

more expo



pages 8 & 9

undefeated story

page 16

l's honor roll



page 7



l's sports



start on page 10

50 CENTS



Perfectly pettable pachyderms poised to prance down Main Street



by Jeanne Boss
editor at large

Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus has stopped using elephants in their three-ring shows. Seeing an opportunity for new staff that will work for peanuts, city officials are giving the homeless pachyderms a place in Lowell.

The retired circus performers' primary function will be to replace the equines that pull Santa's sleigh during the annual Christmas parade. Given their height, Lowell Light & Power will also be using the trunk-wielding beasts to help decorate prior to the parade.

The first official assignment, for earth's largest land beast, will be to periodically screw and unscrew the light bulbs along Main Street. This will not only help the animals acclimate to their new terrain but will help them further understand their new circus environment.

The city does want to remind residents and visitors attending all Lowell parades, that the ban on throwing candy to the audience will remain in place.

In addition, peanuts will now be banned from all city functions. The main reason

stated for the latest legume banning is the ever-present threat of a stampede. This, coupled with the concern that these new employees will be effectively "double-dipping" and getting paid more than they're worth, was thought to be sufficient reason not to have the streets littered with more nuts.

Applications will be available at the city offices for scoopers to follow Santa's sleigh as well as, be on hand when the elephants are given a variety of jobs in town. Body builders and those with good upper body strength are encouraged to apply.

It is expected that the presence of these new workers will give Lowell a huge competitive edge when fairgoers bet on the annual Cow Patty Bingo game and especially when city officials plan another poop toss during their next ground-breaking ceremony.

In conclusion, it must be said that everyone at the Ledger hopes you enjoyed our tribute to April 1st. Furthermore, understand that any odd stories or ridiculous mistakes in the rest of the paper are either true or unintentional.

Visitors flock to 2015 Expo

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Over 5,000 people attended the 2015 Lowell Community Expo last Saturday, March 28 at Lowell High School.

"Attendance was much higher than past years," said Liz Baker, director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "The weather conditions were perfect for Expo, with cold temperatures and sunshine. We sold out this year and we featured the Hall of Flame with over 15 different school groups and clubs, as well as the added entertainment in the LPAC."

Over 100 local businesses and organizations were on hand showing off their wares, handing out samples and doing demonstrations.

Lowell police chief Steve Bukala ran a bucket

game for kids and gave out tons of toys as prizes. He also had a couple bicycles on display as part of an upcoming contest.

"We had an anonymous donor give us 16 bicycles," Bukala said. "How we are going to give them away is, they have to be a Lowell student, they have to produce a one minute or less video and email it to me telling me why they need that bicycle. It's for kids pre-kindergarten through fifth grade and they cannot be related to a city employee. This happened as a result of our Christmas video that we produced. We'll pick the winners shortly after spring break, probably the second or third week of April."

Local Cub Scouts were available and selling popcorn.

"We're here to support

the local Cub Scout troop, pack 3188," said Jeff Mitchell. "We're just selling some popcorn and trying to let people know what it is we do. We try to combine education and fun and give the scouts some skills they can use as they move on in life."

Josh Bernstein, branch manager of the Englehardt Library, was spreading the word about the library's 1KB4K program, which encourages kids to read 1,000 books before they start kindergarten.

"We're telling people all about events and things going on at the library, showing them how to use some of our downloadable books, movies, that sort of thing," Bernstein said. "We've got a lot of cool giveaways. We've got chip

Spring break "staycation"

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Blame it on the economy. Blame it on the gas prices. The "staycation" is here to well...um...stay.

With spring break right around the corner for students in the Lowell Area School District, scheduled for April 3-13 this year, it is the perfect time to look into some affordable, close by and family friendly options for your own family's spring "staycation."

This year's top recommendation comes from Lowell resident Becky DeVito, a teacher at Bushnell Elementary for the past 20 years. The

mother of three boys, 13-year-old Jaron, ten-year-old Kelton and eight-year-old Landon, said that she and husband John head to the KROC Center in Grand Rapids when they need a getaway.

"It is so much fun and a place where all the boys can have a good time," DeVito explained.

The KROC Center, located at 2500 South Division Ave. SW, is a twenty acre mega-plex dedicated to worship, education and recreation. The facility boasts a giant aquatics play land complete with slide and lazy river

Spring break,
continued, page 15

Expo, continued, page 8



along main street

Petitions for city council not due until April 21

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

City clerk Betty Morlock said last week's story in the Ledger about upcoming elections had some incorrect information.

"It's a little confusing," Morlock said. "We have four elections now, which are in February, May, August and November. The legislature is now trying to get rid of the February date because a lot of schools are asking to use the February date for a bonding issue or something, which is very expensive."

There is an election in May, but it's not for city council.

"The May 5 election, the only thing that's on that is the state proposal," Morlock said. "That's a special state election. The April 6 deadline is the last day people can register to vote for that election."

So despite what last week's Ledger said, there is still plenty of time to get your name on the ballot for a seat on the Lowell city council.

"I don't want people to think that they don't have time to get a petition and circulate it, because they have until April 21 for the petition," Morlock said. "If we have seven or more people petition to be on the ballot, then we will have an August primary to take it down to six names."

There is a document available at city hall that explains the entire process. Here is the complete text of that document:

"Any city of Lowell resident wishing to run for a city council position must file nominating petitions with the city clerk by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. [The] deadline to withdraw your name from the ballot is Friday, April 24, 2015 by 4:00 pm. If there are seven or more candidates there will be a city primary on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The primary will reduce the amount of candidates to six that will be on the city general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Anyone wishing to run for a city council position must have resided in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter. No person is eligible for any elective city office that is in default to the city, including property taxes, water, sewer, electric utilities' bills or any unpaid invoices.

Nominating petitions shall be signed by no less than 25 nor more than 50 registered electors of the city of Lowell. Candidates are encouraged to secure more than 25 signatures since some persons may not be properly registered and thus their signatures will not be counted.

No person shall sign their name to a greater number of petitions for any one office than there are persons to be elected to that office. This year there are three councilperson vacancies. Where any name

Election, continued, page 3

EASTER EGG HUNT

Lowell Moose 809 will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 4 at Creekside Park. 1-3 yr. at 11 am, 4-6 yr. at 11:45 am and 7-9 yr. at 12:30 pm.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

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

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Board Games & Fun – Tues., April 7, 1-3 pm. This will be an open time for members to come in and play board games together. We hope you join us!

Tween & Teen Retreat - Tues., April 7, 1-7:30 pm. Join in a day full of fun, support and excitement. Tween/teen who are members at Gilda's Club are invited to bring one peer friend who has been a support person through their journey. During our time together we will enjoy movies, games, snack and much more. Arrive at Lowell Gilda's Club at 1 pm. We will finish at 7:30 pm and members can be picked up at Roll Away Family Fun Center in Lowell.

Essential Oils Workshop – Tues., April 7, 4-5 pm. Join Intern Rachel Glupker for an hour of community and crafting! We will be making our own essential oil bubble bath. Supplies will be provided. Please register in advance.

*Please note that essential oils do smell strongly and might be overpowering for those sensitive to strong aromas.

New Member Meeting – Tues., April 7, 6 pm. Join us at the clubhouse to learn about our programs and become a member. Please register in advance.

Breast Cancer Support Group – Tues., April 7, 6-7:30 pm. A monthly support group for those impacted by breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month.

Digestive Health and Wellness – Tues., April 7, 6-7:30 pm. Join Brandi Grimmer, certified pharmacy technician and nutritional consultant from Keystone Pharmacy as she helps us understand how our digestive health impacts our overall wellness.

Yoga Meet and Greet – Tues., April 14, 4-5 pm. Have you ever wondered if yoga is something you can do? Yoga instructor Kathy Julien will be here to teach us about yoga, its benefits and help us discover if yoga is something we may benefit from. Kathy is excited to share her knowledge with the members of Gilda's Club. Come out and learn about this form of exercise that uses slow movements and stretching.

Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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.

WINDOWS/SIDING
DOORS/INSULATION/GUTTERS
SAVE 50% OFF
HEATING/COOLING BILLS
GUARANTEED!!!

SAVE 10% OFF WITH THIS COUPON

897-7300 allweathersealinc.com

319 E. Main Lowell

All-Weather Seal

Not good w/any other offer! Good on initial presentation

LOWELL TOWNSHIP INVITATION TO BID
GAZEBO TO BE BUILT IN LOWELL TOWNSHIP RIVERFRONT PARK

Construction plans can be picked up at the Lowell Township Office at 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE during office hours Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All bids must be received prior to 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Canfield PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 411 E. Main • Lowell 616-897-0887

- Residential
- Commercial
- Air Conditioning
- Heating Systems
- Licensed
- Insured
- Water & Sewer Hookups
- Video Inspection
- Same Day Water Heaters Installed
- Sales, Service & Installation of All Plumbing Fixtures
- Drain Cleaning
- Water Softeners

Rheem

100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

VISA MasterCard

the lowell ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$2500 a year for zip codes beginning with 493 or 495 \$3600 a year any other zip code.

Deadline for display advertising is Friday at Noon
Deadline for classified advertising is Monday at 5 pm

Jon Jacobs.....Publisher
Jeanne BossEditor
Tim McAllisterContributing Reporter
Kathryn AtwoodContributing Reporter
Tammy Janowiak.....Classified/Accounting
Jon Jacobs.....Advertising Sales

(616) 897-9261
Email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI
Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Lowell Ledger
PO Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

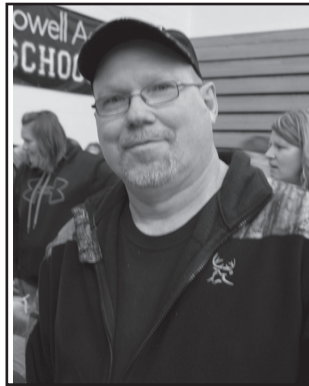


What is your favorite restaurant in Lowell? What is your favorite thing to eat there?

From time to time our Ledger reporters will pose a question while out on the streets of Lowell. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT.

If you have a question you think would be an excellent conversation starter—feel free to suggest one.

Send your Street Smart questions to:
ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
subject line - "Street Smarts"



Leo Ryan

“Keiser’s Kitchen’s chicken sandwich.”



Dawn VanderWulp

“Sneaker’s. I order different stuff all the time. I like the chicken tenders salad a lot and of course the Sneakin’ Shelley’s Sizzler.”



Caitlin Antuma

“Ella’s. I don’t know what it’s called, but it’s the sandwich with apples and cranberries. I can’t remember the name of it.”

Election, continued

appears on more petitions than he/she is permitted to sign, the signature bearing the most recent date will be invalidated.

Be certain petition circulators witness each signature and do not sign and date the certificate or circulator portion of the nominating petitions until after all signatures have been obtained.

An “Affidavit of

Identity” form is required to be filed by each candidate with the nominating petitions for city office. Please note the forms must be signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized accordingly.

The city primary election (if needed) is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 and the city general election is Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Campaign finance information is available at the Kent County clerk’s office. Since the county clerk’s office administers the Campaign Finance Act, please feel free to contact the elections division of that office at 616-632-7650.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk’s office at 897-8457.”



Theresa Engle

“Arby’s. They have the most awesome Reubens. They’re better than some regular restaurant Reubens. Corned beef, sauerkraut, swirl rye. Some restaurants, they grill the bread with butter on it or whatever, at Arby’s they don’t. They’re good.”



