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N2N chalks up another successful, heartfelt season with volunteers helping out the community

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Since its inception, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) has offered programs designed for the betterment of Lowell community members, including: a food pantry, a low cost thrift shop and free summer lunches for students.

Again this fall, in partnership with The Lowell Ledger and the Lowell Rotary Club, the non-profit organization went to work on their Neighbor To Neighbor (N2N) program which offers home improvements to citizens

who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

Dozens of volunteers turned out over two Saturdays to provide their services and expertise to beneficial projects. These projects were selected from wish lists submitted by residents detailing their current needs. According to one of the N2N organizers Roger LaWarre, "We weren't able to do everything on every wish list but we were able to do a lot."

LaWarre reported that eight projects were

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Building this ramp was one of five projects taken on by Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers this past Saturday.

Snowmobile trail may melt into oblivion without support

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

The Alto Snowmobile Trail could disappear if nobody steps up to maintain it, says Terrence "Terry" Barton, certified snowmobile instructor and president of the Yankee Springs Snowmobile Association.

"At one time the trail ran from Lowell to the main West Michigan Snowmobile Trail," Barton said. "With the building of homes we have lost many miles in Kent County."

The Alto trail has been around since the mid 1970s.

"The trail was started around 1974, 1975," Barton said. "Back then the trail ran from Lowell and connected to the main system running through Alto toward Middleville and crossing M-37 to the west."

Members of snowmobile clubs are in charge of trail maintenance, but membership in those clubs has declined drastically in recent years. At their peak there were ten snowmobile clubs in the area. Now there are only four.

"I find that folks do not join clubs," Barton said. "With the state trail system the need to join is no longer there. In the past we had club trails that ran from Byron Center to Gun Lake to Allegan. These were club trails put in by each area. Folks joined to be part of these trails to support the club. The West Michigan Snowmobile Club approached the state to lease land and put in the state trail that we have today, and that sent the message that the clubs did not seem as important. However folks think that the trails are put in by the Department of Natural Resources and they only play an administration role. The clubs actually put all the signs in and work with the landowners. I also believe there is a change taking place for many organizations. The Moose Club, the VFW, American Legion, they all are struggling for membership. The Hastings Moose Club just closed and at one time it had many members. I also know that many of the snowmobilers that belonged in the past have aged and the young are not getting involved."

Other factors making maintenance difficult is coordinating with the various owners of the land the trail goes through and access to volunteers.

"It starts with land leases," Barton said. "We have a lease with every landowner that needs to be maintained. The WMSC has 152 landowners we work with. Without the landowners' generosity we would not have a trail.

We are allowed to pay the landowner \$75 per quarter mile. This relationship requires the clubs to be in constant contact with landowners, and every year land changes hands. That also requires members to spend time routing or rerouting the trail. All signage must be built unlike the north we cross farm land so every year all the markers and curve and stop signs are put in by hand and taken out at the end of the season. This requires man power to build the signs and so on. We also groom the trails. The WMSC has two groomers. When conditions allow we groom the trail from 64th St. to Hilliard's Bar [in Hopkins, Mich.], then to Green Lake, north to Gun Lake, then to Minor Lake Rd. through Shelbyville. We are replacing missing signs during the season as part of the upkeep required."

If you're into snowmobiling, it might behoove you to contact the WMSC for volunteer opportunities this winter. Barton said they could definitely use the help.

"The problem is not funding, it's the loss of property due to housing growth and the lack of people willing to do the work," Barton said. "If we get good snow hundreds of sleds use the system. Last year when I was grooming the parking lot at Hilliard's Bar was full of sleds."





Lowell High School's marching band accompanied the Lowell Red Arrows on the big night performing a special half-time show featuring tunes from Grease. Game story, page 11.

Pink Arrow Pride to be honored at Gilda's Club Night of Gratitude

On Nov. 12, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids will host its Night of Gratitude event to recognize the many supporters who help carry out the organization's mission of providing

emotional healthcare for those on a cancer or grief journey. The 2015 honorees include:

Meijer – Corporate Engagement Award to a corporate partner that demonstrates philanthropic support and encourages its employees, vendors, and community to engage with

This award is given Gilda's Club Grand Rapids through volunteerism, fundraising, leadership roles, and creating awareness of our mission and program.

GE Aviation – **Service Award**

This award is given to a group of any size that takes the word "service" to the next level through ongoing support of the Gilda's Club mission, program, events, and most of all, our members.

Pink Arrow Pride -**Community Partner**

This award is given an organization or group that exemplifies what it means to support Gilda's Club Grand Rapids and the West Michigan community through innovative fundraising concepts, promoting the mission of Gilda's Club in creative ways, and being genuine ambassadors of our organization.

Sister Sue Tracy, OP -Spirit of Gilda Award

This award is presented to an individual who has supported Gilda's Club Grand Rapids through openly sharing our mission of cancer and grief support with his or her friends and colleagues, advocating for our organization with other leaders in the community,

and doing so with the lightheartedness and laughter that embodied our namesake Gilda Radner.

"Gilda's Club has so many wonderful supporters who help advance our cause. We hope that through the Night of Gratitude, we can show these organizations individuals and how thankful we are for their passion, innovation and vision," said Wendy Wigger, president of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids.

Gilda's Night Gratitude will be held at New Vintage Place (889 Broadway Ave. NW, Grand Rapids) and will begin at 5:30 pm. An awards ceremony for honorees will take place at 6:30 pm and a performance by the Pop Scholars, a four-man Grand Rapids-based improv team, will follow.

Tickets to the Night of Gratitude can be purchased for \$50 by contacting Ashley Owen at aowen@ gildasclubgr.org or 616-453-8300 x 120 or by going to www.gildasclubgr.org/ gildasnightofgratitude.

Lowell Community Fund accepting requests

The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is noon, Friday, Dec. 4, 2015.

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

The Heart of West

Michigan United Way has set the December date aside for those qualified to receive funding for 2016. Request forms may be picked up at Dr. James Reagan's office at 207 W. Main Street.

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

Since 1955 up through 2015 the Lowell Community Fund has dispersed over \$281,000 into the community.

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

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DISTRICT FINALS AT RED ARROW STADIUM

Lowell will be hosting Byron Center in the MHSAA District finals at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 pm. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the high school main office on Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm. Tickets will then be available at the stadium ticket booth beginning at 5:30 pm. Gates will open at 5:30 pm. No passes are accepted and no artificial noisemakers are allowed per MHSAA policy.

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.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL **PRESENTS "RUMORS"**

Rumors, by Neil Simon, will be playing at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Nov. 5 and 7 at 7 pm with matinees on Nov. 7 and 8 at 2 pm.

