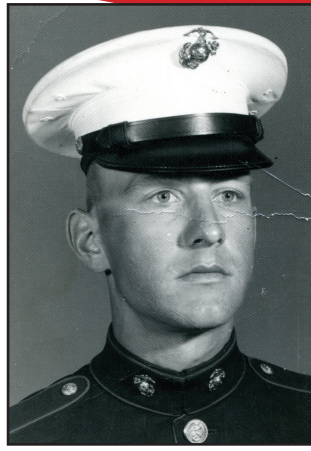
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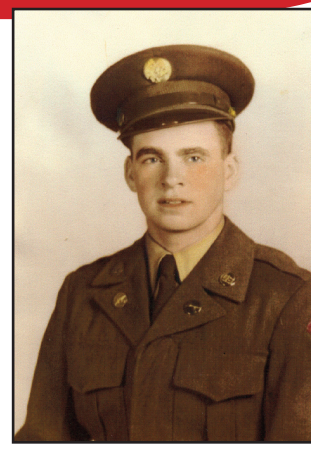
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1944-1946



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1943 - 1946

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1909 - 1944



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U.S. Air Force
1986 - 2006



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1956-1962



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U.S. Coast Guard
April 2011 - Present



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1956-1978



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1943 - 1945



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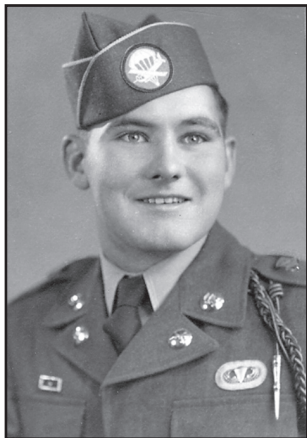
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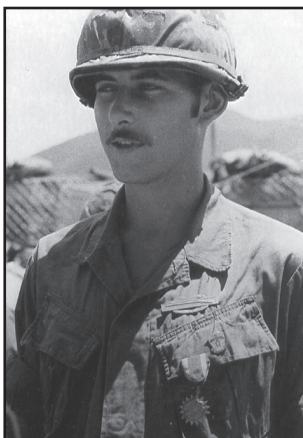
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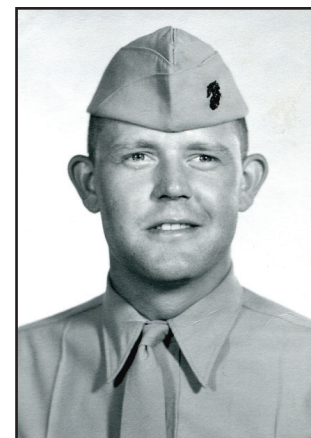
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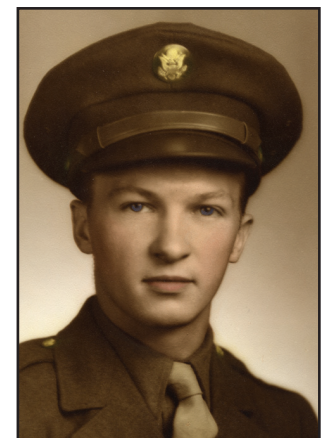
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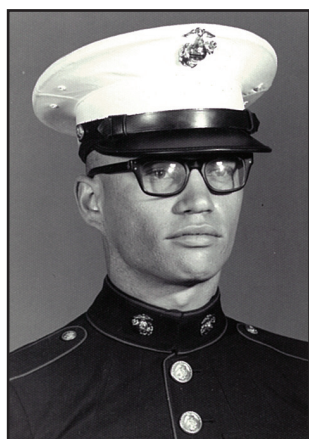
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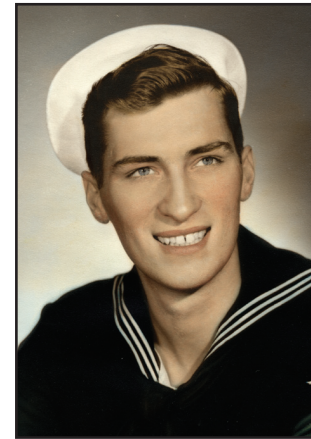
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1960 -1981



