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# Gallery Hop celebrates art in Lowell

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

LowellArts! celebrated their second annual Downtown Lowell Gallery Hop last Thursday taking

time to honor the winners of their 30th annual West Michigan Regional Art competition.

Several galleries: LowellArts! King Gallery, Flat River Cottage & Night Forest Jewelry, Chimera Design, Glass House

Designs, and Flat River Gallery and Framing, took part staying open until 8 pm.

Those choosing to dine during the Gallery Hop received 10 percent off their food bills at six participating restaurants: Flat River Grill, Keiser's Kitchen, Larkin's Restaurant, Main Street BBQ, Mynt Fusion Bistro, and Sneaker's Bar and Grill.

LowellArts! provided public tours during the event showcasing their future home while simultaneously hosting an artists' reception inside the King Gallery. The gallery is currently housing the 30th Annual West Michigan Regional Art competition featuring 190 pieces of artwork from 89 Michigan artists.

The show's guest juror Caitlin Doherty, curator at the Eli and Edythe Broad Museum at Michigan State University, selected five winning pieces and four honorable mentions from a varied array of works in a variety of artistic mediums. Two thousand dollars in prize money was awarded to those placing in the competition.

Artist Taylor Mazer was selected by Doherty for the first-place award for his tiny pen and ink work "And Another Driveway." "It is an incredibly beautiful little work – being so tiny it is almost like a little treasure.

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Winners of the West Michigan Regional Art competition pose for a photo while Gallery Hop attendees shop in the background.

# LPAC marks 20th year of musical productions

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

This week's production of "Peter Pan" is the 20th musical Lowell High School has produced at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The annual productions of musicals began in 1996 with performances of "Little Mary Sunshine."

"We do a straight play in the fall and they sometimes choose Shakespeare," said Heidi Kolp, English teacher and musical director at LHS. "The musical in the spring is a chance to get more than just the actors involved. We have over 100 students participating in the musical this year. We had a huge pit; we pulled from both the band and orchestra programs for the pit. We also had 37 students involved behind-the-scenes from design to makeup to set building to riggers trained to fly Peter and the Darling children. You can't involve that many students in a straight play, so we try to do both and expose the kids to different kinds of theater."

Over the years they've done lots of famous shows, such as "The Wizard of Oz," "Grease," "Footloose," "Annie," "The Music Man," and "Hairspray."

"There are so many good musicals out there and you can always revisit classics in a new way," Kolp

said. "LHS has done 'Peter Pan' before and this time we did it with a modern twist. There are always new musicals coming out and new students with new interests and abilities that open up new shows we didn't think we could do before."

A lot of work goes into choosing the show and then figuring out how to perform it properly.

"The directors and adult creative team meet in May and brainstorm musicals based on the talent we have and what we think will be a good show for our audience," Kolp said. "I order at least three scripts for perusal and make the final decision based on our conversations and the scripts we look at. The selection process is usually wrapped up by the end of the summer so we can hit the school year running with it and start planning and brainstorming in earnest. We have really talented and dedicated music teachers from the elementary level up. Nathan Masterson, Tim Haan, Wendy Tenney, Kate Bredwell, Bob Rice, Joe Oprea, and Dale Latva are a formidable team who send me super talented students and help get this group ready every year."

Kolp said that next year's musical will be something special, although

they have not yet worked out the details.

"Right now, I think we

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# Unusual primary season has its share of surprises

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

So far this year's presidential election has been one of the wildest and craziest in American history. Michigan had its primary election on Tuesday, March 8. The big news in Michigan's primary was on the Democratic side. Contrary to what was predicted ad nauseam by the media, Vermont senator Bernie Sanders beat Hillary Clinton by 1.5 percent. Therefore, Sanders will get 67 of Michigan's delegates, while Clinton will get 60. Among Republicans, billionaire Donald Trump won 25 delegates, while Texas senator Ted Cruz and Ohio governor John Kasich each took 17.

