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## Bitter cold weather ushers in 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Through Lowell

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Last weekend was the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual “Christmas Through Lowell” event. Business was good all over town, despite some bitter cold and snowy weather.

Donna Tyler of “Down Home Crafts,” 292 Donna Dr., said she’s been a participant for about 20 years.

“We enjoy doing it and meeting the people,” Tyler said. “My sister [Janice Leak] and I, we do it together. We have a lot of fun doing it. We fill the whole garage between the two of us, so we work on this a lot. We have painted stuff, knitting and crocheting, and then just odds and ends that we do and we put together.”

Tyler said the frigid weather had little effect on her sales.

“[Business is] better today [Saturday]. Yesterday was a little slow,” Tyler said.

Andrea Grunden was busy greeting guests at “Christine’s Confections and Crafts” in her home at 237 Roberta Jayne.

“It’s been a great day, a great year,” Grunden said. “It’s a lot of fun. This is our sixth year. The first year was a little odd but we got used to it pretty quick.”

Having a store in your house takes a little getting used to.

“To get the house set up we start a week in advance,” Grunden said. “It feels like a whole different environment when you get rid of your furniture and everything. It doesn’t even really feel like your house anymore when

you set things up. It’s more like just a fun little shop for people to come through.”

Linda Hamp said she’s been a Christmas Through

Lowell shopper since the event’s first year.

“I like going into the different homes,” Hamp said. “It’s fun to see peoples’

homes. I run into people that I don’t get to see all the time, so it’s just a lot of fun.”

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## Museum presents special military program

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Last Wednesday night at the Lowell Performing Arts Center the Lowell Area Historical Museum presented a special military history program entitled Vietnam Veterans Tell Their Stories - Send In The Marines.

Retired Lowell school administrator Mark Weber

handled the introduction and the program was moderated by Dr. James Smither.

Smither is a History professor at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) where he leads the Veterans History Project (VHP). The project was established in 2006 in an effort to collect and preserve the stories of American veterans.

The online collection features one-on-one video interviews with veterans, including the three Vietnam War veteran Marines on hand for the panel-style discussion.

Each veteran shared their experiences in Vietnam beginning with New

Orleans native Michael Woods. Woods joined the Marines after quitting high school in 1961 in search of a better path. One of only three black men in his platoon, he trained in San Diego and spent most of his enlisted time in California. Set to be discharged in

1965, Woods service was involuntarily extended and he was deployed to Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Michigan resident Michael Burton began his time in the Marines in Hawaii as a

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## Senior Neighbors hold second Veterans Day party

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

There was a big Veterans Day party at Lowell Senior Neighbor Center, 314 S. Hudson St., on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

About 22 veterans and their spouses were honored with lunch and entertainment.

“This is our second year,” said Pam Krause, the senior center’s coordinator. “Last year we only had about eight or nine vets and I thought if we’re going to do it, we’re going to do it. It’s just kind of something we started last year to honor our vets and I thought, ‘We got to go bigger.’ Go big or go home.”

Entertainment was provided by accordion player and singer Carol Folkert, who played military-themed and patriotic songs such as “This Land Is Your Land” and “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.”

“She’s perfect. We’ve had her here before,” Krause said.

The veterans got to take home a small keepsake.

“We made them all cards, so they all have an ‘American hero’ card, and on the back it says, ‘Made just for you because you’re priceless,’” Krause said.



Army and Navy vets, left and, at right: Carol Folkert entertained the troops.



# All are invited to annual Community Thanksgiving dinner

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell citizens are invited to The First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC) located on Lincoln Lake to dine and celebrate at the sixth annual Lowell Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The free event, to be held from 12-3 pm on Thanksgiving Day, is brought to the community through the generosity of local volunteers and area churches in combination with Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Dinner guests will be treated to a full turkey dinner with all of the fixings including both desserts and beverages. Meals are served

on glass dishes and set upon festively decorated tables that provide the feeling and comfort of a holiday at home.

Last year, more than 150 attendees consumed a total of 14 turkeys, 75 pounds of potatoes and nearly 15 pies all prepared or provided by volunteers. This year the event anticipates serving its milestone 1000th meal.

"This is for all people to gather as one body and to share in a common meal. Our intent is more than feeding people physically with food. The real commitment is to feeding people emotionally with fellowship and companionship and spiritually by allowing people to gather as God's

community," said FCUCC event coordinator Shannon Hanley.

Hanley reports that there are several ways the people of Lowell can participate in the special holiday event. First via cash donations to cover the cost of the meal. Checks can be made payable to FCUCC and mailed to PO Box 234, Lowell, MI 49331.

A second way the public can assist is to volunteer their time to cook in the days preceding the holiday or to be one of the many volunteers that are needed the day of for set up, serving and clean up. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and families are encouraged to participate together. Those interested in signing up for

a one-hour shift should call 897-5906.

The third way to help, and the most important according to Hanley, is to participate in the meal.

"We feel so fortunate that we are able to come together as a community and share this special time. We hope that people gather

to serve each other and in turn allow themselves to be served. It is a wonderful way to celebrate what is good in this world."

Reservations are encouraged and can be called in to the number listed above. Transportation is also available to those who require it.

# Garden Club holds membership drive

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell Showboat Garden Club hosted a membership drive at The Wittenbach/Wege Center located at 11715 Vergennes in Lowell.

The historic club was founded more than 65 years ago with the intent of visually enhancing the city of Lowell with flora while utilizing and sharing their love of gardening. With only 18 current members, the club is looking for new, youthful and enthusiastic joiners in order to maintain their role as an active part of the Lowell community.

Current projects taken on by the group include helping to maintain the garden at the Senior Center/Gilda's Club of Lowell location, year-round beautification projects along Riverwalk Plaza and annual participation in the Fallasburg Fall Festival

where they vend dried flowers from their own gardens in support of the club's activities.

The group also meets the third Monday of every month and explores a variety of educational topics through their own discussions, activities and informative guest speakers.

This month's program featured Ben Gonyou from Country Harvest Gardens in Whitneyville. Gonyou discussed what it takes to run a landscape and greenhouse business and offered new and interesting tips and ideas for home gardens. Light refreshments were served.

If you were unable to attend but are still interested in becoming a member, you are asked to contact club vice president Babette Maylone at (616) 897-6184.

# 6,030 cookies prepared for veterans

The 7th Annual Cookies for Veterans of the Grand Rapids Veterans Home was held on Saturday, Nov. 8 and a total of 6,030 homemade cookies were delivered to a delighted group of happy veterans.

Eighty-six bakers, including the Lowell Women's Club, men, women, 4-ers, Scout groups, the Ionia Public School bus garage, and children, like the Vonderheide children who arrived for the second year with cookies, posters and cards, participated.



Pictured, from left to right: Ben, 7; Nora, 4; and Mia, 5, Vonderheide.



# along main street

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

### FINE ART AND CRAFT HOLIDAY SALE

The Rogue River Artisans' 32nd annual Fine Art and Craft Holiday Sale will be held Sat., Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. - 4

p.m. at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes. This show features the area's finest selection of more than 100 juried artists and craftsmen. Artists will feature beautiful and quality sculpture, pottery, jewelry, glass, wood, furniture, wild life art, photography, painting, wearables, seasonal decor and more. A special holiday lunch will also be available. \$1 admission benefits Lowell Red Arrow special activities.