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GILDA'S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Nov. 17, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book Stop by the clubhouse to borrow a book.

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

YMCA MILITARY WEEK

In appreciation of our military families the YMCA is offering unlimited, free use of their facilities on Saturday, Nov. 21 thru Sunday, Nov. 29. Open to all active duty, retired, reserves, veterans and their immediate family just show your military ID to the membership services staff. For more information call 616-855-9622.

GREEN LIGHT FOR VETS

Change one light to green in a visible location-on your porch, in your home, or at your office-and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. "Greenlight" is also a term commonly used to activate forward movement. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans as valued members of our communities.



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Mayer bids adieu and council discusses possibibility of a brewery

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by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

Lowell city council had a very short regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Nov. 2. This was the final meeting for outgoing city councilor Matt Mayer. It was attended by 14 citizens, including members of counselor Mayer's family, and it only lasted 13 minutes.

Mayer had some brief parting remarks for the council, city employees and citizens of Lowell.

"I'd first like to say thank you to everyone who supported me and encouraged me to stick it out even though they knew it wasn't easy for me," Mayer said. "For the current council and [city] employees, it was a pleasure to work with most of you. I'd like to offer my gratitude for all you do to keep the wheels spinning. Your insight has helped me immensely and I'm forever grateful for that. For the future councils, I believe you owe your positions to the citizens. If they take the time out of their busy and stressedout lives to attend and ask questions of you, don't you

think they are entitled to an answer on their time? Many are disappointed I didn't run again. When I was appointed last year I was so excited to serve the citizens, but after seeing the deceit and deception that goes on within the city government, I want no part of it as long as it continues. I'm sorry I couldn't do what I was asked. We all want Lowell to be the next place to be, but you have to ask yourself, for who?"

"I'd just like to thank him," said mayor Jim Hodges.

"Sorry about Matt's comments," said councilor Sharon Ellison. "I feel bad. Being on the city council is a tough position. It's not for everyone. You have to do what's best. It's nice that you got the opportunity to serve, but it's a tough spot to be in. It's hard to not have a personal agenda. It's hard to do what you think is best for the citizens and I hope that's what future councils will do as well."

"I appreciate your support on the council and the work that you've done," said city manager Mark Howe. "Thank you for your service to the citizens of Lowell. I have enjoyed working with you. We haven't always agreed. You haven't always been a great supporter of me and have held my feet to the fire, but you did serve the community and I appreciate that."

The council managed to take care of one rather important piece of business during their 13 minute meeting. They passed a one percent cost of living adjustment for Lowell Light & Power retirees at a cost of \$23,241.

"The Lowell Light & Power board has recommended a cost of living increase for retirees of Lowell Light & Power," Howe said.

Hodges, Ellison and Mayer voted to approve the increase, councilor Jeff Altoft voted against it.

Howe announced that the city might be getting a new brewery.

"It's exciting to let you know that we have received a letter of interest from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation," Howe said. "They have not committed, but they are interested in awarding a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant for the proposed Big Boiler Brewing Company. The brewing company will be located in the eastern portion of the old Superior Furniture building. We have been working with that building owner and that developer for a very long time to help them to get to this point. He has secured his bank funding and now he's looking at the MEDC to secure this grant from the MEDC. The grant actually would be a city of Lowell grant. We would need to hire a third party administrator, which I understand the MEDC will pay for, to help us with the paperwork and the administrative side of things."

Because of the election on Tuesday, Nov. 3 there will be some new faces on the council at their next meeting, which will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 16.



Monday night was city councilor Matt Mayer's final city council meeting.

Lowell Red Arrow Robotics compete at regional competition

written by: Brendan Philo

This competition, Recycle Rush, was played on half of a normal field, which is roughly 1/10 of a football field. An alliance is made up of three different robotics teams from West Michigan high schools. The first fifteen seconds of each match the robot is run automatically off of a program, this period is called autonomous. Then the drivers approach the drive station and control the robot via joysticks for the remainder of the match, which is referred to as teleoperated. During each match the drive team is attempting to stack totes, recycling containers and pool noodles on one of two scoring platforms. Coopertition points are awarded for working together with the other alliance to stack four yellow totes on a step that separates the two fields. Each stacked tote is awarded two points, if a recycling container is added to the top of the stack then each tote is worth an additional four points. Lastly, if a pool noodle, "litter", is placed in the recycling container then

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an additional six points is added. A human player can throw litter into the other alliance's field, any litter left on their field earns us another four points per noodle.

Preliminary matches require us to work within an alliance with each team and also against these same teams on opposing alliances, at least once. Rankings for the preliminaries are



Pictured, left to right: Parker Georgacakes, Cameron Philo, Brendan Philo, and Nathan Roest.



determined by your average score from each match. After preliminary matches are finished, the top eight ranked teams become captains of each alliance for the quarter, semi and final matches. Captains pick their two alliance partners in the style of a serpentine draft. A serpentine draft goes from alliance one to alliance

eight, and then alliance eight to alliance one. Then matches work through an average score system where the top half move forward through quarter and semifinals. Finally the top two alliances compete in the finals, where victory is determined by winning two out of three matches.

Two new drive teams were broken in, consisting of Brendan Philo and Parker Georgacakes, as well as Bailey O'Strander and Korbin Wilford, who each drove for three matches. Our veteran drive team from earlier competitions,

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At a tasteful Sneden's Landing townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of Farce. Gathering for their tenth wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken and wife Chris must get "the skrry" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and mis-communications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

Rumors, by Neil Simon, is playing at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Dates are: Thursday, November 5 and Saturday, November 7 at 7:00 pm. Matinees are on Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets \$8 presale at www.seatyourself.biz/lowellhs and \$10 at the door

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Thinking of adopting? Be prepared for expenses

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. you're considering adoption, you know that it will change your life in many ways. And you'll need to prepare for many of these changes - including the financial ones, because adoption can be expensive.

The average U.S. adoption costs between \$8,000 and \$40,000, while the range for international adoptions is \$15,000 \$30,000, according the Child Welfare Information Gateway, a government-funded adoption information service.

Given these numbers, you might think you'll have a tough time paying for an adoption. However, you can get some financial help in the form of tax benefits, which include both a tax credit for qualified adoption expenses and an exclusion (from your taxable income) employer-provided adoption assistance. In 2015, the maximum tax benefit you can claim is \$13,400; this amount is reduced if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds \$201,010 and is completely phased out if your MAGI is \$241,010 or more. The adoption tax credit is nonrefundable, which means it's limited to your tax liability for the year.