There is still a long way to go in this election season. Over half of the United States still have not had their primaries. The parties will finally pick their nominees at the conventions in July. The Republicans are

having their convention in Cleveland, the Democrats in Philadelphia. The Democratic nominee will have to get 2,383 out of 4,765 delegates on their side to win their party's nomination. The eventual Republican nominee will need 1,237 out of 2,472 delegates to get the majority. As of press time, Trump is leading the Republicans with 464 delegates pledged to him, while Cruz has 372, Kasich has 63 and Marco Rubio has 166. Among Democrats, Clinton is leading with 766 delegates, while Sanders has 551 on his side. Clinton has done well in the South, while Sanders has been cleaning up in the Midwest.

Michigan has a "closed primary," meaning you must decide on your party affiliation ahead of time and vote only for a candidate from that party. The party you vote for in the primary is also a matter of public record. Michigan also does not allow third party

candidates on the ballot; it's limited to Republicans and Democrats. Candidates don't even have to do anything to get on the ballot in Michigan. Each November before a presidential election year, Michigan's Secretary of State issues a list of the individuals generally advocated by the national news media to be potential candidates. Then the state party chairperson checks the list over and issues their own corrected list to the Secretary of State.

In the last two Michigan primaries, Mitt Romney won on the Republican side. Michiganders went for Barack Obama in 2012, but picked Hillary Clinton in 2008. Donald Trump last appeared on a Michigan primary ballot in 2000 when he was running as a "Reform Party" candidate. The Reform Party was founded by billionaire Ross Perot in 1995.

# Kent District Library director receives prestigious “Mover and Shaker” award from *Library Journal*

Lance Werner, director of Kent District Library, has been named a “Mover and Shaker” in the library industry by the national publication *Library Journal*.

In its March 15, 2016 issue, *Library Journal* named 54 outstanding professionals committed to providing excellent service and shaping the future of libraries. Werner was selected in the category “Change Agents” because of his commitment to the profession and push to further the modern conveniences libraries can offer their patrons.

*Library Journal* honored Werner because of

his ability to garner unlikely support for big ideas and his success in bridging the digital divide. Under Werner’s direction, KDL has developed the most robust standalone eBook collection in the states (88,891 eBooks and eAudiobooks) and became the first public library in Michigan to offer eMagazines, eMovies and eComics.

“This year’s class of 54 joins a group of talented professionals who are committed, passionate and invigorated—each alone and all together transforming the library world and the communities it impacts for the better,” said Rebecca T.

Miller, editorial director of *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*.

Werner has been director of Kent District Library since May 2011. He previously served as director of the Capital Area District Library in Lansing, and as a library law Specialist at the Library of Michigan. He earned a B.A. in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado, a J.D. from Michigan State University and an M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University.

The 2016 Movers and Shakers were selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession’s leading

trade magazine. Each of the Movers and Shakers will be prominently featured in the March 15th issue of *Library Journal* and celebrated

at a special reception in June during the American Library Association’s annual conference in Orlando, FL. The print

feature’s companion website is sponsored by OCLC and available at [www.libraryjournal.com/movers2016](http://www.libraryjournal.com/movers2016)

## Gallery Hop, continued

But if you take the time to stop and to really look, you are immediately transported to another place. It’s a very atmospheric work,” said Doherty.

Mazer was joined by four other artists from Grand Rapids in the top five with one spot going to a Lowell artist. Betsy Borre placed second with her work “November,” an oil on canvas; Lynn Loubert placed third with her ink piece “Margaret Stipple,” Lowell’s Patti Sevensma came in fourth with her

photographic montage “Please Listen” and Geary Jones landed in fifth with his cotton tapestry entitled “Jeanie.”

Honorable mentions were awarded to Michelle Pittman of Sand Lake for her photo “Civic Shadows,” Kathleen Kalinowski of Comstock Park for her painting “Haybales and Chicory” and two additional Grand Rapids entrants, Betsy O’Neill for her painting “My Fathers World” and Joanne Swann for her print “Luten.”