John Vincent

“Three Brothers Pizza. Pepperoni cheese pizza.”



Kelly Grody

“B.C. Pizza. The lunch buffet. We love the lunch buffet.”

You have enemies? Good. That means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life.

Winston Churchill

FLAT RIVER ELECTRIC, LLC

* Residential * Commercial
* Multi-Family

www.flatriverelectric.com
Email: Info@flatriverelectric.com
616.987-0596

Alto Fire Dept. Annual PANCAKE SUPPER

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs Applesauce.
Proceeds used for training equipment

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Saturday, April 11 • 5 - 8 pm 6260 Bancroft Alto, Michigan

at the Alto Fire Station

Donation at the Door 06697004

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE JANSMA ON YOUR RETIREMENT

for 40 great years...

From Sue, Jennifer, Tyler & Mike

Family Dentistry of Lowell

New patients always welcome!

Dr. Wilson and Dr. Byrd welcome you and your family into our calming and nurturing environment.

Heated neck pillows and blankets will help you slowly relax. We also offer personal headphones and television screens.

Don't you deserve a better dental experience?

147 N. Center Street
Lowell, MI 49331
Telephone: 616-897-4835
Info@familydentistryoflowell.com

Serving our community since 1991

LOWELL MOOSE 809 EASTER EGG HUNT!

SAT., APRIL 4, 2015 CREEKSIDE PARK

1-2 YR. ---- 11:00 A.M.
3 YR. ----- 11:00 A.M.
\$25.00 TOP PRIZE EACH GROUP
4-5-6 YR. - 11:45 A.M.
7-8-9 YR. - 12:30 P.M.

LAST YEARS DONORS

EASTER BUNNY	A 1 LAZER	KEISERS KITCHEN
CANDY COOKIES	ARBY'S	MEIJER
DRINKS	ADA-LOWELL 5	MOOSE ON BIKES
CLOWN	BACKWATER CAFE	JUDY PINCKEY
AND LOTS OF FUN!	BALLS ICE CREAM	ROLL-A-WAY
	BC PIZZA	ROOKIES
	CANFIELD PLUMBING	STATE FARM INSURANCE
	CITY OF LOWELL	STEVEN & SETH SALINAS
	CRYSTAL FLASH	SUNDAY NIGHT
	DEPENDABLE LP GAS	LIVE BOWL
	DOLLAR GENERAL	WED. NIGHT GOLF
	ELITE AUTO BODY	

Subscribe TODAY!

616 897.9261

business directory

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER

BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

FRY DADDY'S
608 West Main Street
Lowell, MI 49331
897-FISH
FISH SHRIMP WING DINES -
CHICKEN STRIPS
DAILY SPECIALS
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
SUNDAY 3-8
Best Fish In Town!!!



Rich's Service Co.
In-Home Appliance Repair
Dryer Vent
Cleaning
INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES • DISHWASHERS
209 E. Main St. RICH CURTIS
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686



KIRK COLLINS
Owner
Showboat
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.
Auto Value
Parts • Stores
1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
HOURS: MON - FRI 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3



THE LAURELS OF KENT
A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
• Rehab Services • Respite Stays
• Long Term Care • Palliative Care
Able to admit 24/7
350 North Center Street
Lowell, Michigan
616-897-8473 or
616.292.1031
www.laurelsokent.com



BILL WHEELER
Certified Public
Accountant
W.J. WHEELER MICHIGAN
103 Riverside Dr.
Lowell, Michigan
49331
616-897-7711



897-4123
Arctic Inc.
Heating & Cooling
• Heating & air-conditioning • Wall hung boilers & water heaters
• Geo Thermal systems • Radiant floor heat • Snow melt systems
• Whole house generators • Duct work • Humidifiers
SALES, SERVICE AND INSTALLATION, UPGRADES, NEW HOMES
www.HeatingCoolingOnline.com



Eckman Landscape Construction
Hard Scapes - Brick Pavings -
Boulder Walls - Retaining Walls -
Decks - Fences - Tractor Services -
Bark - Mulch
Joel Eckman, owner
Lowell
616-802-2666
joeleckman80@yahoo.com



A BUSINESS AD THIS SIZE ONLY
\$850 PER WEEK!
Call 897-9261



YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE HERE!
SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$
ADVERTISING IN THIS SPACE!!!
Only \$17⁰⁰ PER WEEK!



Check us out online ...  Find us on Facebook
thelowelledger.com
Make us your homepage!

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Protect seniors from financial abuse

It's unfortunate but true: The elderly population is targeted for financial abuse or exploitation. In fact, by some estimates, this type of targeted abuse results in billions of dollars in losses each year. If you have elderly parents, what signs should you watch for to determine their vulnerability? And what can you do to help protect your parents from being victimized?

In regard to the first question — signs of vulnerability — the most important thing to watch for is your parents' mental state. As you know, many people go through their entire lives with their faculties intact — but even if this is the case with your parents, you still may want to be on guard against them falling prey to unscrupulous operators. And if you have noticed your parents becoming forgetful, confused, overly agitated or showing any other signs of possibly diminished mental capacity, you may want to be particularly vigilant for the appearance of financial irregularities.

If you don't think your parents are, as yet, victims of fraud or abuse, you can take steps to help protect them. Most importantly, maintain constant communication with them and be aware of what's going on in their

lives. Also, consider the following actions:

- *Advise parents on precautionary measures.* Suggest to your parents that they take several common-sense steps to avoid financial scams. For example, urge them to *never* give personal information over the phone or in response to emails. Since these types of requests are the most common methods used to perpetrate scams, encourage your parents to put all such solicitations — as well as requests for money — in the "trash" folder. Also, ask your parents to remove paper mail promptly from their mailbox — resourceful identity thieves have been known to steal mail and extract key pieces of personal information from financial statements or correspondence from Social Security. And if your parents don't already have a paper shredder, present one to them as a gift — and show them how to use it to delete old statements, credit card offers and similar documents.

• *Check for legal documents.* Your parents, like everyone, should have a will and a durable power of attorney. These documents will enable someone they trust implicitly to handle their finances if they can't. Discussing these types of

issues with your parents may not be easy — but it's certainly important.

• *Review parents' situation regularly.* Many parents are not comfortable sharing the specifics of their financial situation with their adult children. Yet, as much as you can, try to periodically review your parents' insurance, banking and investment statements. These meetings give you good opportunities to look for irregularities or suspicious activities, such as significant changes in their spending patterns, unusual cash withdrawals or transfers from their bank accounts, or sudden transfers of assets to a relative or someone outside the family.

• *Know the professionals.* Your parents may not be totally at ease involving you with their financial and tax advisors. However, using your discretion, see if you can accompany your parents when they meet with their advisors. If these people are legitimate professionals, they will not object to your interest in your parents' affairs — in fact, they should welcome it.

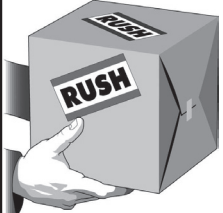
Your parents have done a lot for you. You can help repay them by doing your part to help protect them from threats to their financial security.

Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisors cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney or qualified tax advisor regarding your situation.


SPAY NEUTER EXPRESS
LOW COST
SPAY & NEUTER
No restrictions. Available for everyone. Also vaccinations, tests and parasite control
Call 897-8865
www.spayneuterexpress.com




WE SHIP UPS
The Buyers Guide
105 N. Broadway
Lowell • 897-9555




FAXING
1 First sheet
50¢ each additional sheet
the lowell ledger
105 N. Broadway
897-9261
Mon.-Thurs. 8-5; Fri 8-noon



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE
The offices of Lowell City Hall, Lowell Police, Light and Power and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Friday, April 3, 2015 in observance of Good Friday.
Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk



viewpoint

to the editor

Don't ignore what is happening

To the Editor,

There is so much good that happens in Lowell; much that has even gotten national as well as local recognition (Christmas with the Lowell Police Department and Pink Arrow Pride for example). It seems disgraceful that the leaders of this city are being allowed to continue to bring such shame to this great community. While we commend and celebrate the good, we need to not ignore what's happening in our government. Our resources, our money, our good will are all being squandered by a privileged few who seem totally unwilling to stand up for what's best for the entire community. The vast majority of the residents support the two councilmembers who continue to try to speak on our behalf. We say thank you and keep up the great work.

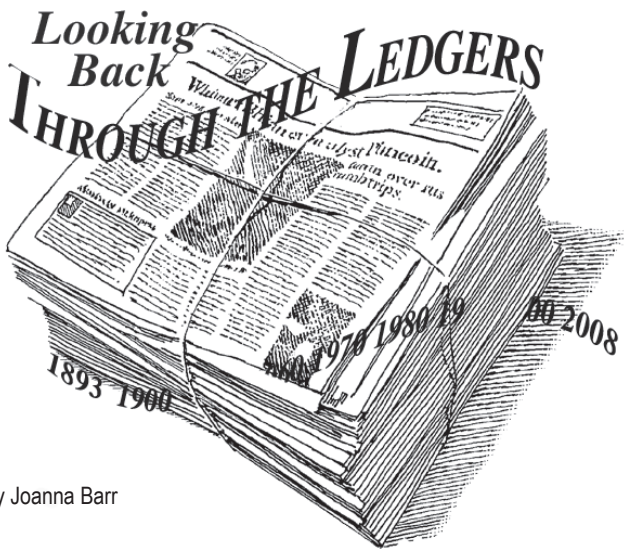
Jan Bieri

Don't let bullies silence you

Dear Editor,

I've been following the Lowell Ledger articles and letters with much interest. From a recent letter about the numbers, it does seem that the councilmember that the other three have been dogging on is the peoples' choice. So speak Jeff – don't let the bullies silence you.

Thank you,
John K. Erickson



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal April 2, 1890

At the village caucus, Monday evening, there was one of the hottest fights for the Marshalship that has ever developed here. There were three candidates in the field, but after the first informal ballot, C. O. Hill withdrew and then came the tug of war. The friends of both Mitchell and Edmonds were thoroughly in earnest and an almost breathless interest was felt in the result, which made S. F. Edmonds the nominee, by a majority of eight. There were 268 votes cast, the most of any village caucus held for years.

Morris Johnson came to town Friday, in response to a telegram informing him that his house had been broken into and his goods overhauled. On investigation, he doesn't find that there has been very much taken although the goods had been thoroughly ransacked. His tool chest had been pried open and most of the silverware, which was packed away in the bottom, besides a number of his tools are missing.

Last Thursday, as V. C. Walton was driving through the street, with a load of maple sugar, in his platform buggy, his team became frightened and in endeavoring to hold them he pulled the front out of the buggy, and while the team did not get away the buggy was badly

broken, as was another buggy which they ran into.

Up to the time of going to press the Piano had not arrived. It should have been here a week ago last Monday, but is undoubtedly on the road, and will probably be here this week.

Mrs. Chas. Althen went to Gd. Rapids Saturday in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of Matie Althen, who we understand has the diphtheria.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 1, 1915

Headline: Heavy damage suits. Lowell liquor dealers made defendants in three cases. Saturday's Grand Rapids Herald has this: Three damage suits were begun in circuit court yesterday against James Davarn and Fred J. Hoseley, saloon keepers at Lowell, and their bondsmen, the Michigan Bonding company. The plaintiffs are Beulah, 17 years old; Nellie, 19, and Eulah, aged 5 years, daughters of Richard Willett. Each claims damages in the sum of \$3,000, alleging that their father suffered frozen feet to the extent that it was necessary to amputate one, and that the mental state of the father was such that he could not care for himself, his condition being due to intoxication...