Here's an example of how you might use the tax benefits. Suppose you pay \$13,400 in qualified adoption expenses 2015 and your employer reimburses you \$3,400 of those expenses. Assuming you meet the MAGI guidelines, you can exclude \$3,400 from your gross income for 2015 and can claim \$10,000 (\$13,400 minus \$3,400) for the adoption tax credit. (Tax credits reduce your income tax liability on a dollar-fordollar basis.)

Of course, while these tax benefits can reduce your overall cost of adoption, you still have to come up with the money - which, as we've seen, can amount to many thousands of dollars in the first place. How will you do it?

Your first step is to plan ahead – as far ahead as possible. Since the adoption process can often take a year or more, you will generally

have some time to prepare. When you find the adoption agency that best meets your needs, get an estimate of the total costs involved. Once you've got this figure, you can determine how you'll meet these costs.

You might be tempted to take out a loan from your 401(k), but you should try to avoid this move -a 401(k)loan will likely reduce the growth potential of this account, which is designed for retirement. You might also consider a loan from a bank – but debt is debt, even if it's for the purpose of expanding your family, and it's always a good idea to keep one's debt level down.

If you knew you wouldn't need the money for, say, two years, you could consider putting away a certain amount each month in a special "adoption fund" in an investment that's highly liquid and offers significant preservation of principal. If the circumstances of your life allow you to plan even farther ahead, such as three to five years, you can find a savings or investment vehicle that may be appropriate for providing the money just when you

Adopting a child will change your life. Planning ahead, and carefully considering your options for paying for the adoption, can help you reach this major milestone in a manner that makes financial sense – now and in the future.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Fall has officially started, and our yard shows it. Layers of leaves cover the ground with bright colors, until they turn brown. Then our beautiful carpet of red, orange, and yellow turns into a brown muddy mess that we have to rake. And that takes forever. My family has to rake them into piles and then haul them out of our yard and into the woods using a tarp.

Then the weather can't make up its mind. One day is perfect weather for raking and the next day its rainy, wet, and just unpleasant. And sometimes it is so windy, that a lot of the leaves we hauled into the woods blow back in the yard!

After we are all done raking, we come inside and warm up, sometimes even having a cup of warm apple cider. Even though the raking is long and hard, when we do it as a family it makes it much more fun.



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sharing the vision



LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

the foolproof guide to standardized testing

What do Lowell parents really need to know?

When it comes to student testing, whether you support the Common Core Standards in Michigan or you long for the simplicity of the MEAP, one thing is certain, standardized testing of students in Michigan is complex and downright confusing. Add the cryptic acronyms of ACT, SAT, M-STEP, Mi-Access, and the like, and even the leaders in student assessment can feel somewhat overwhelmed.

The new Michigan Student Test of Educational M-STEP Progress, assessment, was developed by the Michigan Department of Education to comply with a legislative mandate. This assessment is offered to Michigan students online, with a paper and pencil option. It was further designed to assess a student's abilities to problem-solve and communicate. To help decode the complexity of standardized testing faced by students in Michigan,

here's a breakdown of the M-STEP:

English Language Arts and Math - Administered 3rd through 8th Grade

Science – Administered 4th and 7th Grade

Social Studies Administered 5th and 8th

Students in 9th and 10th grade take the PSAT or the Preliminary Scholastic Test. Finally, Aptitude the Michigan Merit Exam is an assessment that is administered to all 11th $grade\,students\,and\,is\,made\,up$ of the SAT college entrance exam, the ACT WorkKeys work skills assessment, and the collective M-STEP assessments in science and social studies.

With this explanation of testing in Michigan, it is no surprise that parents may feel the pangs of anxiety as they work to sort out standardized testing and its impact on their child's education. As parents of

two teen boys, my wife Liz, who is also an educator, and I join all Lowell parents in the nerve-racking concerns associated with testing and the academic future and opportunities for our children.

One tried and true foolproof method that all parents have used in raising their child is the parental "Gut Check"...that instinctual feeling that helps them make decisions about their child. It's the strategy we have all used to figure out if our child is really sick enough to stay home from school on a busy work day filled with appointments or a long list of errands. So what does following your gut feeling have to do with standardized tests? Trusting your parental intuition will help you know if your child is learning what they need to know to succeed and if they will be ready for a career or to go to college. While all of our students will take the standardized test, the answers about your child's readiness can only emerge from a strong partnership between the parent and the teacher. It is through that relationship that every student's performance can really be assessed. Who better to answer the essential questions that we as a school district use as our academic measure for kids than a child's teacher and parent: What do we expect our students to learn?, How do we know they are learning it?, What interventions will we use if they are not learning it?, and What do we do if they already know it?

No standardized test, on paper or on-line, can instill a love for learning in a child or empower them to become the person they are meant to be. No mandated assessment will pour out knowledge and wisdom like that of a talented teacher who has dedicated their profession to helping students master a concept. It's the teacher, alongside the parent, who plays a vital role in assuring that a child experiences deeper learning that will set their path for a promising future. Nothing can benefit a student's academic achievement more than a positive and strong partnership between the parent and teacher.

Last week local media highlighted legislative hearings Lansing with regard to standardized testing Michigan. As a result of feedback from parents across the state, The State of Michigan has reduced the amount of testing time from last year's tests. Feedback from parents has

made a difference. I would www.surveymonkey.com/ encourage parents who wish to comment on standardized testing in Michigan to email 2016assessment@ michigan.gov or take the online survey at: https://

s/2016assessmentsurvey. As always, please feel free to contact your student's principal or the administrative offices should you have a question.

outdoors

Michigan tradition

Dave Stegehuis

Times change sometimes for the better, sometimes not. Long time traditions can fall prev to modern lifestyles and cultural shifts. Deer camp, however, has remained a fall ritual for Michigan hunters for generations.

Deer camp can be a military surplus wall tent on public land deep in the woods somewhere in the Upper Peninsula. A generous supply of fire wood and a dedicated tender to keep a sheepherder stove fired up insures a comfortable retreat after a cold sit with a rifle across one's knees. This tradition rich camp has not changed since early in the last century. The few who still share this time honored experience know the true adventure of Michigan deer hunting.

Modern R.V.s afford more amenities in the backcountry, but opportunity to hunt directly from camp is still in keeping with tradition. A welcoming campfire creates a gathering place for eating, resting, and sharing tales following a long day in the big woods.

Family cabins which have been passed down from one generation to the next keep the tradition alive and brings families together despite a very mobile culture. Deer antlers on the wall as well as faded photographs recall past hunts and stories of deer and hunters - some long gone.

Deer camp is a great equalizer. Whitetail deer do not recognize young or old, wealth, gender, or any other labels commonly used by people to define each other. To a deer, we all look the same, smell the same, and sound the same. The playing field is truly level in the big woods. Common purpose and the shared experience of the hunt bond folks together into one group - hunters.