Doherty said it was challenging to narrow down her top choices but ultimately based her decisions on what pieces she gravitated to emotionally. “Community support for art is necessary everywhere

in the world. And here in Lowell that support is abundantly clear – from the team at the art center to the volunteers to the entries themselves. I was struck by the sheer number of entries, as well as the diversity in terms of media and subject matter. It was a very difficult decision to shortlist only some of the entries and to choose winners. These (the winners) are the works that really pulled me in, captured my curiosity and made me linger. They have an emotion, they move you in one way or another.”

The public is welcome to tour the show free of charge through April 16 during LowellArts! regular gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 1-4pm.

### Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

~ Jim Rohn



## along main street

#### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., March 17 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

#### TEA AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL: LADIES OF THE LIGHTHOUSES

Enjoy an afternoon tea with lighthouse historian Dianna Stampfler. Meet the ladies who kept the lights burning at beacons throughout Michigan. They were women before

their time, taking on the dangerous and difficult job of tending to the beacons that protected the shores of the Great Lakes State. In all, nearly 40 women have been found who excelled in this profession. Nearly 50 images have been collected (of keepers, their lights and their families). The program also includes readings from journals, logs and autobiographies from these women. Hosted by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Event will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, March 17 at 1 pm.

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

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This position will report directly to the “Authority” and will be responsible for the preparation and fiscal management of the budget, planning, organization, training and direction of the Lowell Fire & Emergency Department consisting of approximately 24 fire and emergency personnel. This is an exempt part-time salary position requiring a minimum of 16 hours per week at \$455 per week. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and at least three references to:

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# Curtis Cleaners accepts donated men's and women's suits for our veterans

Grand Rapids area Curtis Cleaners will collect donated suits at their four locations, dry clean them and deliver them for veterans to use, state Sen. Dave Hildenbrand announced.

This effort, modeled after the "Suits for Soldiers"

organization in Southeast Michigan, will help our veterans as they look for employment after returning home from service. Chris Curtis from Curtis Cleaners reached out to Hildenbrand to help spread the word.

"Thank you to Curtis Cleaners for their generosity in supporting our veterans," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "They are a great family business with a long history of giving back to our community," Hildenbrand said.

People interested in donating their used, but in good condition suits, can drop them off at any of the Curtis Cleaners locations normal business hours or contact any location to schedule a free home pickup.

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Once the suits are cleaned, Curtis Cleaners will deliver them to Volunteers of America where staff with the Veteran Networking Job Club will store and facilitate getting the suits to veterans who can use them.

# Hepatitis C, cystic fibrosis medications being made available for Medicaid recipients

Medicaid recipients in Michigan will have coverage for new medications to treat hepatitis C and cystic fibrosis beginning March 1.

A new class of drugs to treat hepatitis C and another to treat cystic fibrosis will be covered for patients who meet criteria.

As with most states, Michigan is initiating coverage with hepatitis C direct-acting antiviral drugs such as Sovaldi for those most severely affected – individuals with chronic hepatitis C and advanced liver disease. Orkambi now will be covered for people with cystic fibrosis who have two copies of the F508del mutation to correct the function of a defective protein made by the cystic fibrosis gene.

Michigan Senate and House Appropriations subcommittees in January authorized spending transfers needed to cover the medications. Gov. Rick Snyder's executive budget

recommendations for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 include additional funds to pay those costs.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services decided to begin providing coverage for the drugs upon recommendation of its Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

The prescriptions will be available through Medicaid prior authorization to all eligible beneficiaries enrolled in Michigan Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children's Special Health Care Services and other waiver programs. Prior authorization is the process of reviewing a medication against criteria

prior to Michigan Medicaid covering the drug.

A patient's doctor can obtain prior authorization by submitting a request form located at <https://michigan.fhsc.com> Once the request is reviewed and approved, the pharmacy can fill the prescription for these new medications for coverage by Medicaid.