John Robert Timpson
U.S. Navy
1951-1954



Shane Scherer
U.S. Army
2007-2010

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John Erickson
U.S. Army
1948 - 1953



Kyle Neubecker
U.S. Marine Corps
2006 - 2011

Jon Lyons
Army
2002 - Present

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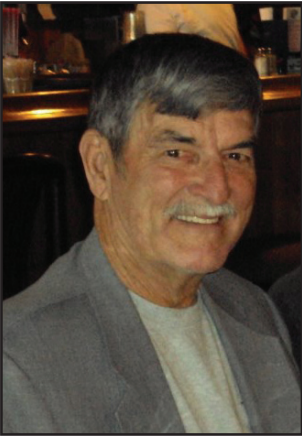
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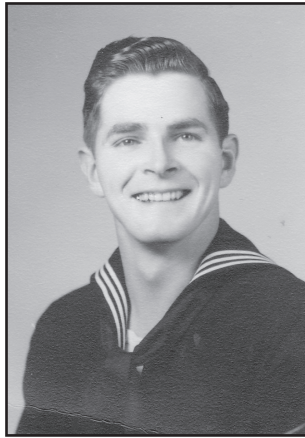
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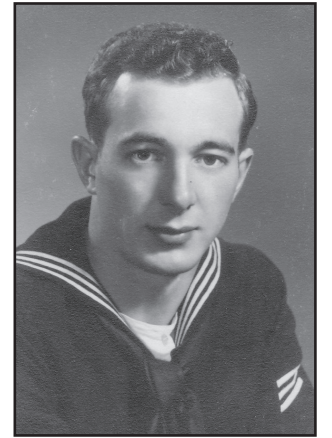
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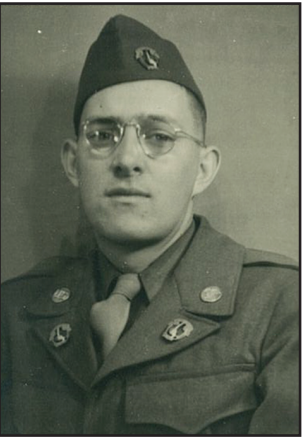
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1951 - 1954



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1951 - 1954



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Air Force
WWII



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WWII



James Spark
U.S. Army



Frank Dearmin
U.S. Army Air Corp
WWII



Patrick Lombardo
U.S. Marines
1983 - 1987



Christian Price
Serving in Afghanistan
2010 - Present



Fritz Patrick Ball
U.S. Marines
2010 - present



Don Beachum
U.S. Navy
1945



Johnny Wilcox
U.S. Marine Corp
1992 - 1996



Steven J. Bennett
U.S. Army
1974 - 1977



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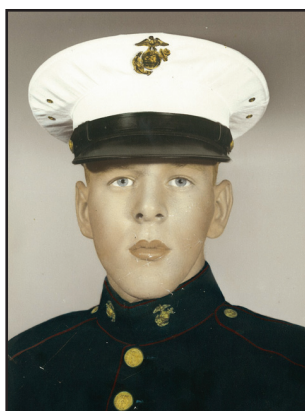
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1964 - 1966



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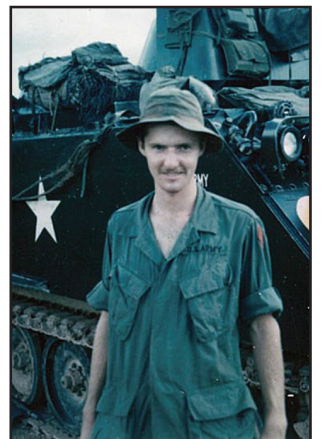
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Vietnam 1968 - 1969



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101st Airborn
1969 - 1972



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MI Army National Guard
1980 - 1993