Less than half the hunters out there will kill a deer, but taking an animal is not what is most important. The opportunity to hunt and the experience of connecting with nature and sharing the experience with friends and family is what it is all about. Slow down and take it all in while we still can. Good hunting - be safe.

Looking By Joanna Barr

125 years ago **Lowell Journal November 5, 1890**

Lowell went through quite a celebration Hallowe'en night by the witches, the school house especially. Saturday morning the organ was found in the back part of the room, the teacher's desk upside down, a knot tied in the bell rope just before it comes through the ceiling, the Prof. stool at the top of flag pole, a light buggy at the top of the fire escape and a heavy lumber wagon on the front steps. All were discovered Saturday morning and replaced. The electric light over by the Congregational church was lowered and the lower part taken out and a street lamp put in its place. Horse blocks and other things were missing. The police force were out after the witches, but none were caught.

It would be a pretty good plan to have the plank, in the sidewalks all fastened securely, before winter sets in. On several streets our sidewalks are in a shameful condition. We have heard of two bad falls received by ladies within the past week, and first thing we know we may have another leg to pay for.

There was a three inch fall of snow Monday night, but the sun made a good day's work of it.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger **November 4, 1915**

Pavedway comes by Lowell route - association directors decide much debated question. Lansing, Mich., Nov. 3.—Directors of the Wolverine Pavedway association today definitely laid out the route of the proposed paved highway from Grand Haven to Detroit.

The Ledger wishes to compliment the boys and young men of Lowell on their abandonment of Hallowe'en hoodlumism. Few people begrudge the youngsters all the innocent fun obtainable at this or other times; but destruction of property does not come under that head and there has been much of this sort of thing in times past. So far as we have learned, little or no damage was done Saturday night; and for this, many thanks.

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weddings

Batt /Mandisa



Karly and Kefentse Mandisa

Karly Batt and Kefentse Mandisa were joined in marriage on August 8, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordie Barry.

Karly is the daughter of Rhoda Greenman-Batt of Lowell and Walt Batt also of Lowell. Kefentse is the son of Nandi Mandisa of Inkster, MI.

The wedding party included matron of honor Jaclyn Stouten, maid of honor and the bride's escort down the aisle, Rebecca Batt. Bridesmaids include Mallory West and Katie Lum Lax. Best man was Cameron Glenn, groomsmen include Shawn Parker, Kwakou

Mandisa and Jeff Wright. Ring security was handled by special agents Logan, Mark and Zavion. Ushers were Kayleigh and Kyle VanderLaan.

Karly is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School and 2007 graduate of Olivet College, Olivet, MI where she and Kefentse met during her freshman year. Kefentse is a 2002 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School in Westland, MI and a 2006 graduate of Olivet College, Olivet, MI. Kefentse also graduated from Olivet College 2015 with his master's degree in insurance.

The couple now resides in Plainfield, Illinois.

Helping veterans and active duty military members

On Veterans Day, the nation honors the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the respect they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at www.socialsecurity. gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after

October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

active Even duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability

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benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

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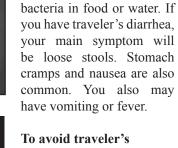
Realty Greenridge announced that Ryan Hesche received Realtor of the Month in October.

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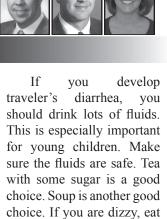




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- meats, fish, and seafood. avoid tap water and ice.
- choose beverages in factory-sealed containers. Bottled water is a good

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New shop brings giant subs from Jersey to Lowell

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Jersey Giant Subs opened in 1979 in East Lansing near the campus of Michigan State University (MSU) and the family owned company has been growing ever since. The restaurant chain recently opened their 30th storefront in Lowell inside the Admiral station on Main Street

Inspired by subs sold on the seaside boardwalk of the Jersey shore, the Slocum family made their way to Michigan bringing along the idea of a sub shop focused on family and fresh ingredients.

"The original family moved here from New Jersey, right near where they filmed the [TV show] Jersey Shore in fact," explained store manager Scott Day. "The subs that we provide are just like the ones that they do on the Jersey shore hence the name Jersey Giant Subs."

And the name says it all. Jersey's subs are made on freshly baked breads that run an average of 15 inches long. "They are huge! We make a huge sub, that's what we specialize in. We specialize in huge. In fact I had a mom, a grandma and two kids split a number twelve the other day and

they were all set. I mean it is really four sandwiches."

Besides their competitor topping size, the family focused business places an emphasis on the freshness of their ingredients. Their variety of cold cut subs are layered with fresh meat cut-to-order and five slices of fresh provolone cheese. "All our meats are cut fresh. Generally it takes us about three minutes to make a sub and they are delicious," said Day.

Their largest number 79 on the menu, in commemoration of the year they opened, is called the Jersey Devil. The monstrous meal features a total of seven meats including the restaurant's custom created Prositini, a black pepper cured ham. "I tell guys they need to sign a heavy equipment waiver if they buy one of those because it is an enormous sandwich," joked Day.

The restaurant strays away from side items like soup and salad and focuses their energy on producing the biggest, best and most consistent subs possible.

"You can't get any better or fresher quality,' reiterated Day. "You have one of these and you are



Jersey Giant Sub's manager Scott Day and employee Leona Searan behind the counter of the 30th Jersey Giant Subs in Michigan.

Inside another theme is easily spotted. Prideful Marine Corp banners span the quaint space. Day explained that owner Matt Slocum, son of the original founders, served in Desert Storm in the Corp and that he himself had also served.

Their pride in military service and love of country roll over into their pride in food service and love of community. According to

Day, "We have looked at Lowell for a while and we really like the community. Operating in small towns is part of that family feeling the company embraces. We are supporting the athletics teams here as the football team has been up here for subs and we made a tray for the cheerleaders."

Day said that the reception from the community has been good so far sighting two predominant customer experiences, "Either they have never had one and we

get to see their eyes bug out at the size of it or they are longtime or MSU fans who slam on the brakes to come in. For MSU fans especially, the restaurant is such a part of their college experience. We hope that someday soon Jersey Giant Subs will be a part of the Lowell experience."

The restaurant, located inside the Admiral gas station at 2001 W. Main is open Monday through Saturday 11-8 and Sunday from 11-7.

Robotics, continued

of Claire composed Maksymetz and Cameron Philo, returned to the control station for the remaining matches. Also two new human players were trained, Nathan Roest and Mason Simmet, who participated throughout the competition.