# LPAC musicals, continued

have proven that we have strong students who put on a quality show, so I would like to do something unexpected and different," Kolp said. "We spent my first few years doing shows that were tried and true. We pushed the envelope a little with the challenge of 'Hairspray'

and stretched our creative juices by updating 'Peter Pan.' I think these kids can do just about anything and I would really like to think outside of the box for next year. I have a ton of ideas right now; we'll see what everyone else is thinking."

Whatever the future holds, you can definitely expect something interesting.

"We like to amaze and entertain people every year," Kolp said. "We love the challenge of building on past success and continually impressing our audience."

A few tickets are still available for 'Peter Pan' performances on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19. You can buy them online at [seatyourself.biz/lowellhs](http://seatyourself.biz/lowellhs) or else you can call the LPAC at 987-2956.

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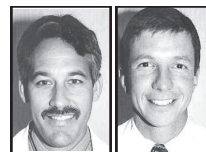
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### bladder cancer

Bladder cancer is about four times more common in men than in women. However, women more frequently have advanced bladder cancer by the time it is diagnosed.

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People who smoke have four times the risk of bladder cancer compared with nonsmokers.

The most common sign of bladder cancer is blood in the urine. This can be visible redness in the urine or may be detected microscopically in a urine sample. Blood in the urine requires a thorough diagnostic evaluation, including special x-rays (CT

urogram) and a cystoscopy, a visual inspection of the inside of the bladder, usually done by a urologist.

Bladder cancer is often diagnosed at an early stage, when the cancer is easier to treat. If the cancer is not invasive, it can be treated by removing the tumor from the inside of the bladder by means of cystoscopy. This treatment is often followed by chemotherapy or immunotherapy administered directly into the bladder over a period of time. If the cancer is more invasive, complete removal of the bladder (cystectomy) is recommended. It is important to have regular checkups after treatment because bladder cancer has a high rate of recurrence.

## KTC Student of Month



Robert Meneghini

Lowell High School is pleased to announce that Robert Meneghini, 11th grade, has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Meneghini is enrolled in the automotive program.

**LAS Elementary Lunch Menus**  
week of 3/21/16

**MONDAY:** Yogurt parfait w/ granola & cheese stick, strawberries; Bushnell: Yogurt parfait w/ graham crackers, strawberries; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad; celery sticks; applesauce; raisins; Bushnell: pear.

**TUESDAY:** Sweet & sour popcorn chicken over brown rice, seasoned green beans; Bushnell: popcorn chicken w/roll, seasoned green beans; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, apple slices, grapes.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cinnamon glazed French toast w/eggs, hashbrowns; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad; Bushnell: broccoli; baby carrots, applesauce, orange slices.

**THURSDAY:** Beef & cheese nachos, refried beans, heat w/ meat; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad; blueberries; Bushnell: cherry tomatoes; pineapple, apple slices.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### negativity digs its own hole

To the Editor,  
With 37 years of a close relationship with the city on many different levels, getting to know many that care; I am amazed that so many of the nicest, creative, constructive, giving citizens seem so impatient. This amounts to carelessness. I have never seen so much rancor here.

Everyone knows negativity digs its own hole. To get out of it, a person has to reach deeper inside with understanding, forgiveness, patience, respect, and the ability to offer thoughtful,

positive solutions. I certainly expected that from some of you.

I'm disappointed. This wound needs some time to close. Change was voted for and some obvious solutions hurt. If it's a difference of opinion, be thankful you live in a democracy. With this, change is possible. With patience and respect, it will be positive.

Please reconsider. This is an education: personal and communal.