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U.S. Air Force
1951 - 1954



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2009 - 2013



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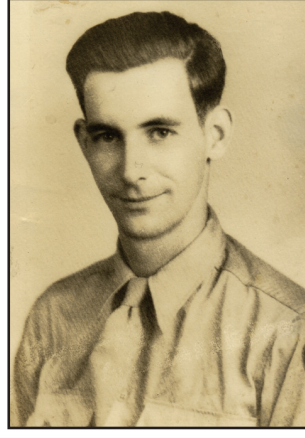
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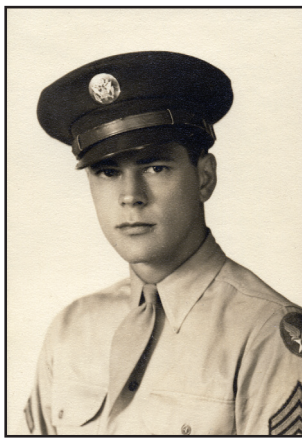
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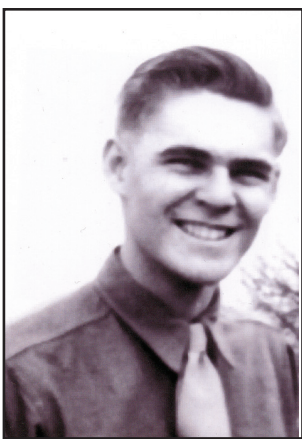
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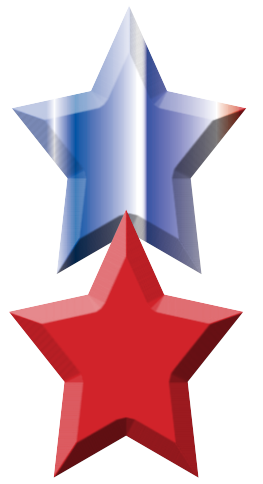
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Afghanistan offers reasons for optimism and pride



Sen. Carl Levin

Recently I had the honor of speaking to the United States Institute of Peace as that institution celebrated its 30th anniversary. I was a cosponsor of former Sen. Sparky Matsunaga's legislation establishing the USIP, which Congress passed in 1984. Last April, I saw firsthand one example of the value of the institute's work, when the institute's staff in Kabul, Afghanistan, hosted briefings for me with civil society leaders, women, young people and human rights activists.

At USIP, I focused my remarks on the pursuit of peace in Afghanistan and the wisdom that has aided us in that pursuit.

I am hopeful about Afghanistan's future because of the progress we have helped bring about over the last several years. And I am hopeful because of the recent peaceful and democratic transition of power, a first in Afghanistan's long history. That transition

offers increased reason for optimism that we have an essential ingredient for success in place there, perhaps the essential ingredient – a unity government of Afghans whose own goals are in harmony with our goal of a free, peaceful and unified Afghanistan.

Afghanistan faces immense challenges from Taliban terror to corruption to poverty to ethnic and political tension. But the progress the country has made is also immense.

Too many people forget what Afghanistan was like before coalition intervention in 2001. Even in major cities, access to food, clean water and employment was limited. Women were barred from attending school, working outside the home, or even leaving their houses unless accompanied by a male relative.

Today, by contrast, there is vibrancy in Afghan society. In just one decade, life expectancy in

Afghanistan has increased by 22 years and child mortality has decreased by 62 percent. Under the Taliban there were just 900,000 students in school, all boys. Now, student enrollment is more than eight million, including about three million girls. In 2001, Afghanistan had 20,000 teachers, all male; today, there are 200,000 teachers, including 60,000 women.

The Afghan security forces have exceeded our military commanders' expectations, successfully responding to Taliban attacks and safeguarding two rounds of elections. I have always believed that our principal mission in Afghanistan is to help establish Afghan forces so they can protect their people and their hopes for a free nation. That is the Taliban's worst nightmare.

Afghans now have hope for better governance as well, as President Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah, who competed in a hotly contested election, have resolved their differences over the election and formed a unity government. That gives

the Afghan people reason to hope that the nation's new leaders are more interested in building Afghanistan's future than in pursuing partisan or sectarian or corrupt agendas.

While public opinion polls show that the Afghan people think we have accomplished much and are glad we came, polls in the United States show that Americans believe our involvement in Afghanistan has failed. I believe that the American public's failure to understand what we have accomplished in Afghanistan is due, in large part, to the constant, almost totally negative portrayal of events in the American press. The press understandably reports on negative events. A Taliban truck bomb in Kabul does make a more dramatic story than a million girls going to school. But it would be tragic if this negative focus deprived the American people, our men and women in uniform, and their

families of the sense of accomplishment they deserve to feel about our effort in Afghanistan.