As a new driver, I was extremely anxious before we were allowed to step forward and take control of the joysticks. As I touched the joystick everything melted away, and it felt like I became one with the robot. Looking back, I only remember how the robot moved. Driving was one of the best experiences of my life and I hope to have the opportunity to drive again. Both new drive teams exceeded expectations on how we would handle the stress of driving during competitions.

In the end, we placed preliminary 25th for

matches but were selected by the third seeded alliance. Our alliance glided through quarter and semifinals, having the second best average. During finals, we played our hardest, but lost both matches. Because of the losses in the finals, our alliance finished the competition in second place. However, we still thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and our new Lowell Red Arrow

Robotics team members have been inflicted with the robot fever.

All of us are now speculating about this year's impending game which will be revealed at Kickoff on January 9. We will gather at Grand Valley State University for the big day. Until then, we all sit in anticipation. For more info visit our website at www. lowellrobotics.org

A Michigan tradition - fresh Christmas trees

There is no better way for Michigan residents to celebrate the season than with a beautiful, fresh and fragrant Michigan-grown Christmas tree. Because these trees are farm-grown and all natural, they are completely biodegradable; thus a great environmental choice. And getting the whole family out to find that perfect tree is a favorite holiday tradition for thousands of Michigan families. "It may seem surprising, but some people have never had a natural Christmas tree," comments MCTA President, Josh Peterson. "It's gratifying to see families rekindling such a long-standing tradition and making it a central part of their holiday."

And not only is a fresh Christmas tree the choice of many families as a part of their holiday traditions, it is an important agricultural crop for the state. In fact, Michigan ranks third in Christmas tree production and harvests approximately two million trees each year. The wholesale value of those trees is nearly \$40 million.

Michigan also produces wreaths, garlands and holiday greens with a wholesale value of more than \$1.3 million.

The Michigan Christmas Tree Association makes it easy for consumers to find that perfect farm-grown tree



with their Christmas tree farm and Christmas tree retail lot "locators" on their website. By visiting www.mcta.org, families interested in purchasing a tree have the opportunity to quickly view a state map and identify farms and retail lots convenient to them.

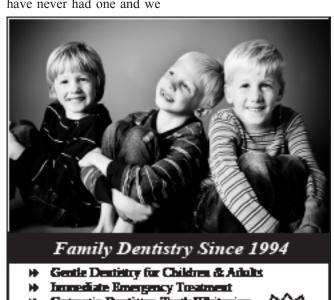
And finding that perfect tree couldn't be easier anywhere than in Michigan. Our home state grows more Christmas tree varieties than any other growing region.

From the traditional Scotch pine, White pine or Douglas fir, to the popular Fraser fir or Blue Spruce, to the more exotic Korean,

Concolor or Nordmann Firs Michigan consumers have more natural Christmas tree choices than anywhere else in

"And there is nothing that compares to the fragrance of a fresh-cut Christmas tree," adds Peterson. "A farm grown tree just makes Christmas feel like Christmas."

As you plan to celebrate this holiday season, remember take time for a special family tradition and select a fresh, fragrant and environmentally friendly farm grown Michigan Christmas tree!



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Spooky, albeit soggy, fun Halloween scenes

Halloween fell on Saturday this year leading to a two day celebration for students in the Lowell area as they enjoyed school celebrations with their classmates on Friday afternoon before hitting the puddle laden streets for yet another rain soaked haunted holiday on Saturday evening



Second grade students from Mrs. Thomas' class at Cherry Creek Elementary.



Overcast skies produced sprinkles and some heavy rain during the cities regular trick or treating hours from 5:30-8 pm on Saturday.



The group at Reagan Family Dental always have a good time on Halloween. From left to right: Patty, Carrie, Dr. Reagan, Jean, Julie and Lorie.



The Seddon Family of Lowell, dressed entirely as Minions, were among the treat seekers at Trunk-or-Treat at Impact Church.

Honoring Our Area Veterans



The names and pictures we receive will appear in our November 11 edition on Veterans Day 2015.

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

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



Deadline for submission is noon. Friday, Nov. 6, 2015

For more information call the Ledger at 616,897,9261

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



Washesday, November 11, 2015

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You MUST send a new picture this year.

Even if, in the past, your service person was submitted.





Lowell Middle School students were treated to snacks, music and prizes during the two hour social event that kicked off just after the final bell. Teacher Mike Arnswald and the handful of costume-clad middle school students pictured here were among those who joined the spooky fun celebration.





N2N volunteering, continued

completed on Oct. 17 and five were finished this past Saturday. One of latter was a complete deck rebuild led by Matt Garrison of Ridgeline Reconstruction and a crew of volunteers that included veteran Mike Lessens. Lessens, a first time N2N volunteer, has previously done service for the Meals on Wheels program and felt this program was another worthy cause in which to participate.

"I am physically strong enough to do this so I figured I might as well join the crowd and help out," said Lessens. The rookie home improvement helper said he and the rest of the crew were

thankful for the guidance of contractor Garrison on the worthwhile project, "We told him we can swing hammers and stuff but you



Organizer John Stormzand works to fit a door sweep.

need to tell us what to do," he said with a laugh.

At another site nearby, members of two local churches, Impact

Church and First Congregational, worked to install much-needed Other parishioners from St. Patrick's Church in Parnell replaced broken and missing skirting to a home to ensure a warmer and more energy efficient winter for the residents there.

" W e ' r e rookies but its looking pretty good," volunteer Joan Weeber as she worked along her son Jack, cutting the skirting to size. "They gave us a bit easier of a job. We figured if somebody needs help, we can do it."

The sites other helpers Cheryl Emmette and John Hadley shared the same sentiment, "It's hard on the body but good for the heart and soul," said Hadley.

At another site, organizers LaWarre and John Stormzand worked to reframe an ill fitting front door. "There was a big gap that was letting a lot of cold air inside so we are framing it, insulating, putting a sweep on the bottom and then installing a storm door which I think will really help out a lot," explained LaWarre as he hammered away.

Stormzand called the community effort 'truly amazing' and LaWarre agreed saying he felt blessed to live in a community that truly embraces its neighbor's, "People really see the importance of working with each other in this town. It is so neat to have that. You can organize something like this and these teams come in and you have it all written up what they need to do and they just go and do it!"



Volunteers work to ensure the new deck they are installing is level.



First-time volunteers Jack and Joan Weeber work to fulfill one families wish.



Neighbor to Neighbor volunteer John Hadley installs new skirting at one of thirteen homes enhanced by the community project.



Roger LaWarre, nails in place new framework on an ill-fitting door to better winterize a local home.



Matt Garrison of Ridgeline Reconstruction, front, leads a crew building a new deck for a local resident.