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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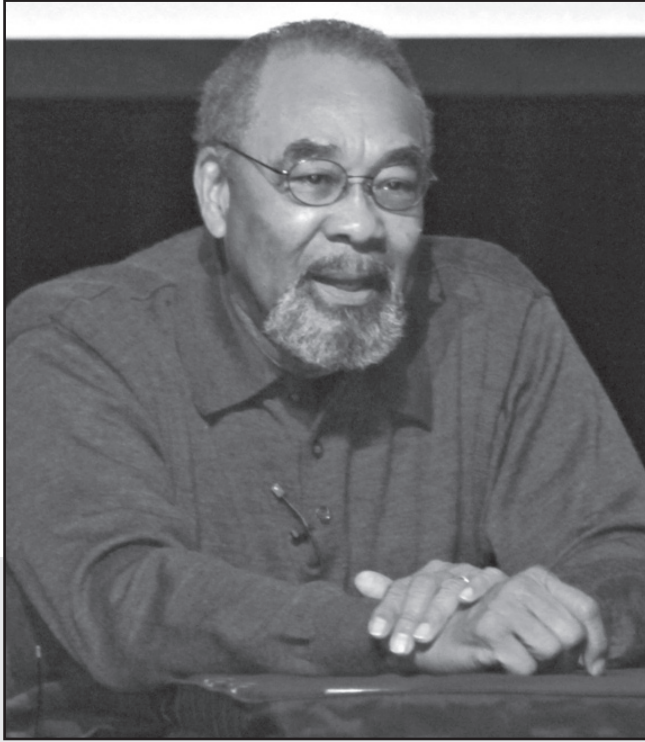
member of the 1st Battalion. When ordered to Vietnam he volunteered to serve in a heavy action unit in the hopes of being united with a friend from GVSU. After a purposefully meandering deployment the hesitant Burton was indeed reunited with his friend but ended up spending just two weeks in the jungles of Vietnam.

Former Lowell teacher and school administrator, Louis Dudeck, joined the corps in 1963. Originally from Bloomer, Wisconsin, he was stationed for two years at Camp Pendleton where he was known as a "Hollywood Marine." He touched down in Da Nang, Vietnam with the G Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines in

July 1965 where he served as a squad leader and machine gunner. His company was part of Operation Harvest Moon which took place in December 1965. The operation resulted in 218 wounded marines and 45 who gave their life on the shores of Vietnam.

Each of these soldiers full, unique and often moving stories can be found on the VHP website located at [www.gvsu.edu/vethistory](http://www.gvsu.edu/vethistory)

**Michael Woods** shared his unique journey in the war which ended with a life long career in the Marines.



Louis Dudeck served in the Vietnam War in 1965.

# No one injured in car fire



Local police responded to an emergency call regarding a burning car on Monday morning shortly after 7 am. The vehicle, which was parked in front of Curtis Cleaners on Main Street, was a total loss. According to Detective Lauren from the Lowell Police Department no one was injured in the incident and a faulty heater was most likely the cause of the fire.



Marine Michael Burton shared the story of what he calls "my brief trip abroad" during the Vietnam War.

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On **December 9, 2014**, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 11 a.m. in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### Charitable giving pays off ... for everyone

Americans are pretty generous — in fact, 83 percent of us donated money to charitable organizations last year, according to a Gallup survey. And now that we're entering the holiday season, charitable giving well may be on your mind. Your key motivation for making charitable gifts, of course, is to help those organizations whose work is meaningful to you. However, by supporting these groups, you can also make life less "taxing" for yourself.

Specifically, by making charitable contributions, you may be able to receive some valuable tax breaks. To claim a deduction, though, you need to itemize your taxes, and you need to make sure that the organization you're supporting is qualified, from a tax-deductibility standpoint. If you're unsure whether a group is qualified, just ask to see its letter from the IRS. (Many organizations now post these letters on their websites.)

Here's how the charitable tax deduction works: If you give \$200 to a qualified charity, and you're in the 25 percent tax bracket, you can deduct \$200, with a tax benefit of \$50, when you file your 2014 taxes.

Consequently, the net "cost" of your donation is just \$150 (\$200 minus the \$50 tax savings).

Of course, you are not confined to making cash gifts. In fact, if you donate certain types of noncash assets, you may be able to increase your tax benefits. Suppose you give \$1,000 worth of stock in ABC Company to a charitable group. If you're in the 25 percent bracket, you'll be able to deduct \$250 when you file your taxes. And by donating the ABC stock, you can avoid paying the capital gains taxes that would be due if you had eventually sold the stock yourself.

Keep in mind that if you want to deduct your contributions for the 2014 tax year, you'll need to make your gifts by Dec. 31. One more reminder: Retain your paperwork. If you made gifts totaling over \$250 to any single charity — or noncash contributions of any items worth over \$500 — the IRS requires written acknowledgments for your contributions.

If you want to take a longer-term approach to charitable giving, while incorporating your gifts in planning for your estate, you might want to consider

establishing a *charitable remainder trust*. Under this arrangement, you'd place some assets, such as stocks or real estate, into a trust, which could then use these assets to pay you a lifetime income stream. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive an immediate tax deduction based on the charitable group's "remainder interest" — the amount the charity is likely to ultimately receive. (This figure is determined by an IRS formula.) Upon your death, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named. This type of trust can be complex, so to create one, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.

While the tax benefits associated with charitable giving are significant, they should not, ultimately, drive your gifting decisions. You should also consider the effect your gift will have on the other areas of your estate considerations — so make sure you communicate your plans to your family members.

In any case, though, be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the years to come. Your generosity will be a rewarding experience — for everyone.

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## Hildenbrand to chair Senate Appropriations Committee

Senate Majority Leader-elect Arlan Meekhof announced Wednesday that Sen. Dave Hildenbrand is his pick to serve as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee for the legislative session that will begin Jan. 1, 2015.

"I'm very proud that my first committee chair announcement is the appointment of Senator Dave Hildenbrand to lead the Appropriations Committee," said Meekhof, R-West Olive. "Dave has the experience, leadership

and common sense we need to build on the great work of current Chairman Kahn, and to work closely with the governor and the House to balance the budget, control spending and protect Michigan's hard-working taxpayers."



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Hildenbrand was recently elected to a second term as state senator for the 29th

District. For the term beginning on Jan. 1, the district includes the cities of East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids and Lowell and the townships of Ada, Bowne, Caledonia, Cascade, Grand Rapids and Lowell. "I would like to thank Senator Meekhof for giving me this tremendous opportunity to serve our state," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "For the past four years we have been focused on building a stronger Michigan, and an important part of this rebuilding was improving our state budget process. I want to build on the progress we have made and work tirelessly to provide great government service at the lowest cost possible."

# viewpoint

## to the editor

### stolen tree stand

Dear Editor,  
 This letter is written to the person who chose to take my tree stand and ladder from private property, located near state land off Centerline Road. I cannot understand your rationale for being okay with stealing another person's items. Is it greed, a feeling of entitlement, since the tree stand was left unattended, the rush of getting away with something....? It just baffles me how someone can be so disrespectful and uncaring about this.  
 Since I've retired, I find

ways to save small amounts of money when I want to make a larger purchase. This \$300 tree stand and ladder took a while for me to save up for. It's something that I won't be able to replace anytime soon. An insurance claim is not feasible because of our deductible amount.  
 It was your choice to steal the stand and ladder. It can also be your choice to return it to the tree from which you took it.