Headline: A bad runaway smash-up. Lee Jones' best horse was badly injured in a runaway dash on Main street last Friday morning. The team was standing in front of the market, the older animal hitched to a cement tie-block weighing about 100 pounds. Something startled the colt, which pulled the wagon on to the horse and the mischief was on. Jones and Dawson tried to stop the frantic team but succeeded only in getting hurt themselves. At the Hudson street corner the wagon collided with a lamp-post, the team was thrown and the wagon and lamps smashed. The hitched horse had carried the heavy block by the bit ring all that distance, its legs being pounded and cut at every jump.

Crushed whisky bottles on streets and highways and walks make bad work of automobile tires; and in the summer time threaten the tender feet of children who like to run barefooted. Lowell has suffered great abuse in this matter; and it is felt that it is high time to abate the nuisance, as well as the crime of "Putting the bottle to his neighbor's lips." If men won't be decent – fix 'em.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 4, 1940

Orchids to Miss Agnes Perry, who this spring completes 39 years of service to this community as telephone operator and manager. That is a splendid record of conscientious, intelligent, courteous service.

Gus Wingeier, proud father that he is over his first son and heir, has asked this paper to announce in big headlines that the name of their new baby is to be Richard Ross Wingeier, the middle name being in honor of the mother, whose maiden name was Gladys Ross.

Capt C. H. Runciman states that the first order for a ticket to the 1940 Lowell Showboat was received Saturday from Mrs. Hattie Rouse who had just returned home from spending the winter in Vermont. Mrs. Rouse will celebrate her 90th birthday next May 22 and enjoys very good health. She never misses the Lowell Showboat.

The report of condition of the State Savings Bank of Lowell for the period ending March 26, 1940, which will be found on another page of this issue, shows total resources of \$901,677.85. In 1934, the bank's resources were \$565,707.37 and each succeeding year since that time has shown a steady increase up to the present total of more than \$901,000.

The John Claus car took an unexpected plunge in Flat river Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Claus had left the car standing just north of Weaver's market where she went to do some shopping and during her absence, the machine rolled slowly forward down the bank into the river. A truck hauled it back to terra firma without much damage having been done. Mrs. Claus states that in her opinion a guard rail should be placed where the mishap occurred and that she intends to make the suggestion to the Common Council.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 1, 1965

Headline: Community cooperation gives Showboat boost. Showboat is getting wonderful cooperation, William S. Doyle, new president of the corporation revealed this week after the second meeting of the board of directors. Leading off with offers to help was the Lowell Rotary Club, who have volunteered to take over the ticket sales and promotion for the coming year. Rotarians will look after presales and gate sales. Many plans have been offered to sell groups of tickets. The Lions Club have volunteered to take care of all the details of Amateur Night, including auditions and the annual night's try-outs for places on the Showboat program. The Lions, who have had the concession of the Showboat program, will take care of the advertising and printing, and turn over the Showboat Corporation all the profits which formerly were kept by the club. The Civic Affairs Committee of the Lowell Moose Lodge have offered to supervise the seating and boat construction. This group of citizens have spear-headed other construction jobs in the community and have plenty of members with the know-how to get the job done. Cooperating along this same line, all the manufacturers in the area are volunteering a truck and some man-power to push this job to completion in record time. Showboat officers hope this is the last year that the bleachers will have to be put up. By next year plans are to have a new Showboat stadium ready with ground level seats for everyone.

Looking Back,
continued, page 12

Find us on Facebook the lowell ledger

NEED TO SEND A FAX?

We CAN HELP!
Sending or Receiving
Only \$1 for the first sheet
(each additional 50¢)

the lowell ledger
105 N. Broadway
Lowell
616.897.9261



The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Letters are required to bear the author's signature, phone number and address (for verification purposes only, not for publication). Letters will be published at the discretion of the publisher. Opinions expressed in in "To The Editor" are not the views of the Ledger employees or the publisher. All letters are subject to editing. Thank you letters and advertising will not be printed.

Letters may be submitted via email to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line) or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331.

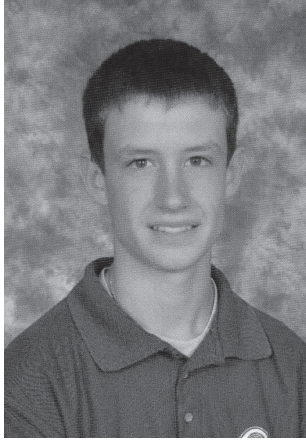
St. Patrick School alumnus awarded scholarship to Space Camp®

Alex Richmond, 15, a 2013 graduate of St. Patrick School, has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Space Camp® at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center®.

Scholarship competition is intense, requiring a student to submit an application with a detailed description of a science experiment, two essays, a mission patch design and three letters of

recommendation. Only 18 percent of those applying this year received full scholarships.

“This process attracts bright, motivated students from across the world,” says Dr. Deborah Barnhart, chief executive officer and executive director of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center®, home to the Space Camp programs. “To win a scholarship, a student must



Alex Richmond

submit a truly outstanding application. I congratulate Alex on earning a place in the 2015 scholarship class.”

Space Camp has been helping to prepare the next generation of scientists, engineers and mathematicians to reach for the stars for more than 30 years and is an internationally-known program with more than

650,000 alumni. The camp, which is based on NASA’s astronaut training program, focuses on teamwork and leadership skills.

Real-world applications of math, science and technology are presented as students take part in space missions aboard an International Space Station simulator, complete astronaut training

simulations and build and launch rockets. Scholarship winners also have the option of attending Space Camp® Robotics or Aviation Challenge® Camp.

Richmond is the son of Ben and Karen Richmond, of Lowell and is currently a sophomore at West Catholic High School.

happy birthday!

APRIL 1
Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure, Kurt Wernet.

APRIL 2
Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec Newhouse,

Chris Rittersdorf, Blake Bergy, Nicole Wilcox, Alex Hazard.

APRIL 3
Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes, Darwin Lambert.

APRIL 4
Troy Pethers, Nick Corbeil, Janet Kelley.

APRIL 5
Doug Klahn.

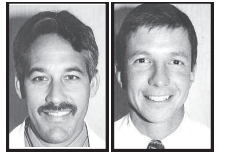
APRIL 6
Brad Yonker, Connie Vaughn, Pearl Peckham, Malley Cahoon, Carol Hovinga, Fran Clouser, Cheryl Foster, Taylor Milstead, Jonathon Hoag.

APRIL 7
Corey Vollink, Rick Sauber, Lindsey Thaler, Mary Kimble, Kenneth Dalga, John Henderson, Brad Shoen.

...
You don't get older, you get better.

Shirley Bassey

health



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

bronchitis

Bronchial tubes are the tubes that carry air to the lungs. Bronchitis is the inflammation (or swelling) of the lining of these tubes.

Symptoms of bronchitis include:

- cough with productive mucus, which can be clear, grey, white or green
- fatigue
- shortness of breath
- chest discomfort or tightness

Acute bronchitis can last several weeks. Chronic bronchitis is a productive cough that lasts at least three months.

Acute bronchitis is almost always caused by viruses. Antibiotics do not kill viruses, so this medication does not help.

Increased risk factors for bronchitis include smoking, reflux, exposure to lung irritants and lowered resistance. Bronchitis can lead to pneumonia in some. A chest x-ray may be needed to determine this.

Acute bronchitis usually starts to improve after several days, but the cough may last several weeks. Inhalers, as other medications, may be needed to reduce inflammation. Humidifiers may also help.



Planning A Wedding? ORDER YOUR INVITATIONS TODAY!

LITHO 105 N. BROADWAY
LOWELL, MI

616.897.9261

We offer the
Carlson Craft Line of Invitations

area churches

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL
897-7060
Pastor Rod Galindo
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI
Morning Worship.....10:00 A. M.
Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Nursery available at both services
Barrier-Free

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
402 Amity St. • 897-9820
www.stmarylowell.com
Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 10:30 AM
Saturday confessions: 3-4:30 PM
Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:00 AM - 8 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915
SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 393, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
621 E. Main Street
897-5936
www.lowellumc.com
Barrier-free entrance
SUNDAY WORSHIP.....8:30 & 10:30
Sunday School.....9:30
YOUTH GROUPS (JR. & SR. HIGH).....6:00 p.m.
Pastor Brad Brillhart

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell
Pastor Tony Shumaker
9:45 A.M.Sunday School
10:30 A.M.Fellowship
11:00 A.M.Worship
897-9863
Nursery & Children
Worship Programs Provided
A friend...a family...a mission!

First Congregational UCC
A progressive voice in our community.
865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE 616.897.5906
Sundays 10am
www.ourbigchurch.org

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21
www.goodshepherdlowell.org
Worship Service.....Sunday -10:30 A.M.
(Nursery available)
Sunday School.....9:15 A.M.
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
2275 West Main Street • 897-7168
Barrier Free
Internet: <http://www.fbcilowell.org>
Rev. Jon Pickens & Pastor Phil Severn
Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M.
Sunday School, nursery - adult.....11:00 A.M.
AWANA - K-5, during school year.....Wed. 6:15 - 8 P.M.
Youth Ministry - grades 6-12.....Mon. 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
(Youth Ministry moves to Wed. during summer)

Good Friday CROSS WALK
APRIL 3, 2015

A cross will be carried from Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., to Oakwood Cemetery. There will be various stops along the way for hymns, scripture readings and prayer.

The walk will be begin at 12 noon. Programs will be provided. Rides will also be available for those unable to walk the route.

Questions? Call Dave Pasquale (897-5044), Dave Deans (897-9186), or First Baptist Church (897-7168).