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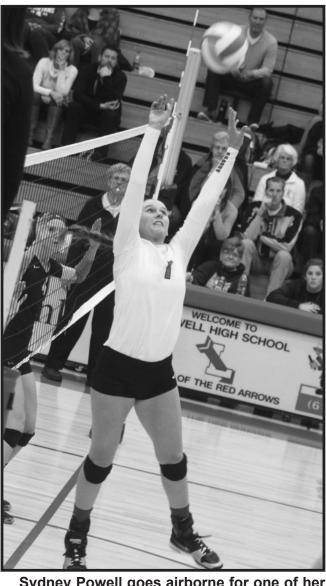
Girls begin district competition after wrapping up the season

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity volleyball team wrapped up their regular season last week with a pair of at-home competitions that ended with a second place finish and a loss to undefeated OK White rival Grand Rapids Christian (GRC).

Tuesday the welcomed a trio competitors to participate in the Lowell Quad where Arrows landed the second place finish. Lowell opened with a win over West Michigan Christian scored at 25-27, 25-11 and 15-10 and then faced Northview High School (25-21, 20-25, 11-15) and Belding High School (18-25 25-18 19-17) to earn their runner-up status.

In a wide spread team effort, five different players topped the stat sheets for the night. Rachel Fox scored seven aces for the team, Bailey Reitsma killed 28, Shannon Hoekstra put up six blocks, Sydney Powell offered up 84 assists and Kelsey Emmanuel provided



Sydney Powell goes airborne for one of her 18 assists

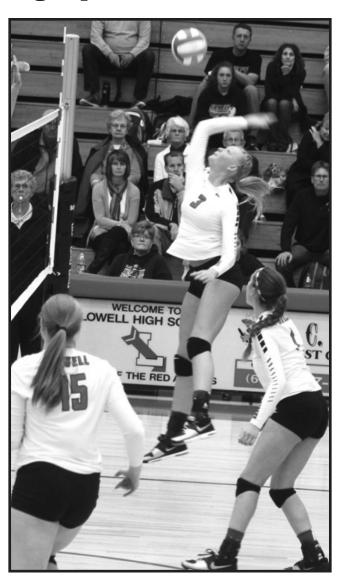
40 digs in the minitournament.

Senior Night was celebrated Thursday at home when the team welcomed an undefeated GRC team. Three seniors: Emmanuel, Fox and Reitsma, were honored alongside their parents for their many contributions and dedication to the team.

Lowell fell 3-0 in the ensuing game 25-13, 25-17 and 25-16 but never lost their fire.

Reitsma had a particularly good evening according to head coach Julie Quist, "She really shined with her attitude, desire to play her best and her leadership."

In total Reitsma earned eight kills and an ace on the night. Other top performers were Hoekstra with four blocks and eight kills, Powell with 18 assists and Emmanuel with 21 digs. The win was GRC's nineteenth straight in the OK White, their tenth straight sweep and garnered them their second consecutive conference title.



Molly Hoseth plays aggressively at the net.

This week the team will launch into district play on Tuesday when they face Northview High School in the first round of the play-offs. Quist said she believes the team will fair well as long as they, "Believe in themselves, each other and their hard work." The game will be played at home beginning at 7 pm. Should they continue on, their second district match-up will also be played at home on Thursday at 6 and 7:30 pm.

Equestrians take third place at state championships

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Lowell High School's equestrian team capped off their short but successful season in October with an impressive third place finish at the Division C Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association's State Championships in Midland.

Teammates Henneh McMillian, Aili Fisher, Ally Pawloski, Andi Reynolds and Olivia Hock, known as the Fab Five, kicked off their season at the district level with a reserve championship.

They went on to top the regional competition winning the championship title and the right to move on to the state competition. Their third place state placement bested last years fifth place finish and concludes another highly competitive season for the small but dedicated team.

Equestrian- Lowell's Red Arrow riders made their way to the state tournament and claimed a top finish landing third among the fierce competition in Midland.





Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows blast Battle Creek Lakeview in first-round Division 2 playoffs, 49-6

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Senior Red Arrow quarterback Ryan Stevens led his team to a commanding 49-6 win over first-time opponent Battle Creek Lakeview. Last Friday was the first round of the Division 2 finals in front of an enthusiastic home crowd.

Lowell entered the field confident, fresh off an OK White conference championship win and boasting an almost perfect season.

Their confidence was not unwarranted as they plowed through the Spartans putting up 21 points before their opponent saw light on their side of the scoreboard.

Stevens was the offensive leader for the Lowell squad racking up 267 yards of offense that led to two touchdowns. He pushed through a flurry of defenders for a ten yard score in the first and blasted past the Spartan defenders for a huge 67-yard end zone run in the third.

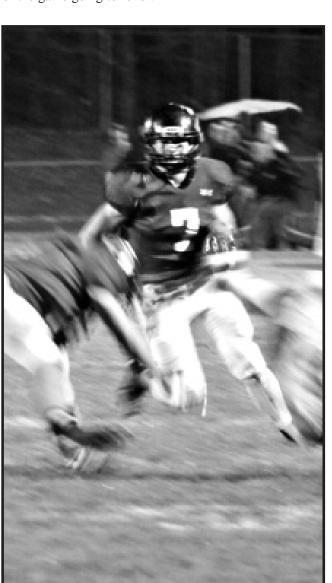
He also threw for 166 yards with his biggest pass of the game going to fellow

senior Alex Anschutz. In arguably the best play of the game, Stevens launched the ball downfield for a 45-yard touchdown pass to Anschutz made possible by a block from senior Sawyer Olesko just before the goal line.

Combined with two rushing scores from Max Dean and an eight yard run from Derek Massey, both seniors, the team led 35-6 at the half.

Coach Noel Dean summoned up some of the teams newest talent late in the game giving them an opportunity to take to the field in preparation for their starring roles next season. The team will lose some powerful seniors but seem well prepared for 2016.

Most notable was sophomore David Kruse who took his first snap as varsity quarterback after serving on the JV squad this season. He scored his first varsity points a few minutes into the fourth quarter when he kept the ball for a quick end zone run that pushed the Arrows to their final winning score of 49-6.



Senior Sawyer Olesko provided this dizzying block for fellow senior Alex Anschutz as he scored on a 45-yard touchdown pass.



The Red Arrow fans, show their enthusiasm after a touchdown run from senior Derek Massey.

The Lowell victory gave the team the right to move onto the district finals this coming Friday against the Byron Center Bulldogs. The Bulldogs beat opponent Portage Hills Central 34-21 in round 1.

The two teams, who both entered the play-offs 8-1, will square off at Red Arrow Stadium this Friday at 7 pm. The winner will move on to the regionals where they'll face the victor of the Muskegon vs Muskegon Mona Shores game that will be played simultaneously along the lake shore.