Rick Briggs  
 Lowell

## outdoors

### the hunt

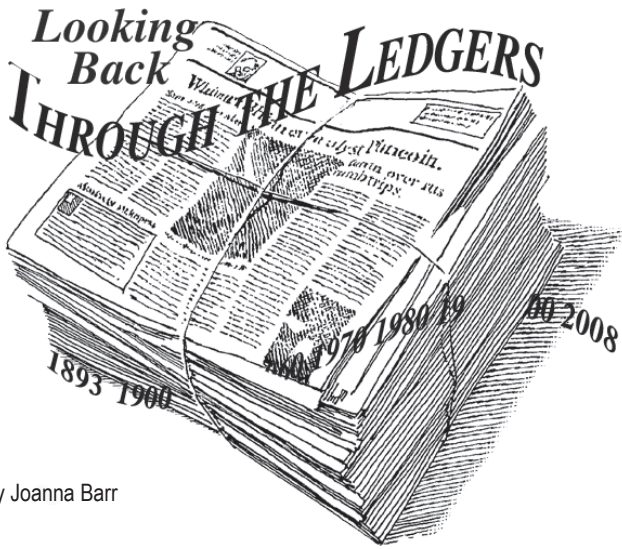
Dave Stegehuis

Deer hunting in Michigan has undergone significant changes over the last sixty years. This transformation has been influenced by changing habitat which has affected deer numbers and distribution of the herd. Social factors such as crop damage, vehicle accidents, as well as citizen attitudes related to hunting and wildlife are blended into the mix.  
 At one time, unless already living there, deer hunters traveled to Northern Lower Michigan or the Upper Peninsula if they

didn't mind waiting ten hours for a ferryboat ride. Gear consisted of a heavy red plaid wool coat, Stormy Cromer hat, and an iron site lever action rifle. The quarry was one buck with at least three inch antlers. The plan was to sit on a stump and wait or locate a fresh track and follow it to the maker. The two week season began on November 15. Today comprehensive regulations present hunters with a large number of choices for when, where, how, and what to hunt.  
 Despite all of the changes, some traditions

endure. The firearm season still begins on November 15th. Deer camps of all kinds are scattered throughout deer country along paved roads and dead end two tracks. A clearing on federal land provides a setting for a wall tent and campfire. Small cabins, recycled house trailers, R.V.'s as well as fancy lodges shelter eager hunters. Friends and family who may seldom get together during the preceding year renew their bond at deer camp. Old acquaintances meet again and others forge new friendships around the campfire. Most hunters

look forward to the opening all year. No matter how long one has hunted the excitement is always new.  
 For most hunters killing a deer begins to drop down on the list of deer season priorities as the years go by. The tradition, excitement, comradery, and time to renew ones relationship with nature and unplug from daily pressures enriches the hunting experience.  
 Whatever your deer season looks like, pause to appreciate the experience, and make some memories. From a deer camp in the north woods: Good hunting and be safe.



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal November 20, 1889

We had the excitement of a double runaway Monday. Sol. Carr's horse, which was hitched in front of Shreiner's harness shop, broke loose and ran west. In front of Blaisdell's it ran between the walk and another horse which was hitched there, breaking the post to which it was tied, causing it to run away. Both horses turned down the street by Train's Hotel and Carr's horse ran into the barn back of the hotel. The other horse, which belonged to Geo. C. White, ran into a blind alley and was caught without doing any damage. Carr's cart was scattered all along the street.  
 Miss Mary Cochran has recovered from her severe attack of malarial fever and has taken her old position at Smith's.  
 The "Pie and Cheese" Social at Mrs. D. G. Cook's was not the success, financially, that they had hoped. The rain and the opera were the causes which kept the people at home.  
 The snow has come. The beautiful snow and it catches us with 25 rods of sidewalk and about four feet of ambition, such is life. All summer we have been longing for winter with its sleighrides and other mild dissipations. It has come, and we are sad, the sleighrides fail to materialize, but care rests her heavy burden upon us. We bow to the inevitable. The joyous shout of the school boy touches no responsive chord in our breast. We don't want to find fault, but just as were getting straightened up after our séance with the snow shovel, a small boy handed us an effusion – a

poetical effusion – on the "Beautiful snow." It was the last straw – of course our back was nearly broken and it didn't require much of a straw – but it made us long for a warmer clime; but why continue, the subject is inexhaustible. Bring in that wood.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 19, 1914

Headline: No cattle disease. Government inspector found no hoof and mouth disease here. Mr. Johnson: To clear all rumor of the foot and mouth disease in the sheep or cattle of C. A. Lee or C. W. Lampkin we are pleased to say Government Inspector Cannon of Missouri called on us Saturday, November 14 and thoroughly and carefully inspected our stock. So careful was he that he wore a rubber suit complete, which was disinfected before and after leaving the barns.  
 A St. Johns' man has installed a new washing machine and blower in his cider mill, and all the apples are carefully washed before they are put into the press, while the blower removes such loose dirt as may be contained in the load. This is carrying the thing a little too far. Those of us who have been accustomed to the old method will find it difficult to get the same taste out of denatured product. Next thing we know someone will be inventing a machine for removing the worms from cider apples. This ingredient has been so long in use that the taste of apple juice would be considerably altered by such an innovation. – Portland Review.  
 Miss Florence Hollister, dancing instructor, will start new classes in all the modern dances beginning next Monday evening, November 23, at the City hall. All the old pupils as well as the new are requested to be present, as the famous "maxie" and other modern dances will be taken up. Adv.  
 Lowell deer hunters are beginning to arrive back home from the North woods and stories of the chase are now the order of the day...Elmer Ellis also shot a wolf and Mert Alderink and Lyle Covert each shot a bear.  
 The State Highway Department warns that it is unlawful to disturb roadside trees and shrubs. The

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## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

Body Dysmorphic Disorder is the topic of this article. Our culture is so "perfect body" obsessed that teenagers today find it hard to navigate through these pressures. The signs and symptoms of Body Dysmorphic Disorder are: 1.) excessive preoccupation, distress and concern with slight anomalies or imagined defects in appearance, 2.) belief in the defect is stubbornly held and appears out of touch with reality, 3.) frequent checking, concealment, avoidance of defect, or reassurance seeking, and 4.) interferes with functioning. With so many other stressors in a

teenager's life, this is an issue that they don't need.  
 What can a parent do to help their child/teenager through this? First of all, it is essential that the parent(s) understand the issue. Body image is formed throughout childhood. The opinion about their body is an ongoing process. Even if you are not talking to them about it, the media is, and their "friends" at school are influencing them as well. When children and teenagers are driven to have "perfect" bodies, poor weight management habits often follow. The single  
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# anniversaries

## Barber



Bill and Ardis Barber

Bill and Ardis Barber had their 50th wedding anniversary on November 13.

They celebrated this past Sunday with family and friends at the home of Bob and Shanda Jacobi, Bob stood up with Bill as his best man at their wedding.

They were married on Friday the 13th, 1964 at the Methodist church and have worked, lived, and raised a family all here in Lowell.

Bill is retired from working at Root Lowell and Ardis is a retired inn keeper of the former McGee Homestead Bed and Breakfast.

Their long loving marriage just goes to prove that Friday the 13th isn't unlucky for everyone.

# health



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

## Bell's Palsy

Facial nerve palsy is also known as "Bell's Palsy." It causes abrupt one-sided facial drooping. Affected individuals are unable to close their eyelid and unable to eat without food dribbling out of their mouth. They may experience pain in and around the ear of the affected side. One can also have increased sensitivity to sound, headache, and a decrease in the amount of saliva and tears.

The exact cause of Bell's Palsy is not often known. The primary issue is the facial nerve, which

passes through a canal of bone on its way to the facial muscles. This nerve becomes swollen, typically from a viral infection. There are many viruses that can cause this.

Symptoms usually resolve over four weeks, although some cases can last for many months. Some complications include corneal damage and irreversible damage to the facial nerves.

Treatment involves the use of antiviral drugs as well as steroids to rapidly reduce inflammation.