I'm hopeful,  
Gary Dietzel  
Lowell

### stop harrasing

Dear Editor,

I think our city council is doing a great job and just what they were voted in for. I can't believe a group of people organized by former pastor of the Congregational Church Roger LaWarre and including Lowell Light and Power board chairman Greg Canfield, LL&P board member Andrew Schrauben, wife of LL&P board member Perry Beachum, failed city council candidate Jim Salzwedel and former councilmember Maryalene LaPonsie (for a full list of members see the article in last week's Ledger) are still so determined to make this council look bad. All they are doing is stirring up

trouble and making the town look bad. They do not speak for the majority who voted for the change this council promised. Maybe they made some mistakes but now that is in the past. We need to move on. Stop harassing them and let them do their jobs. We call ourselves "the Next Place to be" but with this group's negative attitude, the first thing we know we'll be on a plate with the name "the Worst Place to be." What are they so afraid of having exposed if they let this council do their job?

John Erickson  
Lowell

### bring back harmony

To the Editor,

It was so nice to go to a council meeting and hear people respectfully asking questions and actually allowing the councilmembers to answer those questions. It looks like

our community is finally coming together. Maybe if we all will pray a little harder we can accomplish bringing peace and harmony back to this community.

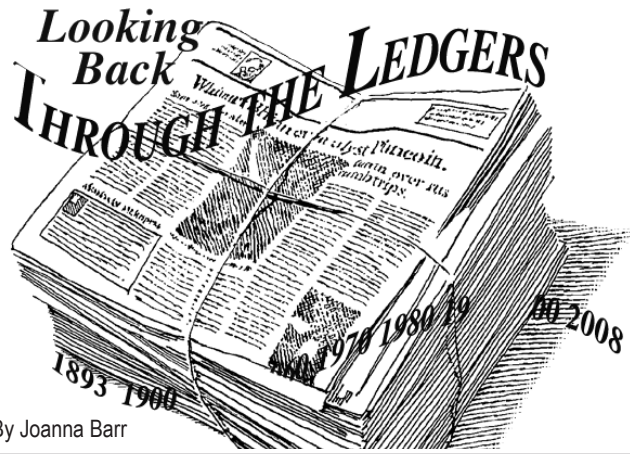
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By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal March 18, 1891

Dr. E. Frank Orser, Specialist for Chronic cases, of Gd. Rapids, will be at Train's Hotel Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th, for consultation with those who would need his services. Consultation free. If any are unable to come to the Hotel by sending word Dr. Orser will call at their home and make an examination for which he will make no charge. (87—88)

The Lowell & Hastings R. R. Co. have made arrangements to use D., L. & N. mileage tickets and hereafter will carry passengers between Lowell and Grand Rapids, taking up but 18 miles. One thousand mile tickets on sale at L. & H. Depot, price \$20, W. U. Clark, Agent.

Our news columns give a full account of the uprising of the people of New Orleans and their speedy methods of carrying out their ideas of justice. While the people of this country deplore their action, in taking the law into their own hands, mainly on account of the international complications that will follow, still there is some excuse, in the barefaced miscarriage of justice, in the acquittal, in the almost absolute proof of their guilt, of the assassins of Chief-of-Police Hennessey.

Look for the Street Parade of the Sackett-Kinzie Co's Band, on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21. The Sackett-Kinzie Company has been re-organized und now numbers 19 people, including a Brass Band and Orchestra. This justly popular Company play a two nights engagement at Train's Opera House, Friday

and Saturday evenings, March 20th and 21st. Tickets on sale at McPherson's Bazaar Store.

You will find old papers at this office for 35 cents a hundred.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 23, 1916

Quits horse livery business. F. P. Hakes has decided to retire from the light-horse business and on page five of this paper is advertising a sale of his livery horses, vehicles, etc., to be held at the Hakes livery barns, April 4. Read full particulars in adv. Mr. Hakes will continue at the old stand in automobile livery, feed and stand-in barns and draught horse breeding.

Saturday a bus containing two women passengers was backed up to a saloon and packed with the patrons and "goods" of that institution and the women were compelled to ride to the Grand Trunk depot in a bar room atmosphere. It is safe to say that no one resents the practice more than would the men responsible for it, were their own wives and daughters subjected to like indignity. A small application of the Golden Rule would work a much needed reform.