Lowell High School Honor Roll

Lowell High School
honor roll for the second
trimester – 2014-15 school
year

GPA must be a 3.000
or higher to qualify & is
based on final grades

9TH GRADE

Madeline Anderson
Sky Angelo
Bryan Ashenbrenner
Collin Baker
Atlas Barrie
Christian Beimers
Keaton Bell
Jonathan Berklich
Laurel Blakie
Bethany Blattner
Hailey Boggs-Osman
Makyla Branagan
Alexander Brandt
Devin Breen
Olivia Brenner
Amber Brown
Addison Buckius
Joshua Bush
Dawson Chapman
Ashton Charron
Tayler Chertoss
Morgan Chubb
Carson Clark
Riley Conlan
Alexis Cook
Travis Cornell
Madelyne Crace
McKenna Creighton
Katherine Cussimano
Thomas Davis
Christian Davis
Cassandra Dean
Darby Dean
Caleb Devereaux
Isabelle Dial
Eric Dimmick
Elijah Dixon
Selena Doty
Connor Douma
Brady Douma
Jonathan Draigh
Katrina Droski
Quinne Duhr
Jarrett Duimstra
Dylan Eggleston
Mitchell Evink
Keana Fahrni
Maura Fitzpatrick
Geoffrey Fleenor
Katelyn Flier
Casey French
George Gonzales
Jacob Gutowski
Mitchell Haff
Hannah Halfmann
Jacob Hanson
Brandon Hare
Jenna Harper
Maria Hart
Alexis Higley
Lindsay Hindley
Hailey Hoevenaer
Samuel Hofman
Lydia Hull
Morrison Ismond
Peyton Jankowski
Hendrick Jannenga
Shelly Johnson
Roman Johnson
Evan Johnson
Ethan Kaminski
Abigail Kastanek
Jonathon Kehoe
Fiona Kelly
Haley Kenkel
Mitchell Kerkstra
Akasha Khalsa
Alyssa Klaver
Annelise Kolp
Dawn Kondor
Katherine David
Kroll Kruse
Emily Kropf
Dakota Krzysik
Hunter Krzysik
Elizabeth Kuhns
Laura Lachowski
Alexander Laird
Andrew LeFebre
Joanna Link
Jayce Lixey
Benjamin Lobbezoo
Cassiopeia Longway
Chloe Looman
Courtney Lubbers
Tyler Lynch

Abigail Mangus
Cameron Massel
Caleb Mast
Zachary May
Kelum McDonald
Abigail McDowell
Cody McGee
Autumn McGovern
Gabrielle McRee
Rachel McVey
Blake McVey
Justin McWayne
Sadie Mellema
Ethan Meyer
Matthew Meyer
Conner Meyers
Raiden Miller
Samuel Misak
Nichole Mitchell
Marielvi Moreta
Karleigh Mrozinski
Eden Nethercott
Ryan Noffke
MacKenzie North
Connor Nugent
Jacob Nugent
Nicole Nugent
Mitchell O'Gorman
Nicole Paulus
Ryan Pawlowski
Zachary Phipps
Justin Plunkett
Alexis Poll
Austin Pollock
Morgan Polsgrove
Sydney Powell
Garrett Pratt
Natalie Price
Ethan Quiggle
Miah Ransom
Jacob Rau
Devin Read
Kelly Reitsma
William Reynolds
Brianna Roest
Seth Ross
Evan Roth
Roman Rozell
Lane Ryan
Brendan Sanders
Holton Sawyer
Chloe Schmidt
Max Schwartz
Drake Seese
Kaitlyn Senneker
Erin Smithee
Lauren Snarski
Kya Sparks
Noah Spencer
Emma Stockreef
Kenneth Stump
Megan Summerfield
Nathaniel Svoboda
Olivia Tavarone
Madeline Taylor
Zachary Tichelaar
Abigale VanderBerg
Vanessa VanderBoon
Bailey VanderMark
Jordan VanOosten
Zachary Vatter
Quinn Weakman
Austin Whaley
Elyssa Whittum
Kaitlynn Williams
Jade Williams
Jarod Willson
Nathan Yomtoob
Keigan Yuhas
Kennedy Zimmerman

10TH GRADE

Hannah Allan
Adam Anderson
Sterling Anderson
Karmen Anderson
Al-Amin Babel
Keagan Barnes
Brennan Battle
Sela Bauman
Austin Bazen
Matthew Beachler
Johanna Bem
Jeremy Bergin
Delaney Bierlein
Dakota Bileth
Maxwell Bishop
Katherine Bodemann
Elijah Boulton
Collin Bowers
Casey Bramble
Austin Branagan
Maria Briggs
Madeline Burt
Kyle Cater

Samantha Celori
Emma Chapin
Brodrick Chapman
Autumn Chrisman
Colton Churches
Ryne Clarke
Katie Clemenshaw
Paige Clouse
Austin Comer
Riley Coxon
Paloma Cueto Peche
Amber Curtis
Andrew de Voest
Maria DeCator
Paige DeHaan
Casey Depew
Samuel DeVito
Kyla Dixon
Sydney Dodde
Alexander Dommer
Michael Doyle
Robert Dubisky
Jonah Epema
Brayden Ergang
Mateo Espada Gomez
Edward Fisher
Isabelle Fleszar
Rose Ford-Weber
Callie Ford-Weber
Alise Forward
Brady Fox
Laurel Frederickson
Darby Fuller
Taylor Furtaw
Kamryn Gaines
Bridget Garter
Bethany Geldersma
Haley Godbold
Parker Grant
Sonja Grasmann
Abigail Green
Madeleine Haines
Rebecca Hall
Simon Hamacher
Brianna Haywood
Edward Heikkila
Kollin Hieftje
Taylor Higgins
Olivia Hock
Emily Hock
Shannon Hoekstra
Kamryn Holdridge
Jacob Holmes
Molly Hoseth
Thomas Hubert
Anderson Hudson
Noah Huizinga
Jerrold Humphreys
Logan Kara
Jamison Jeffries
Savanna Johnson
Eric Judd
Kelsie Jurmo
Terese Kane
Jeremy Kargl
Maja Karlsen
Caleb Kaufman
Corah Kaufman
Kaitlin Kelley
Bretton Kooistra
Adam Korzen
Johanna Kuhn
Josie Ladner
Logan Landman
Aidan Lane
Clayton Launer
Geniaya Lewis
Jared Lezan
Isabel Lillie
Marta Lopez Martinez
Kayeleigh Lubbers
Christina Lyon
Sara Majestic
Madison McCormack
Carsen McDonald
Alyssa McIntire
Kenzie McLarty
Alyssa Mears
Jarrod Melle
Tessa Micho
Chase Miller
Kathryn Miller
Kennedy Mitchell
Nicole Moore
Daniel Moore
Sofia Moreta
Ryan Morris
Benjamin Mullins
Riley Nethercott
Nhi Nguyen
Nova Nietling
Benjamin Noffke
Olivia Nurmikko
Hunter Owens
Grace Paiz
Tasanaporn Patcharatailuk

Lawrence Patrick
Tiana-Marie Peavey
Jayce Perysian
Jasmine Peters
Mary Peterson
Katie Peterson
Tiana Petricevic
Zachary Petroelje
Caleb Pickens
Abigail Pickett
Josealyn Pontius
Robert Poruban
Andrew Poulton
Alexander Powell
Jacob Pratt
Griffen Preston
Lisa Price
Jacquelyn Pytlik
Lillian Quiggle
Mansel Reed
Aiden Remar
Andi Reynolds
Gina Ricards
Jillian Riney
Collin Rinks
Ahinara Rios Mas
Megan Ritchie
Samantha Robinson
Belen Rodrigo Lescure
Alyssa Roest
John Rogalke
Emily Roth
Alexander Rozell
Samuel Russell
Seth Salinas
Jule Schewebe
Michelangelo Serpico
Gabrielle Sheppard
Trevor Sherman
Christina Sherwood
Courtney Simpson
Brevon Slagell
Brandon Smit
Benjamin Smith
Connor Smithee
Caleb Sobie
Sage Solomonson
Hana Steinebach
Madison Stephens
Jensen Stephens
Nathan Stephens
Benjamin Stewart
Bradley Stoffers
Kayleigh Striplin
Mason Sturgeon
Evan Swanson
Garret Taylor
Donald Trierweiler
Steven Tripp
Nickolas Truba
Sydney VandenHout
Logan VanderMeulen
Trevor VanDyke
Nicholas VanTil
Cristina Vigon
Sara Walters
Corrina Wenger
Lauren White
Nathan Whittum
Kodie Wilcox
Maya Williams
Sophia Winn
Jacob Wosinski
Kendra Wroten
Rowan Ysseldyke
Danyang Zhao

11TH GRADE

Maya Aalsburg
Matthew Anderson
Keara Anderson
Megan Andrakowicz
Justine Anes
Alexander Anschutz
Anastasia Barnes
Jessica Barrett
Ethan Bates
Kyle Bell
Baylee Bennett
Jenna Bessey
Elena Bishop
Logan Amanda
Blough Brenner
Anna Brillhart
Katerina Brim
Lauren Browning
Jared Brzeznik
Avery Buckius
Timothy Buechler
Ethan Campbell
Sarah Carr
Lydia Chandler
Alina Chappell
Elle Coble
Matthew Cooper

Mitchell Davis
Skyler Dawson
Maxwell Dean
Zeth Dean
Sarah Dec
Billy Dickson
Ellen Dilly
Tyler Doane
Colin DuCharme
Hannah Duvernay
McKare Elliott
Madison Emelander
Kelsey Emmanuel
Haley Jo Engels
Rachael Fotis
Rachel Fox
Alexis Frederickson
Eric Gable
Madison Gaskin
Joseph Geisen
Avery Gemmell
Abigail Gerig
Regan Gravitt
Austin Grim
Addison Grohman
Kyrsten Grover
Kellen Guinn
Brandon Haehnel
Autumn Hamilton
Jessica Havlik
Sylvia Hawley
Seth Hemingsen
Mary Hess
Ryan Hessler
Victoria Hewitt
Hayden Hoffman
Maranda Holloway
Noah Houghtaling
Lance Huber
Talitha Hull
McKenzie Huver
Haris Islamcevic
Mathea Ismond
Aaron Jakubiak
Graham Johnson
Madison Kaminski
Reece Karns
Megan Khodl
Kyle Klaver
Joseph Kline
Sara Kloosterman
Nicholas Kloosterman
Kayla Kole
Kalie Kopecek
Mallory Koster
Hunter Kramer
Daniel Kruse
Allyson Laird
Bridget Lally
Justin Lambert
Anna Litchfield
Maxwell Majinska
Claire Maksymetz
Marcus Malling
Kyle Mankel
Adam Marks
Marilla Marks
Brianna Massey
Derek Massey
Jarett Maughan
Brett Maxim
Sarah Mayhew
Collin McGee
Bryndal McGillicuddy
Hensley McMillian
Diana Mexicano
Evan Mierendorf
Richard Misak
Jordan Mixon
Alececa Moomau
Ellinor Morris
Karson Murley
Garrett Nauta
Abigail Nies
Carter Noskey
Sawyer Olesko
Ashton Pallottini
Brendan Paulus
Liam Peterson
Samantha Petrovich
Cameron Philo
Anthony Pollock
Mark Rasch
Bailey Reitsma
Tess Richardson
Hannah Ritsema
Trevor Roest
Noah Roth
Isaiah Rowley
Amy Russell
Amanda Russell
Sara Schuitema
Karen Senneker
Trevor Shurlow
Madison Smith
Anthony Stedman

Gabriel Steed
Ryan Stevens
Austin Stickney
Allyson Stockreef
Andrew Struckmeyer
Hayden Sutton
Joshua Talalay
Carter Thalison
Michael Trupke
Micaela VandenBerg
Courtney VanderMark
Morgan VanEnk
Breanna VanLaan
Colin VerWys
Kenneth Vickers
Elisabeth Vogt
Calvin Warning
Kyle Washburn
Amanda Webster
Donelle Weeks
Leana Weiler
Rylee Wester
Brian Whitsett
Faith Wilson
Sarena Wilterdink
Christian Worsley
Nolan Yahrmart
North Yates