# Ask Kathryn, continued

most important behavior parents can do is listen to their child.

Asking open-ended questions can help "jumpstart" a conversation about these pressures. Here are some questions that might help, "What do you think about how the people on this show are dressed?" Another one might be, "Did you read that article on perfect beach bodies?"

What message was the article trying to promote? Is how you look at the beach important to you? Parents, please remember it is not about reinforcing your opinion, but it is about learning how your child feels about these issues. Perhaps, the parent can focus on another aspect of the pictures in the article. For instance, "It looks like they are having fun being

on the beach." Or, "When was the last time we went to the beach?" It is helpful to focus on the attributes of the situation (i.e. having fun, enjoyment of the sun and water) rather than the body images in the picture.

Most importantly, parents can help their children build a good relationship with their bodies by being a good example. When parents have

a healthy relationship with their body because they are able to accept their flaws, it helps the child do the same. It is important to remember that body imperfection does not mean body shame. Imperfection is normal.

If you have any general comments or specific questions about this article, please contact me via email at [kathryndenhouer@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouer@gmail.com)



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# Lowell mom opens local chapter of Mending Little Hearts

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lifetime Alto resident, businesswoman and community supporter Jennifer Dougherty has always had a big heart. So it was no surprise to those who knew her that after her son Caleb was born with a life-threatening congenital heart defect (CHD) she took the initiative to help others facing her situation. She created a local chapter of Mended Little Hearts (MLH), a charity that provides both help and hope to childhood heart patients and their families.

Dougherty admits that she hadn't given much thought to CHD until she faced the situation herself. After three full term and healthy pregnancies she and her husband Phil experienced devastating back-to-back miscarriages. Deciding to try one more time the couple conceived twins. During routine prenatal testing the pair, married for 19 years, learned more difficult news.

"We found out that Caleb's twin had died and that Caleb's heart had not formed properly. If he survived the pregnancy, he would need open heart surgery shortly after birth. Until that time, I had never really thought much about CHD," recalled Dougherty.

While still pregnant Dougherty had the good fortune of meeting a fellow Alto Elementary mother whose child had the same heart defect.

The first eighteen months of Caleb's life were filled with surgeries and hospital stays. And although his heart cannot be repaired, doctors performed a three-stage surgery that has allowed his body to function well despite only the left side of his heart functioning.



Alto residents Phil and Jennifer Dougherty with their children Ella, Sam, Maeve and Caleb.

"Caleb is doing amazing now. He takes a baby aspirin a day to help avoid blood clots and he has no restrictions," reports Dougherty.

Their other children Ella, Sam and Maeve, handled the stressful time well.

"When he had his first surgery, I was in Ann Arbor with him for 72 days. That was really hard on them. There were a lot of tears

during that time. They are very aware of Caleb's heart defect and tend to keep a pretty close eye on him, but I think a lot of that is because he is their baby brother."

After the proverbial dust had settled, the 1992

Lowell High School grad got to work searching for a local network of "heart moms" so that she might extend her help.

Dougherty and five other moms decided to open a local chapter of MLH. MLH began in 1951 and aids and informs parents of children with CHD throughout the country. Since its inception the West Michigan chapter has raised more than \$10,000 through corporate and private donations.

These funds are primarily used for the groups care bag program. These bags contain useful products and information for parents and children during their hospital stays. Dougherty, who serves as the groups outreach coordinator and treasurer, said that they currently deliver three different types of bags to both the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

"Our care bag program serves two purposes," she explained, "It provides information and diversion for the recipient and it lets them know that there are other families in the area that understand and care about them."

Dougherty and her staff of fellow volunteers

hope that in the future MLH will be well enough known that families will find them quickly.

"Getting the diagnosis that something is wrong with your child's heart makes you feel so alone and terrified. It is so reassuring to know that there are other families that you can turn to. The best part of what I do is when I

see our families benefiting from meeting someone else that knows what they are going through and can answer their questions or help reduce their fears because they understand."

For more information on the charity or volunteer and support opportunities please visit the groups website at [www.mlhmi.org](http://www.mlhmi.org)

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## Shane Beach

### Behind The Scenes

**Position:** Co-Owner of Backyard Dreams and Spring Training Indoor Sports Center

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in business and public administration from Grand Valley State University

**Experience:** All-State infielder, Four-year letter winner at GVSU, Semi-professional baseball career, three decades of playing and coaching knowledge

**Family:** Wife of 19 years Lisa and sons, Tyus 15 and Dawsen 12.



## A passion for sports drives coaching career

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Shane Beach started playing baseball at four-years-old and has rarely put down the bat and ball since. He followed his passion for the sport through his academic career and into the semi-pros before focusing on a coaching career here in the Lowell community through his business, Spring Training Indoor Sports Center and the Backyard Dreams competitive baseball league that he manages.

As a child, Beach said there were many factors that drew him to the sport, "For as long [as] I can remember I always knew I wanted to play professional baseball. The game of baseball is magical unlike any other sport. History from over 100 years, no clock, unusual rules, anyone of any size can be successful and maybe most of all the strategy that goes into every pitch. Most people just see people pitching, hitting, catching the ball and trying to score runs, but it's so much deeper."

After achieving All-State honors as an infielder in high school, Beach went on to college at Grand Valley State University where he sought a degree in business administration while continuing his baseball career on the collegiate level. He gathered accolades on the field as a Laker as well, "I was a four-

year letter winner in college. Started all four-years and was a captain of the team my senior year."

After graduation Beach continued to follow his baseball dreams seizing several large opportunities thanks to his hard work and complete dedication to the sport, "I had a few workouts with major league teams, including the Tigers, Yankees and White Sox. I played semi pro ball around the US and Canada. I was also chosen to play on a United States select team playing in Canada for a season."

Towards the end of the 90s, as sports injuries began to take their toll, Beach decided to refocus his energy on a coaching career hoping to be able to give back to the sport by teaching the next generations of players the important lessons he had learned through his participation, "There is no doubt sports have majorly impacted and shaped my life. Teaching me commitment, trust, how to handle success, how to handle failure, how to be humble, how to build confidence."

Kelloggsville High School gave Beach his first opportunity to coach and he made the most of it leading the team to their first district championship in 28 years. From there Beach began coaching at an area training center which is where the

idea developed to open his own, "I was training and coaching at a place in Grand Rapids. I thought our area needed a higher level of ball, plus I was tired of having to drive to GR. I figured there had been others that felt the same way. I knew people were leaving our (Lowell) area to seek a higher level of ball so we brought it to the area."

The process began in 2008 when Backyard Dreams (BYD) began. BYD consists of travel teams, games and tournaments for youth ages eight and under through 16 and under. The teams have experienced a great level of success since their inception. According to Beach, "All our teams over the years have participated in various tournaments from around the United States, including BPA World Series championship finals in Chicago, Illinois Youth Nationals championship runner-up in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Baltimore, Maryland; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia; to name a few!"

Backyard Dreams also hosts an annual summer tournament the first weekend in June, the School's Out Backyard Blast tournament, which attracts 80+ teams to the Lowell community and continues to grow in participation, sponsorship and fans, according to Beach.

Beach worked with longtime friend and fellow baseball enthusiast Troy Alderink to develop the next step in his mission to bring quality baseball and softball training to the area, Spring Training Indoor Sports Center (STISC). Opened in 2010, STISC is currently located at 1250 Main Street, inside a former maintenance building. The modest exterior of the building masks a state-of-the-art training facility filled to the brim with the equipment, technology and expertise needed to propel athletes to the next level.