Lowell faces off Battle Creek Lakeview.



The line clears an opening for Ryan Stevens to earn one of his two touchdowns and some of his impressive 267 offensive yards.

Sports Summaries

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Red Arrow's varsity boys cross country finished off their season last Saturday in Allendale at the Division 1 regional competition. Placing tenth with 285 points, the team was led by the season's top runner Eric Judd who finished 31st with a time of 17:30. Kyle Cater (18:22), Kenny Stump (19:06), Seth Palmer (19:30) and Thomas Hubert (20:30) rounded out the teams top five finishers. This year's regional title went to Rockford High School who also claimed their 21st consecutive conference title this year.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lowell's lady long distance runners capped off their season with a ninth place 230 point finish at the Division 1 Regionals at Allendale High School last Saturday. Senior Tori Hewitt finished best for the Arrow's on the soggy course placing 31st with a time of 20:14. Fellow senior Breanna VanLaan came in just 30 seconds later to place 41st. Other top finishers included freshman Lauren Aud (20:52), senior Mekare Elliott (22:02) and senior Megan Khodl (22:06). Traverse City Central claimed this years regional title taking out Rockford by 12 points.

obituaries

VAUGHAN



Harry Wildrege Vaughan, age 97 of Lowell, passed away Monday, November 2, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife Irene with whom he shared his life for 70 years. He is survived by his daughters, Sharon VanderWarf, Judith (Henry) Wright;

sister Rosella Maloney; grandchildren, Clay (Karen)

VanderWarf, Jason (Amanda) VanderWarf, Renei (Rich) Hall; and numerous great grandchildren. Harry served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the Red Arrow Division. Funeral service will be held Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Lowell.



Visitation Friday 5-7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 00-170668-DD

In the matter of STEVEN ABRAMSON.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Michelle Abramson and Edward Abramson whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 12/09/2015 at 8:45 am at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: for the appointment of guardian of the above named person and for the other relief as prayed for.

10/27/2015

Lindsay Lewis 5281 Clyde Park SW Suite 2 Wyoming, MI 49509 616-719-4263



Looking Back, continued

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 7, 1940

Record broken by votes cast here Tuesday – Lowell reached total of 1491; big vote in nearby towns. Lowell polled its largest vote in Tuesday's general election. 1491 votes being cast. The nearest approach to that figure was in 1936 when 1429 were cast here. The straight Republican vote here was 721, straight Democratic 418. There was one Socialist vote, one Prohibition and no Communist votes. There were 350 split tickets in all and five spoiled ballots.

There are now 631 telephones on the Lowell exchange of the Bell Telephone Company. Miss Agnes Perry, local manager, says that this is the largest number of phone users in recent years and that new phones are being installed every month.

William P. Kerekes is now serving the Lowell Post Office as assistant postmaster, succeeding Garfield A. Ford who recently retired after many years of efficient service. Mr. Kerekes is fully deserving of the promotion and all patrons of the Lowell Post Office join in extending congratulations.

Following the usual custom, most Lowell business places will be closed next Monday afternoon, Nov. 11 for the observance of Armistice Day. The big feature of the afternoon will be the annual football classic at Recreation Park between Lowell and Grandville high school teams, starting at 2 o'clock. The band will play and it is expected that a big crowd will attend.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger November 4, 1965

Lowell receives \$132,000 grant. According to information published last week the City of Lowell will receive up to \$132,000 federal aid to build a sewage treatment plant, estimated to cost \$440,000. A bond issue of \$217,000 was passed over a year ago; the bonds were sold this spring to provide the city's share of the cost. Bids taken in the spring for the project were far above the \$300,000 estimated costs, when the project was approved by the voters in 1964. Plans are now to take bids for the project this winter, construction must be underway by May 1st to qualify for the federal funds. Additional money may have to be provided from general funds if new bids for the project exceed the early engineering estimate.

Most Lowell business people were seeking a quick easy process to clean dried eggs off their windows and

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for mowing and trimming of various City properties until Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Please mark envelope "MOWING BIDS".

Your company is required to sign in to schedule an on-site inspection to be eligible to place a bid. Contact Scott Fosburg at (616) 897-5929 or (616) 813-4710 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to schedule your appointment.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.



Susan Ullery City Clerk store fronts Monday morning. Egg throwing, according to Lowell police, was the only big problem they had to contend with on Halloween night. The Lowell police confiscated 31 dozen eggs, but the remains of at least this number could be found on cars and store fronts along Main street.

Lowell firemen were called to the Robert Wood home early Sunday morning. Damage estimated at \$9,000 was caused when a fire started in the basement furnace room and burned through most of the first floor, before being brought under control. Fire fighting units were on hand from Lowell, Grattan and Cannonsburg.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 7, 1990

Lowell City Council rescinds motion to pursue cable bids. Lowell's City Council decided to fine tune the picture it is transmitting as to what it wants to do with the Lowell Cable System Monday night. At November council meeting, Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale asked the City Fathers to give him a sense of direction as to the potential sale of Lowell Cable. The council's decision was to rescind a previous motion to pursue bids in order that it could more clearly clarify what it is looking for. "The report we received from R.W. Beck presents us with a number of options. I believe we need to hold a meeting and come up with some definitive answers as to what we want to do," Lowell Mayor, James Maatman said. Councilman Bill Thompson chimed in with Maatman, saying he believes the Council needs to find out what's being offered, what's to be gained and lost by selling cable, and what the future holds? "This is a touchy and very emotional issue and once we've come up with a list of pros and cons I'd be in favor putting it on a ballot and letting the people decide, after all, they are paying for it," Thompson said.

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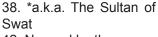
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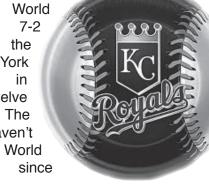
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An increasing number of food companies are moving away from synthetic colorings and toward plant-based ones. Demand for natural colorings - which can be derived from a variety of fruits and vegetables – took off after a 2007 study in the Lancet linking artificial colors with hyperactivity in children.

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Lt. Gov. Brian Calley signs ABLE Act, providing assistance to Michigan families in saving for disability-related expenses

Michigan residents who care for an individual with a disability will soon have access to special savings accounts to help them pay for certain expenses, thanks to legislation signed by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. Article V, Section 26 of the Michigan Constitution gives authority to the lieutenant governor to sign legislation when the governor is out of state. Gov. Snyder is currently attending the 2015 Ontario Economic Summit.

"The ABLE Act provides Michiganders with disabilities more financial opportunities that will help them live more self-determined independent lives," Calley said. "Families will now have tax-exempt options to save more money to support their loved ones without worrying about losing access to other benefits."