While Afghanistan's gains have been impressive, they remain reversible. Afghans continue to fear that the United States will abandon them, as they believe we did after the Soviets left in the early 1990s. The Afghans have assumed responsibility for their own security and for their own political affairs, but they continue to depend on international funding, training and institution-building, in particular,

for sustaining the Afghan Army and police.

If the public continues to believe that Afghanistan is a lost cause, it may become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Simply put, if we don't understand what we and our coalition partners have gained in Afghanistan, we risk losing it. Much remains to be done, but I believe if the Afghan people remain united, and if we remain constant in our support of them, Afghanistan will take its place among the achievements of which our nation can be proud.

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Looking Back, continued

was 28 years old and a son of Mrs. James Duffy of Ionia. He was a cigarmaker for Barrett & Scully.

The Hallowe'en party at Elmdale Saturday night proved to be a gala night for it, over fifty being present. Ghosts, witches and fortune tellers were among the features of the evening, after which the boys served a lunch.

Among other business for the month of October, our [Alto] station shows thirty-four car loads of freight shipped out and twenty car loads received, besides the local freight that was shipped and received in small lots.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 9, 1939

Installation of a new front and interior improvements are under way in the store building in the Gee block next to Gee's hardware.

This week Saturday, Nov. 11, marks the twenty-first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending the World War. All Lowell business places will remain open all day except for a five minute pause at 11:00 a.m., the hour of signing the Armistice.

A large delegation of local football fans will go to Grandville on Saturday for the annual Armistice Day game between high school teams of the two towns. Each team has been undefeated so far this season and interest in the approaching game is at fever heat. The game will be played at Wyoming Park field.

Each issue of the paper brings to readers of Lowell new data concerning the much discussed celebrating of Thanksgiving on different days in varied states. The most recent idea is the one propounded in a Wisconsin county where Thanksgiving is to be commemorated for eight days, from Nov. 23 through Nov. 30. It wouldn't hurt any of us to remain thankful for eight days in a row and after all, those who celebrate on Nov. 23 will probably still be eating turkey left-overs on the 30th.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 5, 1964

Eight eager license plate purchasers were lined up waiting for Carl Smith to open the license bureau on Monday morning and put the new blue and yellow plates on sale. The next line-up will come February 27, the last day to purchase the new plates.

Construction started this week on a new professional building for Dr. Herbert Mueller, local optometrist, at 1125 West Main Street. The building permit calls for a 47x25 building, estimated at a cost of \$30,000. George R. Cook, attorney, will occupy a portion of the new building, when it is completed, next year.

Halloween was uneventful in Lowell, Police Chief Avery Block reported. Egg throwing was the only serious complaint that the police had to contend with. The Moose party at the 4-H fairgrounds was a great success.

The children of Mapes School had a Halloween party on Friday afternoon, October 30. Prizes were given for funniest, most original, prettiest and scariest costumes.

An underwater weed cutter that snips off submersed grass and other vegetation as far as 42 inches below the surface will soon be on the market. Other things to come include: Rechargeable flashlight guaranteed for two years against defects... Indoor-outdoor broiler-grill that can use either natural gas or bottled propane. Overhead burner eliminates smoke.

Five years ago, 1959, Amway was operating out of the basements of its founders, Jay VanAndel and Rich DeVos... Today it takes an airview to show all the facilities on the 250 acre site at Ada. Amway is one of the Direct Selling companies in the United States and is heading for the peak. The company produces products ranging from spray shoe polish and car care products to washing machine powders and wax removers. Currently Amway has 70 products

and new products are being introduced at the rate of two per month. The vision, faith in the American way, was required to build all this in five short years. The company now has \$25,000,000 in sales at the current rate. Leading products of Amway that are creating national attention are LOC, biodegradable general purpose liquid detergent and SA-8, biodegradable, concentrated washing machine powder.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 8, 1989

Lowell Schools began celebration of Red Ribbon week with a parade down Main Street prior to its last home football game of the season against Sparta. It concluded nine days later with its second annual Teens Involved Day. Roughly 130 students participated in the day-long activities. "We started the day at 9 a.m. and concluded at 11:30 p.m.," Lowell's Barb Pierce said. The turnout was up about 50 students from a year ago.