12TH GRADE

Allison Annable
Maxwell Barber
Tanner Barnes
Rachel Bazen
Timothy Bem
Taylor Bierling
John Bigham
Abrielle Bladey
Nathan Blattner
Maria Blough
Blake Bochert
Alexander Bohr
Michael Bonney
Santana Boulton
Mikayla Bozman
Josh Branagan
Hannah Briggs
Laurel Bronkella
Paige Brown
Joshua Buechler
Mackenzie Bush
Katelyn Bush
Anne Capman
Amy Carpenter
Austin Casarez
Colleen Cater
Michaela Chandler
Alexandra Chapdelaine
Tess Chapin
Brendan Chumney
Jay Clark
Mitchell Clay
Brandon Cole
Braylin Conner
Amber Cook
Ciara Cornish
Kennedy Coxon
Paul Crosby
Bailey Cummings
Coty Curtis
Lauren DeHaan
Margaret Doane
Taylor Doorn
Abigail Downing
Caitlin Doyle
Hannah Draigh
Kenneth Duke
Steven Endres
Taylor Ergang
Justin Everitt
Jasmine Falsetta
Ann Fife
Bradley Fisher
Danielle Fron
Devin Garcia
Alexia Garcia
Caitlyn Gauck
Nathan Gibas
Zachary Gordon
Shannon Gorman
Brayton Grant
William Halling
Dylan Hamilton
Jacob Hays
Isaac Henderson
Nickolas Higgins
Rachel Hindley
Megan Hofman
Katie Holzhueter
Jacob Hoofman
Todd Hovey
Tabitha Husted
Kassidy Hyde
Kelliann Jacobs
Chloe Johnson
Emily Judd

Bethany Kaczanowski
Samantha Kane
Benjamin Kohtz
Tyler Kooiman
Amanda Kooy
Danielle Krajewski
Nathen Kyburz
Derek Lachowski
Montana Launer
Jared Laux
Mary Leisure
Cole LeBarre
Nicole Lehman
Nicholas Longway
Hannah Lucas
Nicholas MacDonald
Kaitlin Makuski
Dylan Mankel
Alexis Martinez
Brennan Mason
Selena Mata
Emma McLane
Tara McQueen
Jillian Meade
Haley Milks
Matthew Milstead
Jaylene Milton
Esme Misiak
Kathryn Montgomery
Sayra Moore
Sage Moore
William Nagy
Nicholas Newman
Kristen Nolan
Anna Norder
Breanna Oesch
Ashley Ohlrich
Daniel Onan
Anna Organek
Michael Partin
Ricardo Perez
Anna Peterson
Victoria Pickens
Jacob Polsgrove
Kyle Potter
Jason Price
Grace Quiggle
Holly Race
Brianna Raspor
Colin Read
Parker Reed
Anna Reynolds
Breana Rich
Adrienne Rife
Austin Rife
Zachary Ritchie
Francesca Robinson
Victoria Russell
Jesse Schmidt
Rebecca Schreur
Robert Schultz
Caitlyn Serne
Alexis Shaffer
Krystal Sheldon
Hannah Skibbe
Logan Smith
Ashlin Stedman
Jessica Steiner
Marissa Sterzick
Kayla Stewart
Bethany Stewart
Mackenzie Stiles
Connor Stowell
Desiree Striplin
Catherine Stump
Samantha Swartz
Ryan Tarchala
Lydia Tawney
Morgan Taylor
Alainie Thomas
Jace Thomas
Zachariah Tozer
Parker Travis
Bailey VanAmburgh
Claire VanBuren
Ashley VanderLaan
Collin VanNoord
Anna VanOverbeek
Kimberly VanOverloop
Clayton Velting
Lillianne Vogt
Morgan Vulpetti
Alon Watson
Rebecca Weaver
Maxwell Wester
Danielle Whaley
Logan Wilcox
Paige Wilson
Chase Wilterdink
Quinton Wingerter
Mark Winogrocki
Catherine Wissman
Michael Wittenbach
Terry Woods
Mallery Yaw
Rachael Yomtoob

Expo, continued

clips, little headphone caddies to wrap your earbuds in and assorted other stuff. We are doing a Kindle giveaway courtesy of the Friends of the Englehardt Library. They purchased a Kindle Paperwhite and people can enter to win. We'll draw next week on Monday [March 30]."

Baker and Candace Gunem, won the grand prize, but each received \$50 in "Shop Lowell" gift certificates as consolation prizes.

"The 'Minute to Win It' game was well received," Baker said. "Expo participants began registering for the games at 1 pm. Over 45 registered

and five were chosen. All happened to be ladies! They played for great gifts valued over \$1,000. The [master of ceremonies] was Mike Fillman. He is a very popular teacher at Murray Lake Elementary. And Al Eckman was the voice that said 'Minute to Win It.' Al Eckman is also very popular in the school district. He is the guy that runs the radio channel and does one super job."

Another big event at Expo was the launching ceremony of LoWellness, a "multi-phase, health initiative using data driven programming to impact the health of a community" according to their press release. About 200 people took the LoWellness

then will be used to develop programming and empower the community to make decisions that will put us on the path towards a healthier population," Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Greg Pratt said. "We are identifying a time and place where the community is no longer waiting for someone to come fix the problems that we face. We're taking

this initiative on ourselves, moving forward as a community together."

"Conversations about this project began back in November of 2012," said Jodie Seese, "Greg Pratt and I had a brainstorming session and from that led [to] years of planning followed by months of research, months of revisions and as of late, weeks of anticipation that

have led up to this day." Grand Valley State University president Dr. Thomas Haas and state congressional representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons were also at hand for the LoWellness launch ceremony.

"I'm here really to congratulate the community of Lowell on its initiative in this area," Haas said.

Jerry "The Bandit" Roper was in his 1800s-style baseball uniform telling people about the Fallsburgh Flats Vintage Base Ball Club.

"It is all bare-handed," Roper said. "This is based on the original rules of baseball back in the 1860s. We play a total of 12 games in the summer months. Usually twice a month, starting in May. We are at Fallsburgh Park. We play in that big open field across from the schoolhouse. We don't play on groomed fields. There's trees, there's scrub grass. It's wherever we can pace off 90 feet and there we go. I usually play first base, but I also pitch and play some third base. There are probably about 30 teams in the Michigan area."

The Great Start Readiness Program had a booth extolling the virtues of early education.

"We're trying to get parents to register their kids for the Great Start Readiness Program," said teacher Christina Pocklington. "It's a free preschool for children who are not quite up to kindergarten yet. They have to be four by September 1st. It's hands-on. It's student-centered. They choose how they want to play. There's lots of free play, there's lots of outside time. They learn through play but there are also guided activities with



The games were a big highlight at the Expo. The life-sized "King of Tokyo" board game was incredibly popular all day.

"It's going very well," said Jack Reedy of Rookie's Sportscards Plus. "It's a fun game, the kids love it. It's one of our big sellers at the store. You're giant monsters, you roll dice,



attack each other, heal up and get different powers. It tours the country at different shows. I saw it at a comic convention and thought it'd be perfect to bring in here."

The live "Minute to Win It" game also drew a large crowd. None of the contestants, Linda DeCator Highway, Barb Roth, Valerie Chumney, Erica



survey during the Expo. Anybody who lives or works in Lowell can go to the LoWellness website, lowellcommunitywellness.org and take the survey at any time.

"This initiative, LoWellness, is a community-based initiative funded by the community fund that will gather data through a survey which



Expo, continued, page 9

Expo, continued

the teachers. They help them learn their letters and build the skills that they really need to be ready for kindergarten. We are inside Bushnell, but we are through the Kent ISD, so if parents want to know more they can just go to the Kent ISD

website, preschool.kentisd.org. It's free, it's four days a week, Monday through Thursday. There's busing, which the other preschool programs don't do and we're all day. Most of the other preschool programs are half-day."

The Lowell robotics club was available, robot and all.

"We're demonstrating our robot that we build every year and trying to recruit new members," said Mike Maksymetz, the club's adult mentor.

"We are a team of kids," said Clare Maksymetz, Lowell robotics club member. "We are mostly high schoolers, but there are a few middle schoolers thrown in. Basically what we do is we build a robot each year. This year we built a robot that stacks totes. In the long run it's not really about

the robot. It's about what we learn while we build the robot, like the community interaction and the fundraising, the marketing, the programming, the teamwork and all the hands-on stuff. That's what it's really about. The robot is just the fun part."

Among its many delights, the Expo had live music, \$5 haircuts, a fashion show, free massages, free blood pressure checks, tons of free candy and snacks, and various demonstrations and samples. If you missed out on the Expo this year, you definitely won't want to miss it next year.



Red Arrow **SPORTS**

Girls soccer season opener shutout by FHN

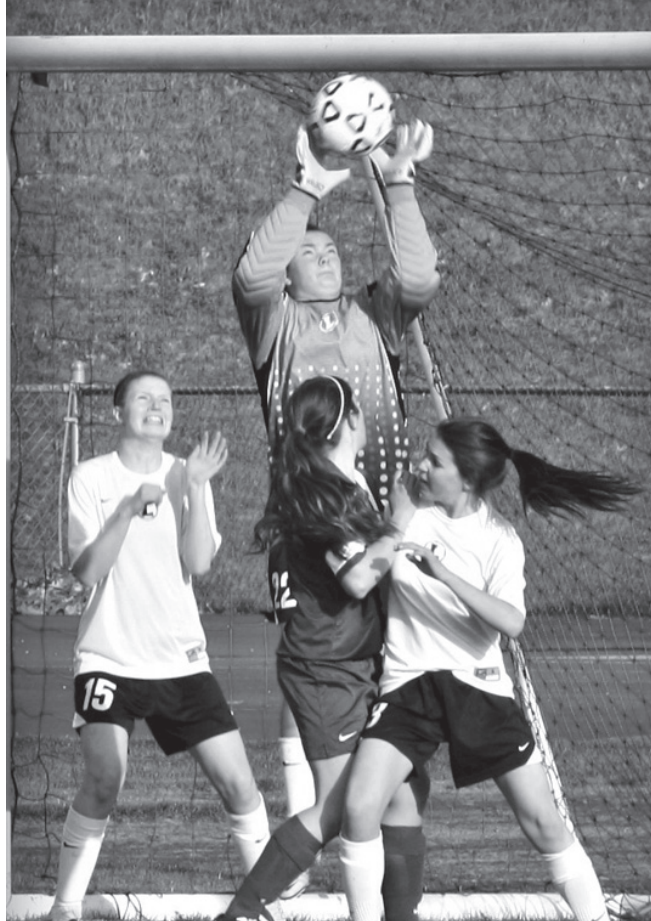
by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's girls varsity soccer team was shutout 4-0 by Forest Hills Northern (FHN) last Tuesday in a disappointing season opener on the road.

A young and talented FHN team used skill and a bit of luck, a huge goal from 40 yards out, in their victory over the Arrows. The Huskies earned their first score just over a minute

into the game and kept that offensive momentum netting three more while the Arrows remained scoreless throughout. Lowell goalie Bridget Garter had six saves on the game.

"We made a few early mistakes and Northern took advantage of their opportunities," explained Lowell head coach Dan Lipon, "Northern is a top ten team in division II and playing top level talent will only make us better."



Goalie Bridget Garter, making a save last season, managed six saves in the team's opening loss to FHN last week.

Despite the poor showing Lipon said he saw some positive things come from his team on the field, "The girls were more organized during the second half and showed moments of promise. It's really difficult to have high expectation when the girls have only been outside (on a full field) once before our first game. Our field conditions have forced us to practice in the gymnasium

the past two weeks. It's so early in the season, we just need to stay the course and continue to grow before we hit conference play."

Lowell will face Grandville Calvin Christian and Byron Center this week in a pair of non-conference games on the road before pausing for spring break.

NEED TO SEND A FAX?
We CAN HELP!
 Sending or Receiving
 Only \$1 for the first sheet (each additional 50¢)

the lowell ledger
 105 N. Broadway
 Lowell
 616.897.9261

Red Arrow crew claims first & second place

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell crew claimed first and second place overall at the Forest Hills Central Regatta held last Saturday.