House Bill 4542, authored by state Rep. Anthony Forlini, creates the Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE Act) and authorizes ABLE savings accounts to be



Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, surrounded by supporters after signing ABLE Act.

used for spending on education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management, legal fees and other expenses. Forlini's HB 4543 creates an income tax deduction for ABLE Act accounts, with a deduction cap of \$5,000 for a single return or \$10,000 for a joint return. The bills are now Public Acts 160 and 161 of 2015, respectively.

HB 4544, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Jenkins, excludes money in an ABLE Act account from being used in determining financial eligibility for assistance programs. It is now PA 162.

Senate Bill 360, sponsored by Sen. Rebekah Warren, changes the maximum amount for Michigan Education Savings Program accounts to \$500,000, from \$235,000. The maximum amount allowed in ABLE accounts is tied to the maximum for MESP accounts. The bill is now PA 163.

The lieutenant governor also signed three additional

HB 4517, sponsored by Rep. David Rutledge, allows consolidated districts to refinance the debt of an original district, while maintaining the territory of the original district for purposes of retiring the refinanced debt. It is now PA 164.

SB 240, sponsored by Sen. Rick Jones, prohibits the sale, use or possession of powdered alcohol. Violations will result in misdemeanor charges. It is now PA 165.

HB 4263, sponsored by Rep. Andrea LaFontaine, reduces the licensing fee for athletic trainers from 200 dollars to 100 dollars, reduces their continuing education hours from 80 to 75, and requires all trainers to complete automated external defibrillator training before being certified or re-certified. It is now PA 166.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit legislature.michigan.gov

2015 state Christmas tree

A 66-foot spruce from the western Upper Peninsula traveled to Lansing on Saturday, Oct. 31 to become Michigan's 30th official Christmas tree. The tree was selected by staff from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

The spruce, which was grown in Wakefield, was donated by Florence Daniels in memory of her husband, the late Jim Daniels. For 30 years, Mr. Daniels was a teacher for the Wakefield School and System coached basketball, track football. Throughout his career, he received many honors, including U.P. Coach of the Year, and he was inducted into the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame.

Wakefield is 10 miles east of Ironwood and the Wisconsin border. It's the 21st time the official tree has been selected from the Upper Peninsula.

"DTMB's work to select and acquire the state's official tree is one of our most enjoyable projects each year," said DTMB Director and Michigan CIO David Behen. "It's always impressive to see the huge tree roll into Lansing on the back of a timberman's semi."

The 2015 tree was harvested, at no cost to the owners, on Wednesday, Oct. 28. DTMB brought the tree to Lansing with help from the Michigan Association of Timbermen, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and Michigan Operators Engineers. The timbermen cut the tree and transported it to Lansing at no cost to the state. At the Capitol, the Hi-Ball Co. of Lansing volunteered a crane and crew to set the tree at the intersection of Capitol and East Michigan avenues.

The tree lighting will take place on Friday, Nov. 20, as part of the Silver Bells in the City celebration. One of Michigan's premiere holiday events, Silver Bells includes a special Electric Light Parade with floats, marching bands and thousands of sparkling lights. The festivities will conclude with a fireworks display above the Capitol dome (weather permitting).

Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force releases findings and recommendations

Gov. Rick Snyder has announced that the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force has presented him with a comprehensive report of their findings and more than two dozen recommendations for changes in regulations and practices that could address a growing problem in Michigan.

The governor formed the task force in mid-June and appointed Lt. Gov. Brian Calley as the chair with the direction to examine the recent trends, evaluate strategic options, and develop a statewide action plan by fall 2015.

"The impact drug prescription and opioid abuse is being felt in every community across Michigan. It crosses all geographic demographic, and political lines," Snyder said. "This problem is something we must work together to address as soon as possible and I appreciate the dedication of Lt. Gov. Calley and the task force in working on this issue and presenting their findings in such a short time frame."

Pain killers are powerful opioids that are highly addictive and opioid dependence affects millions of people in the United States. Prescribed opioids can lead to the use of highly addictive and dangerous illegal substances, especially heroin. Michigan ranks 10th nationally in per capita prescription rates of opioid pain relievers and 18th in the nation for all overdose deaths.

Task force members varied greatly in their professional backgrounds to provide a solid crosssection of input. They represented the Executive Office, the state Legislature, state departments, law enforcement, prosecutors, mental health commissions. pharmacists, doctors, hospitals and insurance companies.

The task force also held a public hearing and subcommittees gathered input from experts involved with the growing problem of prescription drug and opioid abuse in Michigan and across the country. Attorney General Bill Schuette and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon served as subcommittee chairs.

The full report makes 25 primary recommendations and seven contingent recommendations in the areas of prevention, treatment, regulation, policy and outcomes, and enforcement. Highlights of the recommendations include:

- Updating or replacing the Michigan Automated Prescription System.
- Requiring registration and use of MAPS by those who are prescribing and dispensing prescription drugs.
- Updating regulations on the licensing of pain clinics, which hasn't been done since 1978.
- Increasing licensing sanctions for health professionals who violate proper prescribing and dispensing practices.
- Providing easier access to Naloxone, a drug that reduces the effects of an opioid overdose.
- Limiting criminal penalties for low-level offenses for those who seek medical assistance with an overdose
- Increasing access to care through wraparound services and Medication Assisted Treatment programs.
- Requiring additional training for professionals who prescribe controlled substances.
- Reviewing successful drug takeback programs for possible replication and expansion.
- Increasing the number of addiction specialists practicing in Michigan.
- Reviewing programs to eliminate doctor and pharmacy shopping and

requiring a bona-fide doctor-patient relationship for prescribing controlled substances.

- Creating a public awareness campaign about the dangers of prescription drug use and abuse and how people can get help for themselves or family members.
- Increasing training for law enforcement in recognizing and dealing with addiction for those officers who do not deal directly with narcotics regularly.
- Considering programs testing development of to reduce the increasing incidence of Neonatal Syndrome, Abstinence which leads to severe withdrawal symptoms for babies born to mothers who have been using opioids.

"We clearly have a lot to address but one of the goals of the task force was to present recommendations that we knew were achievable," Calley said. "By working with our partners in the state Legislature and the medical community, I am certain we can achieve the recommendations presented. I want to thank Gov. Snyder for his leadership in calling for this review of current laws and practices and his commitment to protecting the people of Michigan."

Lowell Area Community Fund. Annual Update 2014-2015

The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1947 by lengtime resident Harold Englishmet. The purpose of the Community Fund to to seek community exeporation and participation to exact a lengthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical wave including arts and enture, communic development, admitter, embersously, health, bureau continue and researches.

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