In December of 1988, Lowell's Cole Burdette enrolled at the Los Angeles Police Academy. In May of 1989 Burdette graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy. On October 19, 1989, Burdette suffered a broken left arm, a broken left leg and a broken jaw (mouth wired shut for six weeks) in a traffic accident on his way home from work - L.A. Road Patrol - Rampart Division. Burdette, the 24-year-old son of Lowell's Jan Baker and Dave Burdette, is laid up at Kaiser Permanente in Harbor City, CA. He will be immobilized for at least eight weeks.

Nineteen LHS students combined with over a thousand local youths to give former President Gerald R. Ford a standing ovation as the hometown hero returned to Grand Rapids to reminisce on over 40 years in public service.

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Red Arrow - VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

Lady Arrows win round one of districts

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A busy schedule for the Lowell varsity volleyball team last week ended with a round one district win over Cedar Springs that propelled the girls into the second round of the state competition.

The action kicked off Tuesday for the squad when they hosted the Lowell Quad. The Arrows started out the mini tournament against Hopkins High School and swept their opponent handily scoring 25-10 and 25-18. Paige Wilson and Bailey Reitsma provided two blocks each towards the win while Rachel Fox contributed three aces. Katie Bush earned seven kills. Bethany Kaczanowski came in with seventeen assists and Tara McQueen with eleven digs.

Lowell did not hold up as well against Northview High School in the second round of matches. Despite two aces and seventeen assists from Kaczanowski, the team fell twice to the Wildcats 18-25 and 14-25. Wilson provided four kills for the team and McQueen six digs.

In the last round of the quad Lowell faced Western Michigan Christian and came out on top thanks to strong performances from Grace Quiggle, Fox and Kaczanowski. Their two victories earned them a second-place finish overall behind Northview who swept the competition.

Thursday, on the road, the girls faced conference rival Forest Hills Central (FHC) in the last OK White match up of the season.

Celebrating their own senior night, FHC came out fired up and dominated action on the court claiming the win. "They were really fired up and it was tough to get any momentum," said head coach Julie Quist.

The squad went into round one of the district playoffs against the Cedar Springs Red Hawks on Monday night with confidence that was evident from their enthusiasm and aggressive play. Lowell started out with the serve and quickly went up four points while keeping the Hawks scoreless. Lowell continued to lead for much of the match and came out with a 14-point win 25-11.

Match two started out more evenly as Cedar Springs fought back hard, but the Arrows eventually

widened the gap and began to dominate. They ended the match with a second win 25-13.

Moving into the third match up by two games, the Arrows had the opportunity to seize the win with a third straight match victory and did so easily winning by their greatest margin of the match up 25-10. Senior Kaczanowski came up big for the team in their victory achieving a total of 27 assists, ten digs and two aces. According to Quist, "Beth, our center, did a great job spreading the ball around and keeping the intensity up. I think everyone played well tonight. This is the last night that our seven seniors will play at home so to go out with a win is really awesome!"



Setting up one of the final serves of the team's winning round one district win is senior Paige Wilson.



The Lowell squad performed well in the first round of district competition earning the win in three matches.



The team celebrates their district win over Cedar Springs after dominating in three straight matches.

The victory secured the team's entry into the second round of district competition, which will take place this Wednesday at Northview High School. The squad will once again face tough conference rival FHC for the opportunity to move on to regional competition.

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Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Red Arrows beat Pioneers in back and forth action, move on to second round of district playoffs

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

For the fourteenth consecutive season the Lowell varsity football team pushed past their round one district competitor, this year the East Grand Rapids (EGR) Pioneers, for a spot in the second round of the state tournament.

The first post-season game for the Arrows was held last Friday, Halloween night, at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Though the student section was full as always, the stadium seemed empty compared to the typical showing between these two rival football teams. Lowell managed a slim win over EGR, on the road during the regular season, in the waning moments of the game and looked to top the Rangers once again in front of their costume clad supporters.