Training is available to all and focuses on baseball as well as fast and slow pitch softball. "Anyone and everyone is welcome to utilize Spring Training. Our main focus is specific training, cage rentals and memberships with baseball and softball players. Training can be on any or all positions, such as hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching, etc."

Memberships give players access to all of the facility's training tools and equipment which include pitching machines, pitching mounds, bats, heavy bats, balls, heavy balls, tees and numerous training aids including video playbacks. "Video training is a huge part of continuing to improve and we offer programs to video our athletes, put them on our big screen and do consulting video training with the use [of] special apps."

Outdoor training is also available at the facility on their own fields, according to Beach, "We are the only training center in Michigan that offers both inside and outside facilities to train and practice at the same site."

The facility is staffed with trainers and leaders who bring years of experience and knowledge to participating athletes. Beach and Alderink are both hands on

at the facility adding their knowledge to the mix.

"Spring Training also works scouting athletes from around the country," said Beach, who is the State of Michigan collegiate scout director. "We can help you in every step leading up to your life impacting decision. We are able to access any athlete that is serious about wanting to play collegiately by assisting them in finding the right college or university to attend that fits their skill set, major and financial situation. If you are serious about wanting to play college sports, you need to contact us!"

Just this year, two of Beach's players were able to move onto the collegiate level of play with his guidance and their talent. "This past season we had two baseball players sign baseball scholarships. Chris Modrzyński to pitch at Western Michigan and Joe Hemminger will catch at Mott Community College. There are several others coming through our system that will be signing scholarship offers over the next several years as well. We're able to help ball players at every age including preparation for college for both sports and education. I've been through it and work with college bound ball players every day preparing them for what's to come."

At any given time there are 100+ athletes training at the STISC including Beach's own sons, Tyus and Dawsen, who have adopted their father's love of the game, "Outside of baseball my family is a sports family. All our lives revolve around the kids' activities and helping families. My wife is a school teacher, my oldest son plays baseball and lives in the weight room. My youngest son plays and loves baseball and basketball." Beach said

he is glad that his boys and all of his students have the opportunity to be involved in an activity that will help to teach commitment, trust and teamwork and to develop lifelong friendships.

An Alto resident for 15 years, Beach, who is an avid supporter of Lowell athletics and events, says that he continues to see growth and opportunity for his business within the community, "We want to expand and are always open to listen for opportunities as long as they fit our direction and values. The future is very exciting for Spring Training and Backyard Dreams as we're always on top of the latest items to help improve not only our athletes but our ourselves. This really sets us apart along with the absolute care we have for our families. We are here and can help in all avenues. It's a process and a journey in which we have proven success."

Beach said that he takes great pride in the work he does and is thrilled to have been able to parlay his own baseball dream into Backyard Dreams and to furthering your child's dreams, "The kids are not only being taught the game but are also learning about life and getting pointed in the right direction to achieve their goals. We as adults forget to dream, but you can and you need to encourage your kids to dream."

Those interested in learning more about the athletic opportunities available through STISC and Backyard Dreams are encouraged to contact the office at 616-560-8889 or by email at info@BYDball.com Upcoming special events include a Whiffle Ball tournament and an Outdoor Slow Pitch Snowball tournament both to be held in early December.





# Two new Lowell Eagle Scouts take the oath

Two Lowell Boy Scouts, Nick DeVito and Josh Theisen, celebrated their recent achievement of becoming Eagle Scouts. They were honored on Saturday, Nov. 8, in a formal Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony held at the Boy Scout Cabin. The boys are members of Troop 102 in Lowell and earned Scouting's highest rank. Nick is the son of Jeff and Carol DeVito, and Josh is the son of Tim and Michelle Theisen. Family and friends honored the boys who became the 71st and 72nd Eagle Scouts in the history of the troop. They were inspired to finish their scouting journey to become

Eagle's because of their late friend and Eagle Scout, Alex Dlouhy, who passed away before graduation this year. They both chose to build bridges for their Eagle Scout project behind Cherry Creek School so children can cross safely and enjoy the beautiful creeks and nature trails. A special memorial plaque is dedicated to Dlouhy at one of the bridges in his honor. These young men are currently attending Grand Rapids Community College and they will continue to use what they have learned in scouting and believe it has better prepared them for life.



Nick DeVito, left, and Josh Theisen achieve Eagle Scout status.

# Christmas Through Lowell, continued



Shoppers enjoyed the fun atmosphere.



Hamp used the opportunity to do more than just Christmas shopping.

"Today I got a couple dishcloths," Hamp said. "Our goddaughter is getting married and we have a bridal shower tomorrow. I got those to go with her gift."

The home of Kristy Bem, this year's featured artist, was packed with people.

"There's been constant traffic today [Saturday], just non-stop," Bem said. "Saturday's a great day because it seems like everybody's out shopping. Friday you get a lot of those who like to scope. They like to see what's available, and then they come back and buy."

"They told us that on Friday they just go check everything out and on

Saturday they spend their money," said Kris Endres, one of several vendors at Bem's home on Jefferson. "They go and compare."

Bem said the weather didn't cause a huge drop in sales.

"With the weather it was a little bit slow last night [Friday]," Bem said. "We're still in the midst of it."



Donna Tyler and Janice Leak



Mary Lacy

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# Victim advocates recognized sheriff's department

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, the Kent County Sheriff Department recognized two volunteer victim advocates and two county residents by presenting them with Public Service Awards and Letters of Appreciation.

This recognition is for their exceptional efforts and kindness in aiding a spouse after the death of her husband in an ultra-light plane crash this summer.

On August 24, 2014 victims advocates Jay Groendyke and Charles Roetman were called to assist on a fatal airplane (ultra-light) crash located at 7360 Lincoln Lake Ave in Vergennes Township.

Once at the scene of the crash, the victim advocates were introduced to the wife of the deceased pilot, Delia Bowker. Delia and her deceased husband Bryan drove their motor home from New Mexico to Lowell, for the sole purpose of purchasing this ultralight aircraft. They had no family or friends anywhere in the State of Michigan. Bowker was born and raised in the Philippines and spoke broken English which made it extremely difficult for the victim advocates to communicate with her. Bowker was exhibiting a high level of distress, grief, anger and anxiety over what had just taken place, as she was a witness to the accident as well. Groendyke and Roetman were comforting and assisting Bowker and within a short period of time a local couple, Ron

and Mavee Blain stopped by, asking if they could help in anyway. Mavee was also born and raised in the Philippines offered to translate between the victim advocates and Bowker. This was an overwhelmingly generous gesture and a much needed miracle for everyone involved.

Groendyke and Roetman worked tirelessly over the next several hours gathering information from the deputies on scene, while they worked at keeping the media away from the grieving spouse. They also comforted the owner of the aircraft, Paul Nichols who was showing extreme grief over the unfortunate accident. Groendyke and Roetman assisted with arrangements for funeral homes in Grand Rapids and New Mexico. They called several of Bryan and Delia's friends, informing them of the tragic accident. Arrangements were made for Joe Schwaegel, friends of Bryan and Delia, to fly into Grand Rapids the following day.

Following their generous offer, Bowker agreed to stay with the Blain's, until friends from New Mexico arrived the following day. Victim advocates Groendyke and Roetman drove the Bowker's motor home, trailer and dog to the Blain home, as Bowker was unable to drive the motor home herself. Groendyke and Roetman then facilitated a gathering where all involved

continued to support and comfort Bowker.

The next day, victim advocates Groendyke and Roetman met the Blains and Bowker at the Gerald R. Ford Airport to pick up the friends arriving from New Mexico. Information, comfort and resources were shared over dinner with all involved. The Blains once again opened their home

to Bowker and her friends; they accepted the invitation and were very appreciative of the generous hospitality.