Those placing well in their heats included Jessica Barrett (first), Maddy Iteen (second), Haily Boggs (first), Ashley VanderLaan (eighth), Nate Barrett (fifth), Logan Vandermulen (first) and Nate Hawkins (second). Pictured are first- and second-place finishers Iteen and Barrett with their respective medals.

The team's next local competition, The Grand Rapids Invitational, will be held April 18 at Riverside Park.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request from Stoney Bluff LLC:

A request to rezone a 120 acre parcel from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential to Open Space Planned Unit Development for the purpose of constructing a subdivision for single family houses with 216 lots. The lots would be served by public roads and utilities with a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq. ft. and 80 feet wide with 38 acres set aside as dedicated open space. The subdivision would be development in phases.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 11736 Foreman Street (PP# 41-20-04-200-027) which is the site of the former Qua-Ke-Zik Gun Club located west of Alden Nash Avenue on the south side of Foreman Street and north of and abutting the Whispering Hills subdivision.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 LOWELL, MI. 49331

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

Linda Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Rudd's SEPTIC SERVICE LLC

COUPON

- Septic Tanks Cleaned •
- Home Sale Evaluations •
- LOWEST PRICES IN TOWN •

\$15 Off Septic Pumping

WE ACCEPT COMPETITORS COUPONS!

897-8560

WE SHIP UPS
 The Buyers Guide
 105 N. Broadway Lowell

Huntington Denim & Diamonds

Lowell Rotary Denim & Diamonds Auction
 Presented by Huntington Bank

Celebrate 80 years of Rotary service in Lowell

April 17, 2015 • 5:30 – 9:30 pm
GRAND VOLUTE BALLROOMS

- Vacation Packages • Unique Experiences
- Silent & Live Auctions • So much more!

CONTACT - INFO@LOWELLROTARY.ORG
 for tickets, sponsors & donations

This ad is sponsored by a proud Rotarian
 Rhoades McKee, Attorneys

Red Arrow SPORTS

Varsity baseball opens with a win and a loss

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity baseball kicked off their season with a big 4-0 win over Wyoming last week and then fell to Howell 4-2 in a pair of on the road non-conference games.

Sophomore pitcher Jarrod Melle is credited with the team's season opening win played at Davenport University last Monday. Melle struck out seven Wyoming batters from the mound holding their rival hitless for five innings and allowing no earned runs.

Melle also produced offensively for the Arrows reaching base twice and singling in the third to drive in one of Cooper Perry's two runs. The team's other two runs in the 4-0 shut-out win were scored by Matt Cooper.

The Red Arrows faced Howell High School on Thursday losing the game 4-2 despite outpitching their opponent five to four.

Howell took the lead early scoring once each in the first and second to put them up 2-0. Strong pitching from Howell's Ackerman kept the Red

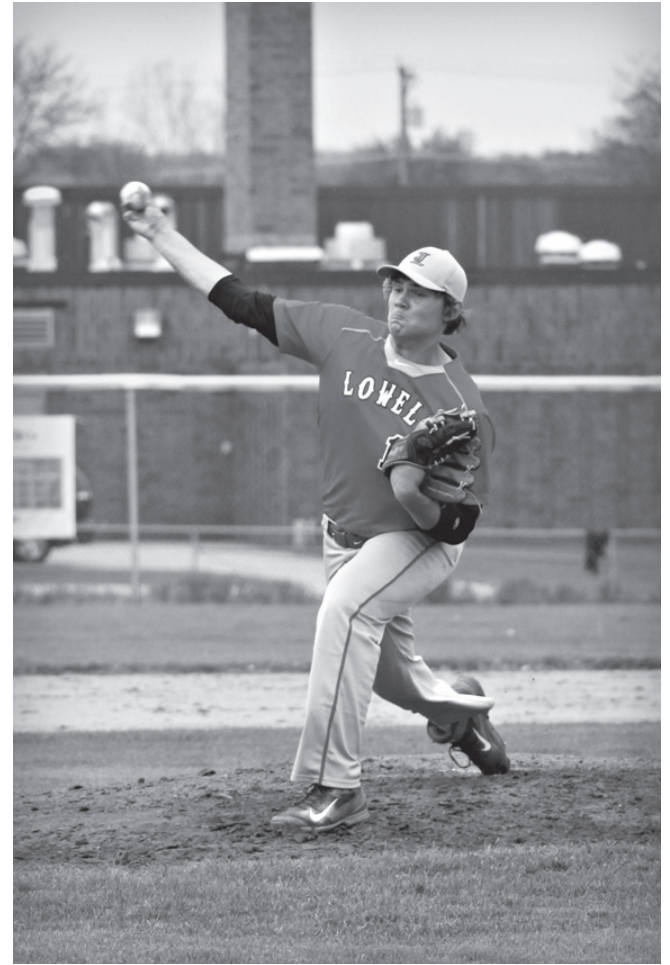
Arrows scoreless until the sixth inning as he struck out nine Lowell batters and surrendered only three hits.

Lowell pitcher Matt Milstead struggled on the hill lasting only three innings after walking three and allowing two runs. Perry and Collin VanNoord also pitched two innings each.

The Red Arrows' late sixth-inning score was accompanied by another in the seventh, but their rally was not enough to close the gap and Howell claimed the 4-2 victory in seven innings.

Cooper and Zach Gordon were the team's two scoring runners each earning one hit and one run. Cooper scored on an error and Gordon was pushed in by an RBI single from junior Anthony Pollock.

This week the team, who won last year's OK White district title, will welcome Greenville in their home opener and travel to Rockford in a pair of non-conference match-ups.



Sophomore Jarrod Melle on the mound.

Girls lacrosse opens season with loss to Northview

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Girls varsity lacrosse opened their season at Forest Hills Central High School last Saturday taking on competitor Grand Rapids Northview in a 9-7 debut loss.

The Red Arrows started off strong taking an early 2-0 lead before Northview went on a scoring run putting in four before halftime leaving Lowell trailing 4-2.

Lowell reclaimed the lead briefly in the second half before a yellow card and a lost player let Northview back in front where they stayed the duration of the game which ended 9-7.

Lowell was led offensively by Maddie Kaminski who scored three goals for the Arrow squad. Sophie Winn and Sela Bauman each contributed two.



Red Arrows varsity lacrosse players converge on the ball during their season opener last week against Northview.

The ladies will next face competitor Grand Haven on the road this Wednesday beginning at 7:15.

...

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.

Lyndon B. Johnson

MAIN STREET INN
117 W. MAIN • LOWELL
616.897.1171

Elegant Lodging on the River

LOWELLMAINSTREETINN.COM

SHOP TREASURES Thrift Shop

We Have COW GIRL OUTFITS & ACCESSORIES FOR GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

11535 Fulton St. East • Lowell
616.897.8260

TREASURES HOURS:
Wed. & Fri. - 10-8;
Thurs. 10-6 & Sat. 10-4

We want to be your Other Family Doctor.

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-offs & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL

Call 897-8484
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

obituaries

GREEN

Steven James Green, age 76, of Mena, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2015, in his home in Board Camp. He was born on April 25, 1938, to the late James Green and Eleanor Hayward Green in Lowell. He was married to Carol Bender Green on September 17, 1972. Steven and Carol have resided in Board Camp for 27 years. As a young man Steven was a carryout boy at Rosenberg Grocery in Alto. On July 13, 1956, he joined the United States Air Force where he learned radar and communications and was later stationed in Japan. Mr. Green was honorably discharged in 1962. Following his enlistment in the military, he worked for North American Aviation for a period of three years. Soon following, Mr. Green worked for General Electric/Honeywell for 27 years as an electronic technician and multi-system card reader. Mr. Green greatly enjoyed motorcycles, guns, hunting, camping, computers, and reading. He also enjoyed taking care of the 20 acres that he considered God had blessed him with to watch over. He is survived by wife, Carol Green of Board Camp, Arkansas; son, Scott Allan Green of California; daughter, Kitti Green Taylor of Mississippi; grandchildren, Kiera, Christian and Maddyson; sisters, Lila Lee Green Grummet of Alto, Linda Lou Green Hawk and husband Dennis of Alto; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steve J. Green; and brother-in-law, Robert L. Grummet. Mr. Green was sent for cremation under the direction of the Beasley Wood Funeral Home of Mena. There will be a family memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, send memorials to either Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th Street S.E., P.O. Box 122, Alto, Michigan 49302, or to the Polk County Library, Mena.

Mr. Thomas Ross of Lowell, veteran of World War II, passed away March 29, 2015. Tom was born in Detroit on April 21, 1928. He married Aileen McDonald, with whom he celebrated 63 wedding anniversaries. Tom was a long time member of the Knights of Columbus. He was preceded in death by granddaughter

Jessie Byrne. He is survived by his wife Aileen; daughter Peggy (Bruce) Byrne; sons John of Grand Rapids, Joe of Grand Rapids, Jim of California, Jeff (Sandy) of Lowell and Randy (Kelly) of Hudson, Ohio; sister Dolores of St. Clair Shores, Michigan; grandchildren Chris (Karla) Byrne, Hayley (Glen) Peterson, Meghan, Hannah, Catherine and MacKenna; great-grandchildren Kaylee, Colton and Cooper. A mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St. SE, Lowell MI. The family will receive visitors Monday, April 6th from 6-8:00 p.m., with a rosary at 6 p.m., at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery, Parnell, Michigan. Memorial donations may be made to Fountainview of Lowell, 11535 Fulton St E, Lowell, MI 49331.



ROTH GERST
www.gerstfuneralhomes.com

Kenneth Gordon Vos, age 62, a lifelong resident of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 20, 2015 after a long and courageous battle with A.L.S. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Larry Kelly. He is survived by his wife and soul mate of 37 years, Linda; the apple of his eye, daughter, Shannon (Chris) Goggins; son, Kristian Magro; parents, John and Barbara Vos; mother-in-law, Carrol Kelly, father-in-law, William (Twyla) Schmidt; sisters, Deborah (Jack) Young, Sandra (Andrew) Schutt; brother-in-law, Randy (Connie) Kelly; sisters-in-law, Dawn (Bill) Brown, Jennifer Schmidt; grandchildren, Ryan, and Halle Goggins, Austin, and Jackson Magro. Ken was a one of a kind, son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. A down-to-earth philosopher who enjoyed helping others. He was Vice President of Engineering at Viking Corporation in Hastings for 35 years. Spoiling his grandchildren brought him so much joy. He was a loyal fan of the Tigers, and Lions, and an avid card player. A memorial service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301 or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E., Lowell, MI 49331.



ROTH GERST
www.gerstfuneralhomes.com

It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

VOSBURG



Ernest Earl Vosburg, age 89 of Ada, passed away Monday, March 30, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife Alma (Stiles), son Herman



Vosburg and grandson Gregg Sharp. He is survived by children Verle (Jerry) Sharp, Jackie (Gary) Phillips and Bert Vosburg; 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI. Rev. Phillip Mills officiating. Interment Snow Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 6-8:00 p.m. at the Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Gilda's House, 1806 Bridge St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

ROTH GERST
www.gerstfuneralhomes.com

REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2015

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

- QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:
- CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
 - AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2015.