The squad did manage the win but not in the runaway fashion that Arrow fans have become accustomed to. The back and forth battle between the two seemingly evenly matched teams led to an exciting and nail-biting game with a down to the wire finish that left every fan in attendance

on the edge of their bleacher seats.

The Arrows won the coin toss but deferred their possession until the second half giving the Pioneers the first offensive opportunity on the field. The decision seemed instantly regrettable as the Rangers quickly put the first points of the game on the board after earning 80 rushing yards in two plays during the first minute of action.

Up 6-0 after missing the extra point, EGR recovered a fumble off of the ensuing kickoff to give themselves another first down at the Lowell 27. Lowell was able to put a temporary end to their opponent's fierce momentum with a big stop at 4th and goal to gain possession of the ball for the first time with a little over 8 minutes left in the first.

Junior running back Max Dean, who had to fight hard for his 31 carries totaling 79 yards on the night, was the first Arrow to score on a quick 1-yard run set up by a big catch by Avery Buckius. Freshman kicker George Gonzales, making his debut as part

of the varsity squad after a good showing as part of the JV team, nailed the extra point to give the Arrows their first lead, 7-6, moving into the second quarter.

The familiar teams went scoreless for the first 6 minutes of play in the second until a controversial fumble call put the Pioneers in scoring position and then

in the end zone. Down by 6 points, Lowell struggled to strike back as the clock began to tick down toward halftime until a blocked punt put the Arrows in

scoring position. With under a minute left in play Dean came through once again for the Arrow's rushing

Football, continued,
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Conference rivals Lowell and EGR battled back and forth the duration of the game with strong offensive and defensive performances.

Player

Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athlete This Week: *Andrew deVoest*
Team: Cross Country Grade: Senior



Sophomore Andrew deVoest was a tennis novice when he tried out for the sport this spring, but that did not stop him from making the varsity squad and going on to lead his team with a winning 20-8 singles record on the court. According to coach Chris Phillips his "outstanding" season was equally matched by his sportsmanship, work ethic and dedication to improvement.

Did you expect to make the varsity team?

It [was] my first year, so I really did not know what to expect at all.

What drew you to the sport?

My friend Zach Ritchie who is a senior and a co-captain this year. He needed a doubles partner and suggested that I try out for tennis. We practiced a little bit over the summer and then I went for it.

What is your relationship like with coach Phillips?

I really didn't know him at all, didn't even know he was a teacher, until this year. He is a really great, great coach. I had no idea how to play tennis so he taught me everything.

What other LHS sports do you participate in?

I also play baseball and basketball.

What other activities do you participate in at LHS?

I play trombone in the marching band.

What do you excel in academically?

I have A.P. classes and an honors class here and have all As and Bs

What are your postgraduation plans at this point and will you continue to play tennis?

I would like to go to a university to become a physician's assistant but otherwise I have nothing specific planned at this point. I really like tennis. I will definitely play if they will let me.

Who is your personal inspiration?

My mom. She is faithful, has good values and has a great character to follow after.

What is the best part of being an LHS student off the court?

Just how diverse the class selections are. It is almost like a mini college. Whatever you are interested in, there is something there for you. It is great.

Have you been personally impacted by the Pink Arrow Pride?

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for your prayers, cards, gifts and visits before, during and since my foot surgery. Also, Pastor Brad for your visit and prayers.

Sincerely,
 Carla Briggs

Coming Events

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

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.

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

GRIEF - ADULT GROUP -

Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the Clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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.

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

NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 6-7:15 p.m. Supervised play for children in kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

SUPPER TOGETHER - Tuesdays 5:30-6 p.m. Join in a meal together before groups begin. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

TEEN & TWEEN TALK - Tues-

days, 6 - 7:15 p.m. A group for youth in middle school or high school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum based activities, discussion & some fun. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - at Flat River Ministries. First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Call Diane at 897-8260 #3 for confirmation.

MOPS & MOMS - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 9-11:30 a.m. Moms with kids birth through 12th grade. Childcare available. First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St., Lowell, 897-7168. Visit Lowell Moms at FBC on Facebook.