Kent County victim advocates Groendyke and Roetman went above and beyond the traditional expectations of the role of victim advocate. They provided compassionate and professional care for Bowker, spending in

excess of thirty hours with Bowker over a three day period following the tragic event. During the three day period Groendyke and Roetman unselfishly placed the needs of Bowker ahead of their own lives and responsibilities.

The Blain's opened their hearts and their home to a complete stranger, who

was in great distress, for three days and two nights providing care and comfort to her. Their unselfish kindness was not only a comfort to Bowker, but a source of great relief to our victim advocates, knowing that someone was watching over Bowker, grieving so far away from home.

## Lowell YMCA students excel at Regional Tae Park Taekwondo event

Gerald R. Ford Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids hosted the annual tournament Saturday, Nov. 8. Ten students of the YMCA Ramos Institute were among the 400 plus competitors. In addition, Grand Master

Tae Zee Park celebrated 40 years of teaching in the United States.

Julia Smelt, first-degree black belt, Lowell High School graduate and current Grand Rapids Community College student, was one

of five recipients of a \$500 college scholarship awarded annually at this event.

The kids competed in three different categories: Forms (a pattern of kicking and punching), one-step sparring (self-defense

techniques), and point style sparring. Three gold, 12 silver and four bronze were proudly taken by Lowell students. Many of these kids were competing for the first time.



Pictured, from left to right: Julia Smelt, Master Patricia Ramos, Kevin Hadley, Ransom Rathbun, Ruthie Smith, Mason Meadows, Raven Cilley and Zeke Flentjes. Missing from picture are: Jamilynn Kraft, Lance Miller, Kari Hoffert and Alex May.

## Rhonda Flentje named Volunteer of the Month



Flentje with her son Zeke.

Murray Lake Elementary (MLE) named Rhonda Flentje as its Volunteer of the Month for October. Flentje is a familiar face around MLE. "Rhonda is here every Monday when I get back from lunch and stays until school lets out. I would never make it in here without Rhonda's help," said MLE librarian, Patti Harreld.

Rhonda's son Zeke is a fourth grader at MLE. They moved to Michigan eight years ago from St. Louis, Missouri. "I am forever

grateful for the quality of schools here in the Lowell school district. I am proud to say that I volunteer in the media center/library at Murray Lake Elementary. Mrs. Harreld is a gem to work for; she has a ton of patience for teaching this volunteer. The best part of volunteering is the innocent, genuine smiles from the younger students and the witty humor from the older students. I look forward to my time in the library each week," commented Flentje.



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

### tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult

Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

# Red Arrow - FOOTBALL SPORTS

## Lowell wraps up season at regionals with loss to Zeeland Dux

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity football squad bid farewell to their state final dreams last Friday in a hard-fought 30-27 loss to the Zeeland West Dux in the Division 3 regional finals.

Undefeated Zeeland used their combination of explosive offense and tight defense to outscore the Arrows and hold their passing game to just eight of 17 completions. Junior Gabe Steed had just two catches good for 36 yards on the night, largely impacting the team's offensive game.

Lowell's running game was still intact with junior quarterback Ryan Stevens racking up an impressive 136 yards and Max Dean serving up 166 in 55 combined carries.

Dean was the first and only Arrow to score in the game in the second quarter after a slow moving first quarter that ended 8-0 in favor of the Dux. The five-yard touchdown run through the middle was followed by an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt leaving the Arrows trailing by two.

Zeeland answered back just over a minute later with another touchdown and good conversion for eight-points putting the score at 16-6.

Dean added his second score of the night with about six minutes left in the half by leaping over the Dux defense into the end zone on a three-yard carry that left the score 16-13 Dux.

After stopping Zeeland at fourth and one the Arrows regained the ball after the half but it was Zeeland who struck first scoring after a clock eating seven minute possession.

Trailing 24-13 with just over five minutes left on the clock the Arrows pushed hard and came up with another Dean score in the waning moments of the third to put them within striking distance of the lead at 24-19, despite another missed two-point conversion attempt.

Another score from the Dux in the middle of the fourth kept their lead intact though 30-19. Faced with a two score deficit Stevens found Steed for one of his two catches to keep the Arrow drive alive. Dean capitalized on the momentum earning his fourth touchdown of the

night on a 20 yard bolt into the end zone which the team coupled with a good two-point conversion to put the Arrows within three at 30-27.

After stopping Lowell at fourth and five the Dux ran out the clock by picking up two first downs and sealed the victory and their place in the state semi-finals.

The Arrows finish the season with a successful 10-2 record overall and the district championship.

Senior members playing in their last game included: Tanner Barnes, Anthony Alderink, Duncan Elliott, Dakota Barry-Coulier, Ryan Tarchala, Josh Colegrove, Andrew McCormick, Danny Bieri, Max Barber, Austin Hoekstra, Josh Branagan, Bailey VanAmburgh, Kenny Duke, Brendan Spencer and Logan Wilcox.



Lowell defenders put the chase on the Dux during the first half of the losing regional bid which ended 30-27.



The Arrows watching from the sidelines during last Friday's game.

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### CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION G OF SECTION 4.08, "ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES," OF CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISION," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL**

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-02 amending Subsection G of Section 4.08, "Accessory building and uses," of Chapter 4, "General Provision," of Appendix A, "Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on November 17, 2014. Ordinance No. 14-02 permits accessory building on property in the City's C-3 zoning districts to be as large in floor square footage as the floor square footage of the main building(s) on such property. A copy of Ordinance No. 14-02 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 14-02 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ullery  
Deputy City Clerk

**HOLIDAY DEADLINES**  
For the Buyers Guide 11/30/14 edition - you **MUST** have your advertising copy and all other submissions to us by **3:00 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Our offices will be open Monday through Wednesday 8 am - 5 pm

We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday

# obituaries

## BERRINGTON

Robert Berrington Sr., of Lowell, went home to his Lord and savior on Thursday, November 13, 2014. Robert was a veteran of WWII and retired from the C & O Railroad of Grand Rapids, MI after 30 years of service. Robert loved and served the Lord and his church for decades. He is survived by his wife MaryLou of 67 years; his children Robert Berrington Jr. (Pam), Daniel Berrington, Kathleen Morris (Dennis), Steven Berrington (Therese), Marlena Brown (Jerry); his grandchildren Robert, Nick, Tyler, Erik, Steven, Russell, Dawn, Ron, Ashley, Jesse, Marie, Joseph, Samuel, Lydia, Ephraim, Chavah; his 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was loved and will be missed by all of his family and friends. A funeral service was held. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to South Boston Bible Church, 6958 Kyser Rd., Lowell MI.



# Looking Back, continued

warning is issued so that motorists may not be tempted to cut Christmas trees along state highways.

Mrs. F. D. R. has given out that the White House will have two Thanksgiving days, Nov. 23 and 30. No doubt the first one is Franksgiving day and the second one may likely be called Elenorsgiving day.

Michigan's new system of registering motor vehicle for 1940 makes possible determination of the county of registration by letters, each plate carrying two letters and four numerals. The letters for Kent county, EA through EH; Ionia county, SJ; Barry county, SV; Montcalm, SL.

The Common Council Monday evening voted to buy a light tractor which will be put to many uses, including the removal of snow from sidewalks and streets, which will be accomplished by means of a snow scraper attachment to the front of the tractor.

Sorry to note that John Bannan of Lowell is one of the 16 guards released at Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, Monday as the result of a major change-over of personnel. The men dismissed were prevented from taking civil service re-examinations required by all of state employees hired after that date, because they were older than the 35-year age limit set for prison guards.