Sandra Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk
(616) 868-6846
11am to 2pm

Betty Morlock
Lowell City Clerk
(616) 897-8457
8am to 5pm

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township
(616) 897-7600
9am to 5pm

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township
(616) 897-5671
9am to 3pm

Thank You

To everyone that helped at Nate & Nicole's motorcycle accident on 3/20/2015.

Words cannot say enough for the wonderful people of Lowell. Thanks for all of your phone calls, prayers, and acts of kindness.

A special thank you goes out to the two Spectrum nurses that stopped to help.

They are doing well, but have a long journey toward recovery.

Nate is at Blodgett Rehab Center and Nicole hopes to go home from Spectrum soon

P.S. Look twice for motorcycles

Thanks again, Dave, Cindy and Sarah

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Look Memorial Fund Board is now accepting grant applications for 2015. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall.

Grant applications should be submitted to Sue Ullery, Deputy City Clerk, 301 East Street, Lowell, MI 49331. The deadline for submitting 2015 applications is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 Special Election will be conducted Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

office hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - noon
closed Sat. & Sun.

classifieds

for sale

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

A CLASSIC OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE - gives you an independent & self-sufficient lifestyle but only if you buy before EPA rule on or about April 2015. Call today to learn more & for special pricing, SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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

SLEEP NUMBER BED - Why pay for name, advertising & mall rent. Queen P-5 Harmony, \$1,499; king, \$1,899; M-7 air cell queen \$2,299; king \$2,799; I-10 Medalion: queen \$2,599; king, \$3,299. Air & Waterbed Store, 616-682-4767. Can deliver.

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

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - Plush & thick, new, \$245 & up. Twin, full & king also available. Grand Mattress Co., 616-682-4767. Can deliver.

BOB'S 18th ANNUAL SPRING BIRDHOUSE SALE - Think Spring! Welcome your favorite birds with a fresh new birdhouse or feeder. Nice selection of bluebird, wren & bat houses. Also wood duck nesting boxes, screech owl boxes and squirrel feeders. All cedar, built to last many seasons - best prices. Bob's Birdhouses, 12279 60th Street, Alto, 616-868-6633.

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.^{TFN}

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.^{TFN}

DRY CHAPPED HANDS? - Try something different - homemade, all natural hand lotion. Lasts a long time & leaves your skin super soft! Check out my store at www.etsy.com, search for NanaHannahs. For local pickup, use coupon code LOCAL15 & we can arrange a pickup in Lowell.

for sale

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

help wanted

GREEN ACRES LOWELL - an assisted living home, is currently seeking a part-time direct care worker for 3rd shift. If you have a passion to work with the elderly and truly want to make a difference then we want you! Applicant must pass a background check. Please apply in person at: 11530 Fulton Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or send your resume to greenacreslowell@rlmgmt.com

SELL AVON - Only \$15 to get started. Call 616-897-5086 or sign up now at www.startAvon.com and use ref code SGRIMM

INSTALLERS NEEDED - Replacement windows, vinyl siding, metal roofing. Must have own truck, tools, insurance, aluminum brake. Great work ethic & detail oriented. We supply all materials & year-round work. Email resume to: scott@awswest.com or call 616-648-7036.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) seeks a multi-talented individual to provide administrative support for a growing national nonprofit organization based in Lowell. This position is one of two supporting a team of professional staff & includes supervision of front office reception area, oversight of volunteer assistants, managing retail operations, member communications, database management & mining, web programming assistance & other duties as assigned. For full position description & details on how to apply, visit northcountrytrail.org/about/employment/

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

ROUTE DRIVER/SALES - Prairie Farms Dairy. Must be 21 and have CDL/A. Requires a self motivated individual with an excellent driving record, good customer service skills, and professional attitude. Route delivery experience helpful. Apply in person at 7390 Nash Hwy, Clarksville, MI.

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.^{TFN}

for rent

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

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

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.^{TFN}

misc.

VENDORS & CRAFTERS - for outdoor Flea Market during Bark For Life event 5/2/15. Only \$20 for unlimited space. Download form at www.relayforlife.org/barkioniami, announcements page or call 616-902-4383 for info.

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave SE will serve a family-style turkey & dressing dinner on Wed., April 8 at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$10 & children 6-12 are \$4, children under 5 are free. Take out dinners are also available.

card of thanks

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD "RICK" SIMMONDS would like to thank his family and friends who were there for him during his illness and for their expressions of sympathy after his home going. Your concern was greatly appreciated. The date of the celebration of his life will be announced at a later time.

David & Sue Simmonds; Aaron & Delores Simmonds; Jordan & Ashley (Simmonds) Ryerson & Palmer; Kristin Alfien (Rob Perez), Nataleigh, Jayden & Robby

services

GARAGE DOOR & OPENER REPAIR SPECIAL - \$30 off broken spring or opener repair. Free estimates. Call Global Discount Garage Doors, 616-334-3574.^{TFN}

BASEMENT WATER-PROOFING - Professional Basement Services, waterproofing, crack repair, mold remediation. Local/licensed. Free estimates. (517) 290-5556.

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

services

CHALLENGED BY LIFE? - I can help. Your only local attorney offering legal services, mediation & coaching to help you move forward. We can do it together! Flexible hours & payment terms. Text or call Bonnie at 616-745-0406.

COUNSELING SERVICES IN LOWELL - Individuals, couples, families & groups. Age 13+ Life Transitions Therapy, 616-238-2116.

ELECTRICIAN - retired electrician doing small jobs. Reasonable rates, discounts for seniors. Call 616-401-6547.

services

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.^{TFN}

sales

MOVING SALE - All items must go. Priced to sell! Inside sale - one day only! Dining room set includes 6 chairs, matching corner hutch, fridge, chest freezer, wet saw, tool bench, crafts, holiday decorations, games and so much more. Questions? text 450-1736. April 4, 8 - 5 at 3555 Pratt Lake Ave. SE

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.

TECH SERVICES - Wednesdays by appointment only, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Help with internet, email, ereaders, computer basics. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

TECH SESSIONS - Thursdays by appointment only, 1-3 p.m. Help with internet, email, ereaders, basic computer skills. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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.

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Nikki. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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.

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.

LADIES SEWING CLOTHES TO DONATE - First Friday of the month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Items are made from donated material & fabrics, clothes from newborn to 12 years old. Items are donated to Blodgett Children's Home & St. John's Home. Join us to cut out patterns, Christian Life Center, Lowell.

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

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.

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH BUTTERFLIES - Mon., April 6, 10:30 a.m. Spread your wings, show your colors & help create a banner to decorate the library. For all ages. Alto Public Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. Ph. 784-2007.

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

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

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.

COMMODITIES - Thurs., June 4, 9 - 11 a.m. Distributed at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton, East, Lowell. 897-8260.

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.

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 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.

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. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

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.

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.

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH BUTTERFLIES - Tues., April 7, 1 p.m. Spread your wings, show your colors & help create a banner to decorate the library. For all ages. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 784-2007.

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

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

MONEY SMART WEEK STORYTIME - Mon., April 20, 10:30 a.m. Special money-themed storytime w/reading of "The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money." Each child will receive their own free copy. For ages 6 & younger. Alto Public Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. Ph. 784-2007.

Concert raises funds for Whites Bridge Historical Society

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's Grand Volute Ballrooms hosted a free event at their facility this past weekend featuring local rock legend and veteran Lowell performer Alive & Well to benefit the rebuilding of Whites Bridge.

The three-hour long classic rock extravaganza featured well-known cover tunes from the likes of ZZ Top and Fleetwood Mac performed by the seven-piece band that has been playing together since the 1970s.

Using a portion of proceeds from beverage sales, the event was able to raise more than \$2,300 for the Whites Bridge Historical Society (WBHS) which is leading the charge to restore the once historic

bridge destroyed by arson in July of 2013.

The event was surprisingly not planned by the society though. Kent McKay, owner of Grand Volute, was at the helm of this fundraiser for personal reasons. "The destruction of Whites Bridge was a significant loss for this area. I remember many time[s] while growing up my father would use the bridge as I rode along with him doing house calls," explained McKay. "It was always fun to anticipate slowing the car to the speed of a walk and drive over a bridge that was unlike almost anything else in Michigan."

His sentimental attachment to the structure, common among many people in the area, inspired the fundraiser which was a surprise to the WBHS.

According to treasurer Nancy Stroosnyder, "It shocked me. He called me up and I thought he wanted

to talk about an upcoming raffle we are holding there and he surprised us with this."

Stroosnyder and the board of directors were on hand for the event. At the conclusion of the event McKay presented a check

to WBHS treasurer Nancy Stroosnyder.

Other major contributors to the event included Greg Canfield of Main Street Inn and Jim Herb, a realtor with Greenridge Realty.

The next WBHS fundraiser will be the Spring Social also to be held at Grand Volute Ballrooms on April 16. The event will serve as the finale to the society's raffle which includes several trips throughout Michigan, including a tower tour of the Mackinac Bridge. For more information on the event or to purchase raffle tickets visit www.whitesbridgehistoricalsociety.org and look under news and events.



Whites Bridge Historical Society members accept donation check. Glen Tyson, trustee, Ann Tyson, secretary, Joy Skutt, Kent McKay of Grand Volute,, treasurer, Nancy Stroosnyder, president Tom Byle.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195786-DE

Estate of IRENE M.
TUROWS, deceased.
Date of birth: 7/30/1919.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Irene M. Turows, died May 16, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to Janice Bork and Steven Turows, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 8, 2014

Janice Bork
4164 Jeanola, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
784-6666

Steven Turows
997 Thornwyk, NW
Walker, MI 49544

Cub Scout Pack 3188 receives community fund money



Receiving a check for \$300 from the Lowell Community Fund are Cub Scout leaders, left to right: John Mooney, Scott Shaffer, Jeff Mitchell, treasurer Jim Reagan, D.D.S., Nikki Shaffer, and Rikki Peters.

submitted by James Reagan, D.D.S.

The Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3188 received a check for \$300 from the Lowell Community Fund secretary/treasurer Dr. James Reagan last Tuesday evening, March 24, at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

The Lowell Community Fund (LCF) receives its money from Heart of West Michigan United Way. The LCF purpose is to serve the needs of area citizens by supporting non-profit programs and organizations that engage groups of individuals, ranging in age from youth to senior citizens, in meaningful activities and programs that improve the lifestyle of the resident.

Over \$6,000 was returned to the Lowell area through the LCF in 2014. Some other organizations receiving funds include the senior center, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, St. Mary Pregnancy Center, LowellArts! and the Lowell museum.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195424-DE

Estate of EUGENE
WILLIAM SWANSON.
Date of birth: 03/03/1928.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decedent, Eugene William Swanson, died 03/27/2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Molly Potterack, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 25, 2015

Thomas E. Lane
(P363477)
688 Cascade West
Pkwy SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-285-6050

Molly Potterack
3464 Leonard St. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49534
616-791-1629

DRIVERS WANTED

We are currently looking for qualified drivers that possess a Class-A CDL. This is an excellent opportunity at an expanding company. We are dedicated to our drivers and a majority of our fleet is 2012 or newer. Drivers can expect to make \$1,000 or more on a weekly basis! We are currently gearing up for an exciting spring and summer and look forward to hiring several drivers ASAP!

Qualified drivers will receive a sign-on bonus!