STORYTIME - Children's storytime, every Wednesday with storytime for "littles" (0-2) at 9:30 a.m. & storytime for "bigs" (2-5 years) at 11 a.m. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450 for more info & to pre-register.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join us the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

obituaries

JONES

Timothy (Tim) Jones, aged 61, of Ionia, passed away on Sunday after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Tim was born January 12, 1953, to John and Phyllis Jones of Lowell. Tim graduated from Lowell High School in 1971. He was the owner of the former Butcher Block meat market in Saranac. He then retired after 29 years in the food service division at the Michigan Department of Corrections. He is survived by his wife Anne; his daughters, Marissa (Daniel) Hojdila of Beaver, PA and Jamie (Edward) Klap, of Grand Rapids; his parents, John and Phyllis Jones, of Lowell; his brothers, John (Jackie) Jones of Gilbert, AZ and Toby Jones (Debbie Haggai), of Lowell; his grandchildren, Nathan and Abigail; his beloved dog Flower; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Zion United Methodist Church of Ionia on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at noon. Visitation with the family will be held at 11 am at the church. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to either Faith Hospice or the Food Pantry at Zion United Methodist Church of Ionia. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home of Ionia. Anyone wishing may make online condolences at www.lakefuneralhomes.com Tim was well-known for his culinary skills, being Mr. Fix-it and being a true friend to everyone.



McGREGOR
 Donald D. McGregor, aged 88 of Ada, went to be with the Lord, Saturday, October 25, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Jacquelyn; his daughters, Robin McGregor, Pam Capek, and granddaughter, Stephanie Farquhar. He is survived by his children, Donna & Ron Edwards, Debbie McGregor, Sherri & Jr. VanDyke, Kim & Larry Fosburg, Darryl & Amy McGregor; son-in-law, Rich Capek; grandchildren, Jennifer, Brian, Colin, Jonathon, Kristi, Trevor, Kari, Cory, Paige, Austin, Logan and Keaton; 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Jack & Helen McGregor; brothers-in-law, Carroll & Pat Keegstra, Duane & Shirley Keegstra; also nieces & nephews. Don was proud to serve in the Navy during WWII. Funeral services were held at Third Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. Pastors Dennis TeBeest and Joel Bengelink officiating. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan Street N.E. – MC004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Third Reformed Church.



RICHARDSON-BAUGHMAN

Janet Richardson-Baughman died peacefully with her husband of 28 years, John, at her side October 29, 2014. She is survived by their children Amy (Adam) Schwartz, Jennifer (Trey Gilbert) Baughman, Jessica (Dan) Richardson; brother William (Patricia) Ganger; sisters Linda Velderman, Georgette Johnson, Patricia (Jack) Dendel; and grandchildren Bobby, A.J. and Iris. Longtime Lowell residents, the two raised their wonderfully blended family on their small horse farm. Janet loved her horses and rode in the discipline of Dressage achieving national honors and championships from the United States Dressage Federation of which she was a lifetime member. Internationally known artists, Janet and husband John worked side by side on projects commissioned by architects, interior designers and art consultants as well as private collectors worldwide. Having earned an MFA from Indiana State University in ceramics, she developed several series of clay murals designed for the wall. In later years, she taught herself to paint and developed many, many successful series sold through galleries in Europe, Asia and extensively in the United States. Janet had such rich and rewarding relationships with her children, grand children and children who needed a guiding hand though they were not hers except in spirit. They will sustain her and be sustained through her memory. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to aid Amyloidosis research at the Mayo Clinic through the website, www.whoisamy.org.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Kyle Lackscheide has made application for a variance from Section 4.3.9(f) of the Bulk Table of Regulations of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for an outdoor wood stove/boiler to be placed 20 feet from the property line where 50 feet is required for property located at 10268 Foreman Street, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-06-200-013.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

Two new businesses open on Main Street

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Two new neighboring shops, “Toadworks” and “Picket Fence Things and Stuff,” were opened along Main Street recently by artist and longtime Lowell resident Janet Krueger.

The artistic mother of three came to the area with her husband Bob more than two decades ago.

“My husband and I were both from Grand Rapids and

we moved here to Lowell about 25 years ago because we wanted to live in a small town.”