A Wisconsin man was arrested the other day on a charge of selling stock in a so-called perpetual motion machine.

through the heart of downtown and continue 12.5 miles to Grandville.

Flags of the community will go back to full staff on Thursday, November 19, after having been flown at half staff for the 30-day mourning period of the late President Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Joan Buikema, 28, who attended Lowell High School in the late 1940s, lost her life when a Phoenix-to-Las Vegas plane crashed in a blinding snow late Sunday, killing 29 persons, in Nevada. She was enroute to visit her parents, Claude and Muriel Perry, former Lowell residents, who now reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bulls-eye hunters. Deer hunters of the Lowell area are returning with their prizes after only five days of open season in the Upper Peninsula and four days in the lower (as of Wednesday). Approximately 50 deer were reported processed at the Alto Meat Processing Plant in Alto at noon on Tuesday. The first deer brought in Monday morning was shot in the Hastings area by Lowell School teacher Gary Rivers. Jack and Evelyn Keech, Lowell residents, were the first to report their catch to the Ledger.

The Lowell Area School Bands have started their annual Fruit Cake Sale. Any member of any band from the beginners in the 5th grade thru 6th grade band, Junior Band and Senior Band will be able to supply anyone with these delicious cakes.

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

Headline: Honor merchant for 50 years. Saturday, November 14, marked the 50th year for Merle W. Gee, as a businessman on Main Street. Mr. Gee purchased the Scott Hardware on November 14 in 1914. Mr. Gee, who is now 81-years-old, came to his store on Saturday to greet his friends and fellow businessmen, although he has been in failing health for the past several weeks. Cary P. Stiff, who is Mr. Gee's neighboring businessman, spearheaded the salute, which consisted of a window display designed by Ball Floral Shop, with salutes from several local businessmen and organizations. A cake for the occasion was furnished by Fluger's Bakery and souvenir cards by the Lowell Ledger. Gee, who always operated an outstanding business, in spite of the multitude of items necessary, had as his motto..."if we don't have it, we'll get it for you."

Charles Brown, a driver for Timpson Orchards, tipped over a truck loaded with apples Tuesday morning, two miles east of Montcalm Ave. on M-91. The driver was taken to a physician for treatment of a shoulder injury. He was soaked in gasoline which ran from the truck tank after the accident.

Several minutes will be taken off the trip to downtown Grand Rapids when the East-West Freeway opens on Monday, December 14. Lowell travelers can take I-96 off M-21 then get onto I-196 which will take them

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 22, 1989

Headline: City ordinance has "cats by the tail." City Council says "yes" to feline control. "With the ordinance, the City of Lowell is saying that owners of cats have a responsibility to make sure their cats don't stray," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. As a means of addressing the cat control problem in Lowell, the City Council approved a cat-control ordinance. It will provide for violations to owners having cats running at large. Under the ordinance seizure and impounding authority is given. Also, no person can have no more than three cats under care other than those cats under six months of age...The proposed ordinance calls for cats to be retained by a leash of eight feet or less when off the premises of the owner. Female cats in heat are to be restricted to a building of fenced enclosure. The ordinance also disallows cats from creating a nuisance by noise, odor or any other manner. "This is not an anti-cat ordinance. It's a means of addressing the cat problems some residents are experiencing," Pasquale said.

Headline: Probst "First Buck" contest winner. The winning shot in The Lowell Ledger's annual "First Buck Contest" was fired at 7:45 am by Ted Probst of Alto. Probst brought the 17-3/4 spread, eight-point buck by the Ledger office at 9:10 am which was an hour-and-a-half later than the first buck brought in a year ago. He had been out since 7:30 am.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The subject of the public hearing is a rezoning request which is summarized as follows:

Property Address	Permanent Parcel Number	Existing Zoning	Proposed Zoning
312 East Main Street	41-20-02-430-011	I- General Industrial	C-2 Central Business
318 East Main Street	41-20-02-430-012	I- General Industrial	C-2 Central Business

Additional information pertaining to this request is available at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing. If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the Deputy City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



Susan Ullery  
Deputy City Clerk

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# classifieds

## for sale

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.

DEER HUNTING AMMO - sabots, rifle, pistol, reloading supplies. Lowell Gun & Tackle, 100 W. Main, Lowell. MWF, 10-6, Sat. 9-12. Sale 9mm 223.

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

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.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE! - & along with it, comes chapped hands! Try something different this year - homemade, all natural hand lotion. Lasts a long time & leaves your skin super soft! Many scents & unscented available. Check out my store at www.etsy.com, search for Nana-Hannahs. For local pickup, use coupon code LOCAL15 & we can arrange a pickup in Lowell.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

2002 KUBOTA - B7500 diesel, 4wd, 21 hp, 237 hours, \$7,000 firm. Dealer says \$9,000 - \$10,000 value. 616-284-7267.

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

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

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

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

## sales

HUGE CHRISTMAS SALE - 13435 Grand River Dr., Lowell. Christmas decorations of all kinds! Trees, wreaths, tree trimmings, lights, angels, santas! Open Fri. & Sat. 10-5

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## card of thanks

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 Thank You and God Bless,  
 John & Phyllis Jones

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## services

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BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

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HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER NEEDS WORK - Fully insured. Removals, trims, chipping, stump grinding. Call Dan for free estimate at 616-970-3832.

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YOGA CREATIVE MOVEMENT - Hoop dance for adult & child classes offered at The Hammock, 901 W. Main. Call 893-5661 or thehammockllc.com

## services

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VETERANS - Finding homes for you is my specialty! 616-490-8747, Robert Florian USAF/MIANG Veteran. Country Hills Realty, 2345 Bowes Rd., Lowell.

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# Coming Events

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FLAT RIVER WATERSHED GROUP - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. Our purpose is to protect, enhance & maintain land & water quality & other natural resources surrounding the Flat River Watershed. For more information, call Lloyd at 676-1812. Also, "Like" us on Facebook at the Flat River Watershed Council.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

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

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

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

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

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

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GAR-

DEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

REFASHION IT! - Sat., Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. See what you can make with old t-shirts & your imagination. For teens & adults at Alto Public Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. Ph. 784-2007.

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

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

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

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.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

AVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

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

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

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

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.

COUNTDOWN TO HAPPY "NOON" YEAR! - Dec. 31, 11:30 a.m. We're giving kids an exciting way to ring in 2015 with a countdown, noisemakers, goodies & fun - at an hour that won't keep them up past their bedtimes. For all ages. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 784-2007.

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.

THE PIRATES LIFE FOR ME! - Mon. Jan. 19, 1 p.m. Learn to look like a pirate, talk like a pirate, play pirate games & fill your treasure chest. For all ages at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 784-2007.

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

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

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

KNITTING GROUP - Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - noon. Beginning to advanced, instructed by Diane Denny. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** What are the potential health and environmental impacts of so many genetically engineered organisms in our food supply? - Frank C., Charlottesville, VA

Proponents of genetic engineering (GE)—whereby DNA from unrelated species is combined to produce improved or novel organisms—insist that the benefits of increased crop yields and less agricultural waste outweigh the potential risks, but many environmental and public health advocates aren't convinced.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), one risk of GE is that our new “frankencrops” could become invasive, toxic to wildlife, or dangerous in other as-yet unknown ways. “But the most damaging impact of GE in agriculture so far is the phenomenon of pesticide resistance,” reports UCS, adding that millions of acres of American farmland are infested by weeds that have become resistant to Monsanto's popular herbicide glyphosate (known to most by its trade name Roundup). “Overuse of Monsanto's ‘Roundup Ready’ trait, which is engineered to tolerate the herbicide, has promoted the accelerated development of resistance in several weed species.”