Interested drivers can contact Lance at 616-532-4694 or reach us by emailing Lance@dimensionalltrans.com



the lowell ledger
105 N. Broadway
897-9261
Mon.-Thurs. 8-5; Fri 8-noon

Looking back, continued

Lowell's junior set were caught up with the April Fool spirit this weekend, and kept busy playing pranks on many Main Street establishments. Businessmen returned to work Monday morning to find ugly wax marks scrawled upon their windows.

Lowell firemen were called to the farm of Mrs. Fred Rickner on Fallasburg Park Rd., north of Lowell, Monday evening at 8:30. Mrs. Rickner had discovered straw around a pump in the barn smoldering. Firemen from the Vergennes and Lowell departments had no trouble dragging the burning straw away from the barn and extinguishing it. Fire Chief Frank Baker said the pump, had frozen and to protect it from refreezing, a light bulb with straw around had been placed by the pump.

Tony Zoovas will open his Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street Friday after being closed since the first of the year for a vacation and remodeling. The redecorating included the installation of a new floor, improved lighting, and the addition of new tables. See some new features on the menu in an advertisement on another page of the paper. Tony says, "stop in and see me!"

Three Saranac boys were arrested by Lowell police who admitted setting fire to the Division Street bridge over Grand River last Thursday, at 10:35 p.m. The boys poured over a gallon of gas on the floor of the bridge and the blaze attracted the attention of workmen at the Cities Service Gas Plant. Lucky the bridge was wet and the fire did not damage the structure.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 4, 1990

Headline: Roughly 900 attend fire station open house. The Lowell community learned Saturday what members of Lowell Fire, Ambulance and Rescue already knew - Lowell's new five-stall Look Memorial Fire Station is one impressive piece of work. Everybody I talked to was impressed with the finished product," Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin said. "They all thought it was well deserved and much needed." Roughly 900 people attended the pancake, eggs and sausage breakfast/dinner fire station open house on March 31. The breakfast/dinner gave members of the Lowell community an opportunity to tour the new fire station facility. The new fire station is filled with many perks. There is a workshop for equipment maintenance, storage, an updated hose tower for drying the fire hoses, overhead filling stations, space for ambulances, sleeping quarters for the crew and a 60-person community meeting room which will give the fire department a permanent place for training.

January and Bruce Friesner of Lowell were the lucky winners in the Casual Touch Dream Vacation Give Away. January Friesner registered for the contest a couple months ago. The Friesners won a \$600 travel voucher from Travel Bug to be used by the end of the year for travel or hotel cost. Friesners have decided to use the money for their trip to the New England states in September when they will celebrate their third wedding anniversary.



March 25 - March 31

- Two men tried to ram the main gate at National Security Agency. NSA shot one man dead, the other one is injured.
- 'The Daily Show' to replace Jon Stewart with Trevor Noah. Noah, 31-year-old South African comedian, was deemed a surprise move.
- Robin Williams' wife and children are fighting over his estate, heading to court to try and settle the dispute.
- The co-pilot of Germanwings flight 9525 that crashed into the French Alps last week had received treatment for suicidal tendencies for several years.
- NCAA final four has been set, with Kentucky, Michigan State, Duke and Wisconsin.
- Huntington, Pittsburgh – A woman faked being a lawyer for 10 years made partner. She was charged using fake documents and charged with forgery, unauthorized practice of law and felony records tampering.

Spring break, continued

and a huge climbing wall, both of which are included in the center's affordable day pass.

DeVito said that her family has been back four times since their first visit, sighting the experience as warm fun for the whole family and affordable enough to not feel bad about later.

"It is a great price, especially since it is a day pass and includes the rock wall. We all love to swim so our favorite part as adults is to be able to sit and watch

the kids knowing there is a lifeguard on duty, while relaxing in the hot tub!"

The KROC Center is open daily and will be running a series of special events from April 6-10, including a bounce house, basketball and dodgeball tournaments, drop-in art sessions and a visit from the John Ball Traveling Zoo. Day passes are just \$5.50 for those 11 and under and \$7.50 for those 12 and over. For facility hours and a full lineup of spring break fun visit www.grkroccenter.org

WRWW (92.3) & Internet Schedule

[SUNDAY]
[04-05-15]

Happy Easter

9:00 pm 'Old-Time Radio'

[MONDAY]
[04-06-15]

2:30 'The Infinite Show' with Raiden Miller (8)

[TUESDAY]
[04-07-15]

[WEDNESDAY]
[04-08-15]

4:30 'The After Hours Show' with Dakota Krzysik (3)

[THURSDAY]
[04-09-15]

2:30 'The No Topic Show' with Dakota Krzysik & Devin Read (3)

[FRIDAY]
[04-10-15]
1:00 'The Show' with Jeremy Kargl & Ryne Clarke (1)

[SATURDAY]
[04-11-15]

**11:00 Varsity Baseball
1:15 Varsity Baseball**

**3:30 'The Random Explosion Show' with Joe Ryder
7:00 'The Music Locker' with Connor Smithee (2)**

(1) = Classic Rock (2) = 2010 & Up Top Hits
(3) = Heavy Metal (4) = Country (5) = Dubstep/Dance
(6) = Jazz/Blues (7) = Glam Rock (70's)
(8) = 2000 & Up Top Hits

WRWW would like to thank the Lowell Ledger for being one of its sponsors.

Get our 3-Bed, 2-Bath, 4-Door, V-6 discount.

Deborah Wilks, Agent
11827 Fulton St E
Lowell, MI 49331
Bus: 616-897-9237
dwilks@deborahwilks.com

Put auto and home together for hundreds in savings.
When you have a State Farm® car and a State Farm home, get ready to drive around with a big, money-saving State Farm smile. **GET TO A BETTER STATE.™**
CALL ME TODAY.



Red Arrow SPORTS

Lacrosse begins season with a win and a loss

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell boys varsity lacrosse opened their season with a down to the wire overtime 9-8 win over Portage Hills Northern and a 21-13 defeat at the hands of Grand Ledge High School.

In game one the Red Arrows were trailing 1-0 after the first but outscored Portage in the second 3-2 to tie the game at three at the half. Lowell came out

on top again in the third trouncing Portage 2-1 to keep the lead 5-4 moving into the fourth where both teams rallied with back and forth scoring that kept the fans on the edges of their seats. In the end Portage outscored Lowell 4-3 tying the game at eight and forcing sudden-death overtime.

Lowell's Blake Posthumus is credited with the overtime goal beating

Portage goalie Adam Buysse for the 9-8 victory. Posthumus earned two goals in the game and was joined by fellow scorers Brennan Battle (2), Sawyer Olesko (1), and Addison Buckius (1). Hayden Barry was the night's offensive leader earning a hat-trick.

Assists were attributed to Olesko, Battle, Collin Bowers, Ryan Hessler and Logan Copeyon. Lowell goalie Evan Mierendorf

made a remarkable 28 saves.

Just a few days later the squad faced Grand Ledge High School, but with much different results falling 21-13 despite a strong showing. Olesko opened up game scoring earning two quick goals for Lowell, but Grand Ledge returned fire with an eight-point scoring run and stayed on top ending the half up 16-6 over the Arrows.

Lowell returned to the field with renewed vigor spurred on by back-to-back goals from senior Jason Nagy and late quarter scores from Posthumus and Hessler. Defensively Lowell held their opponent to just two goals in the third.

In the final quarter both teams earned three goals and the clock ran out with Grand Ledge on top 23-12. Posthumus led the team with three goals and three

assists. Olesko finished with a hat-trick as well and added an assist. Barry added two goals to the board and Bowers added one. Assists were tallied by Battle, Bowers, Barry, Olesko and Posthumus.

The team faces the Caledonia Fighting Scots in at-home action on Burch Field beginning at 7 pm Tuesday.

Former Lowell basketball coach hopes present team beats 50-year-old record

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

This past season, Jack Kempker watched from the bleachers as the Lowell varsity basketball team had their best season in thirty years.

Fifty years before, the former head coach watched from the sideline as his own varsity squad had the best season in school history.

Kempker began his coaching career with Lowell schools in 1960, spending time coaching younger Arrows in both basketball and baseball before taking over the varsity basketball squad for the 1963-64 season.

His first season at the helm Kempker and his talented team played inside the newly constructed high school gymnasium, now Lowell Middle School and racked up a winning 18-2 regular season record. That season they shared first place in the then Tri-River league. It was a top finish

for the not historically successful squad but would pale in comparison to what they accomplished the following year.

Armed with a deep bench and the "fabulous five" senior starters Bob Elzinga, Paul Kropf, Tim Nelson, Duane McIver and Mike McMahon, Kempker took the 1964-1965 season by storm winning the Tri-River championship outright with an undefeated 16-0 regular season record.

"They were just a great group of guys. They played together growing up and I just happened to come along at the right time and put things together. Things just fell into place," said Kempker, who also taught in the school's history department for 28 years.

The team averaged an astounding 86.7 points per game that season, eleven times earning more than 90 and three times breaching 100. Kempker pointed out that these totals are



Coach Jack Kempker with the 1965 district championship trophy.

especially high because of how they were achieved. "There was no three-point shot at that time. These were all two-point baskets so when you see those scores...they did that two at a time."

To ice the cake the team went on to decimate both Caledonia (84-65) and Ionia (93-68) in the district playoffs winning the title. "It was a dream season. A fantastic time. We stopped some of those teams dead in their tracks," said Kempker.

Lowell won the first round of regionals edging out a highly ranked Holland Christian team by nine points, 73-64. In the semis Lowell met Cedar Springs whom they had defeated twice, once by only a single point, earlier in the season. The Red Arrows pummeled the Red Hawks by thirty points, 109-79, propelling them into the championship round against Whitehall.

The two teams met in a standing room only East Grand Rapids gym to play a back and forth

game that saw thirteen lead changes and was tied ten times. Lowell lost footing in the later part of the game according to Kempker, "They had a hot shooter and we just couldn't stop him."

Whitehall landed 25-38 free throws in the game, many toward the end when the Arrow aggression began to backfire, giving them the lead, the 73-65 victory and the regional championship. Despite the loss, Lowell ended the season with two championships and the program's best record, 20-1, a record that still holds today.

Kempker hopes that isn't for long though, as he aims to inspire today's players to the heights achieved by the team fifty years ago, "We have some exciting players coming up. I hope they read this article and it spurs them on and keeps them going. It's been a while since we have had a championship season and these boys have the potential to do it."

...
Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.

- Arnold Palmer

Find Out What The Buzz Is All About with a subscription to the lowell ledger

Call to start your subscription 897-9261

"Simply the best lesson format in the country"

Whether you're learning fundamentals for the first time, or perfecting technique to win the Michigan Open, this 6-week program is for you!

SIX Incredible Golf Lessons \$69

Starting the week of April 13th
Students come once a week for 6 weeks
Classes available 10:00 am or 6:30 pm, Monday thru Saturday

Sign Up Now!

Golf Emporium
10831 14 Mile Rd.
On M-57 2 Miles West of Lincoln Lake
616-754-2280

Our entire staff of Teaching Pro's also get involved in this 6-week program that is taught outside by Norm Davidson on actual playing conditions at the finest practice facility in West Michigan. Each lesson is well over an hour and you'll be amazed how much fun you'll have, as we build you a great swing! Covering every club in the bag and every position on the course.

"There is no such thing as beginner lessons or advance lessons. From a teaching standpoint fundamentals are fundamentals!!!"
Norman L. Davidson
Master Teaching Professional
Golf Emporium