Krueger’s career in art began a few years before that when she started a t-shirt painting business with her sister. When the tees faded as a popular trend, she decided to continue pursuing a career in the arts and joined the ranks of Aquinas College to earn a

degree. Quickly discovering that her artistic passion laid in watercolor paints and clay, Krueger began selling her creations as a vendor at farmers’ markets and developed a loyal customer base.

This past summer Krueger, with the help of her family and friends, made the move to the full-time retail location.

Toadworks, whose name was inspired by a childhood nickname given to Krueger and her sister by their father, is a small yet inviting gallery featuring Krueger’s own work along with a host of other talented artists, including her daughter and sister, working in a variety of mediums.

“I want to sell my own art but I also really love encouraging other people to help them get their stuff sold too.” said Krueger.

At Picket Fences, located just next door and accessible from inside the gallery, a record player cracking and popping classic oldies tunes in the corner sets the tone for the store. The nostalgic inventory reflects the spirit of the spinning vinyl, walking shoppers through the past with a selection of classic goods and antiques along with some cleverly and artistically repurposed items.

Both stores will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 11-5 during the winter.



Owner of the newly opened Toadworks and Picket Fence Things and Stuff stores on Main Street Janet Krueger .



The Toadworks Gallery features Krueger’s own clay creations which she makes on a slab roller and adorns with design and fun sentiments.

LHS presents Neil Simon play, “Fools”

The Lowell High School theatre department will present “Fools” by Neil Simon. The production opens on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Additional show times include Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and also on Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The cast includes Aiden Lane, Megan Ritchie, Maddi Emelander, Anna Reynolds, Keara Anderson, Jacquelyn Pytlik, Tim Bem, Tiana Petricevic, Victoria Russell, Taylor Doorn, Sage Moore, Jillian Riney, Rachael Fotis, Molly Olin, Abigail Kastanek, Miah Ransom, Kaitlin Senneker, Nikki Hewitt, Johanna Kuhn and Eden Nethercott.

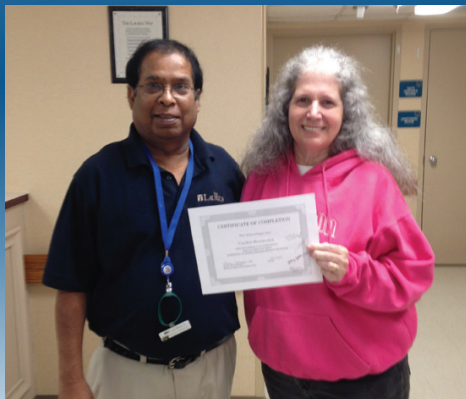
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Football, continued

in a 7-yard score that accompanied by a second successful extra point attempt from Gonzalez gave Lowell the lead, 14-13, at the half.

A third and final touchdown from Dean was the only score for either of the powerhouse teams in the third and the quarter ended 21-13 home team advantage with another good extra

point from Gonzalez. EGR surged in the fourth scoring twice to steal the lead from the Arrows 28-21 with just over three minutes to go in the game. The Arrows would not be held down though. At 2:42 the unusually quiet Gabe Steed caught a 73-yard bullet from quarterback Ryan Stevens, who threw for 215 yards and

carried for 59, to reclaim the lead. Promising kicker Gonzales went 4/4 in his field goal attempts.

The Arrow's 28-27 lead held up with the help of some big defensive moves from senior Austin Hoekstra during the Pioneer's final drive and the Arrows sealed their passage into the next level of competition.



Junior Max Dean hustles past the competition.



Aggressive quarterback Ryan Stevens threw for more than 200 yards and ran for nearly 60 during the district showdown.

Lowell will take on Grand Rapids Christian, whom they beat 20-12 during the regular season, in the second round of the district playoffs this Friday at home.



The Lowell American Legion

We will pause on Veterans Day to salute all Veterans for their service to our great country. Our salute also includes the families who have shared the sacrifices and hardships endured by our veterans.

May God (Always) Bless America

P.S. Remember Saturday, November 8 is Lowell's 7th annual Cookie Day for the Veterans Home. Home baked cookies may be dropped off from 10 am until noon at the Lowell Veteran's Center at 3116 S. Alden Nash

They will be delivered that afternoon.

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