As a result, farmers are now turning to older, more toxic herbicides—and agribusiness companies are responding in kind with new rounds of GE crops engineered to tolerate these older chemicals. UCS worries that the process repeating itself is only leading us down the path of plants evolving quickly to overcome our defenses however technically brilliant they may be.

As for health risks, UCS acknowledges that eating refined products derived from GE crops is unlikely to cause health problems, but maintains that inserting a gene from one organism into another could still have unintended health consequences. For example, those with food-borne allergies could be at increased risk for reactions given the combination of genes in what looks like any other vegetable or piece of fruit. “This phenomenon was documented in 1996, as soybeans with a Brazil nut gene—added to improve their value as animal feed—produced an allergic response in test subjects with Brazil nut allergies,” reports UCS.

Given these risks, some 21 countries and the European Union (EU) have instituted policies requiring



foods created with GE technology to be labeled as such so consumers can know what they are buying and putting into their mouths. EU rules mandate that if any ingredient in a food has 0.9 percent or higher of genetically modified organisms, it must be marked accordingly on its packaging. Environmentalists in the U.S. would like to see the federal government put in place a similar policy—research from the non-profit Just Label It found nine in 10 Americans to be in favor of mandated GE labeling—but lobbying interests from agricultural states with a vested interest in selling more GE products still hold lots of sway over elected officials. So for now, Americans concerned about what's in their food will need to do their own homework regarding what's safe to put on their dinner tables.

Luckily some natural foods retailers are making it easier for consumers intent on avoiding GE foods. Whole Foods, for one, is working toward full disclosure via labeling in regard to which of the foods on its store shelves contain GE ingredients. While Whole Foods may be a pioneer in this regard, environmentalists are hoping other U.S. grocery store chains will follow suit so that Americans can decide for themselves whether or not to take the risk of eating GE foods.

**CONTACTS:** UCS, [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org); Just Label It, [justlabelit.org](http://justlabelit.org).

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## Keep public notices where the public notices

Government has the power to force citizens from their homes and decide where to locate hazardous facilities. It has the power to confiscate your property or throw you in jail.

**That's a lot of power. It's trying to get more.**

Your government claims it can save money

by posting notices about tax increases, property seizure and new spending on its website. That seems well-intentioned. But doing that creates a system where government is in control of what you know. And there are plenty of other ways they can save money without putting taxpayer rights at risk.

Right now your newspaper prints these notices on pages independent of government control. Their pages can't be “hacked,” disappear during a power outage or quietly updated to hide a mistake. These newspaper pages prove beyond the shadow of a doubt what government did, when it did it, how it

did it and where citizens can learn more about the matter. They are proof-positive legal documents. They protect your rights.

To those who say newspapers are making a fuss about this to protect a revenue source (yes, we charge for these notices, just like an automaker charges a municipality when it sells a police car), we say this:

1. This revenue isn't substantial (one town pay more for baseball umpires (\$5,500) than these notices (\$2,622.11) and city spends .00017 of its \$4 million budget (\$680) on such notices).

2. Newaygo County (MI) Clerk, Morey Butler, fresh from a trip to China

and Russia, makes an excellent point when he notes that “we respect the concerns of our elected officials to wisely spend tax dollars; however no longer printing public notices is too high a price to pay. We have experienced firsthand that by controlling the Internet switch the government completely controls the spoken word. We must be willing to keep public notices available to all of the residents of Michigan.

Government websites put government in control of what we know. Citizens need an independent check and balance on the government that's supposed to serve them. Public notices in newspapers provide that.



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**ACROSS**

- 1. Bullying, e.g.
- 6. Brown of "Back to the Future"
- 9. Choir member
- 13. Brick worker
- 14. Bruin legend Bobby \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Show contempt
- 16. At right angle to a ship
- 17. Actress \_\_\_\_ Michele of "Glee"
- 18. These lips sink ships
- 19. \*Reason to celebrate Thanksgiving
- 21. \*Pilgrim helper
- 23. "C'\_\_\_\_ la vie!"
- 24. Chopped fish bait
- 25. "Casablanca" pianist
- 28. Maui dance
- 30. Horrify
- 35. All over again
- 37. Oily freshwater fish, native to Asia and Europe
- 39. Red Sea peninsula
- 40. Beehive State
- 41. Aussie "bear"
- 43. \*Baste the turkey or set the table, e.g.
- 44. \*Cornucopia's shape
- 46. Ill-gotten gains
- 47. Yemeni port
- 48. Frame or trap
- 50. \*Marshmallows are placed \_\_\_\_ the sweet potatoes
- 52. European Nuclear Society
- 53. Very curious
- 55. To nail, as in criminal
- 57. \*Distinctly orange fruit
- 61. Product-selling scheme
- 65. Sleeping noise

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**NOVEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 18**

- Adrian Peterson has not played in the Vikings' past nine games after being charged in Texas with committing reckless or negligent injury to a child. The felony charges stem from injuries Peterson's son sustained when Peterson disciplined him with a switch. The NFL ruled on Tuesday morning that Peterson will be suspended without pay for at least the remainder of the 2014 season. The Vikings running back will not be eligible for reinstatement before April 15, 2015.
- Murderer Charles Manson, now 80, apparently has plans to marry Afton Elaine Burton. The 26-year-old woman, who for the last nine years, has been trying to exonerate Manson for the six murders he was responsible for in 1969. She said she is interested in working on his case, and marrying him would allow her to get information not available to nonrelatives.
- Oxford Dictionaries picked "vape" -- the act of smoking an e-cigarette -- as their new word of the year. The use of the word has doubled in 2014 compared to 2013.



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- 66. "\_\_\_\_ to Joy"
  - 68. Rome's Colosseum
  - 69. Step
  - 70. Galley tool
  - 71. Vertebrae cushions
  - 72. Secret association of Chinese
  - 73. Flammable toxic derivative of toluene
  - 74. Electronic money
- DOWN**
- 1. Wet nurse
  - 2. "Ali \_\_\_\_ and the 40 Thieves"
  - 3. \_\_\_\_-friendly
  - 4. Dry white Italian wine
  - 5. Catch in a net
  - 6. Airhead
  - 7. Bonanza find
  - 8. "\_\_\_\_ into Me" by Dave Matthews Band
  - 9. Dwarf buffalo
  - 10. \* \_\_\_\_ Lett's famous Thanksgiving football blunder
  - 11. Reason to cram
  - 12. Three-layer cookie
  - 15. Sinks into a couch, e.g.
  - 20. Between rock and a hard place?
  - 22. In so far as, conjunction
  - 24. Popular rye bread addition
  - 25. \*Cranberry \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Brown
  - 26. Playwright Chekhov
  - 27. Had in mind
  - 29. \_\_\_\_ Cambodia's neighbor
  - 31. Falafel bread
  - 32. Battery terminal
  - 33. Burdened
  - 34. \*NFL hosts
  - 36. Helicopter sound
  - 38. Surveyor's map
  - 42. Extreme suffering
  - 45. Mouth sore
  - 49. Hawaiian dish
  - 51. \*Macy's tradition
  - 54. Arrogant person
  - 56. Relating to barium
  - 57. "Hey ... over here!"
  - 58. "Do \_\_\_\_ others as..."
  - 59. Express complaint
  - 60. Synonym to #54 Down
  - 61. Chipper
  - 62. Phoenix neighbor
  - 63. Cyan and magenta in printer, e.g.
  - 64. 100-meter race
  - 67. "Da Vinci Code" by \_\_\_\_

*Puzzle solutions on page 12*



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