The steadily growing circulation of The Ledger offers its advertisers an ever increasing opportunity for trade inducing publicity. Those who use it, are constantly making their appeal to possible new patrons, who should be made steady visitors to our thriving village. Let us all do our part to thwart the efforts of the state-wide prohibition.

A boozier applied at The Ledger office Tuesday for the price of "something to eat." We didn't have it for him; and a few minutes later when we saw Officer Taylor escorting him to jail, we new that he had found accommodations for the night.

Thousands will "vote dry" for their own protection and the wellbeing of their families.

Lowell Bargains. MerchantsExpansion Sale Mar. 29. Big Induce-ments. The merchants of Lowell will hold their second Expansion sale or bargain offering on Wednesday, March 29, one day only. Most of the specials are detailed in full on insert page; and others are given by our regular advertisers in their own spaces in this paper. Some others will be found on the large bills, similar to those used in the first event. Study the offerings made in The Ledger and save time when you come to town. It will keep you busy if you make the rounds on the one day allowed. As the notice

is short, kindly pass the word to your friends, who may not see paper or bills. It will be worth coming to Lowell for. Remember the date, Wednesday, March 29.

Clara Kimball Young at Idle Hour Saturday. The above named charming actress who has received 300,000 votes above Mary Pickford as being the finest film actress in the world, will be featured in the comedy-drama "Marrying Money" at the Idle Hour theater Saturday afternoon and evening in the following cast of characters: Mildred Niles, Clara Kimball Young. Her mother, Ina Brooks. Ted Vandever, Chester Barnett. Ted's friend James Sweeney, W. W. Jefferson. French count, Winthrop Chamberlain. Five reels in "Marrying Money" and the usual Ford Weekly in addition. Don't miss the matinee at 2:30. Usual prices, 5 and 10c.

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## We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor.

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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.



## Relay For Life holds Superhero kickoff party

Lowell Relay For Life kicked off their season last Thursday in Superhero style welcoming the public to a pizza party generously hosted by the organizations Event Leadership Team, pictured, and BC Pizza in Lowell.

Dozens of cancer crusaders turned out for the annual event which serves as a fun and informational introduction to the summer fundraiser scheduled for June 25 at the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell.

To date the fundraiser, which benefits the American Cancer Society, has twelve teams registered for participation and has raised more than \$18,000. Those interested in joining or sponsoring the fight are encouraged to visit [www.acevents.org](http://www.acevents.org) and search the Lowell event.

Area churches will again host a

# Good Friday CROSS WALK

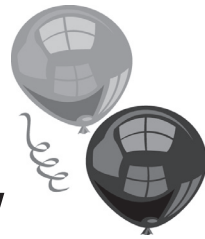
MARCH 25, 2016

A cross will be carried from Lowell 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 begin at 12 noon. Programs will be provided. Rides will also be available for those unable to walk the route. In case of inclement weather, a program will be held inside Lowell United Methodist Church.

Questions? Call Dave Deans (897-9188), or Dave Pasquale (897-5044)

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- MARCH 21**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 16-198889-DE

Estate of ADELINE B. KONWINSKI. Date of birth: March 3, 1924.

TO ALL CREDITORS: March 11, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Adeline B. Konwinski, died February 5, 2016.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael L. Konwinski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500 Grand Rapids and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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# Chess club champions

For the tenth year in a row the Lowell Middle School chess club has competed in the all-day chess tournament held at Thornapple Kellogg Schools. This year's event included over 150 students from 12 schools and additional home-schooled students. Each student played five chess matches lasting up to one hour in length.



Pictured, left to right: Travis Boyd (runner-up), Sterling Weeks (runner-up), Kyle Weeks (first place - undefeated) and Alexis Royer (runner-up).



At left, two winners representing Murray Lake Elementary were, left to right: Avery Miller (first place - undefeated) and Ryan Baker (runner-up).



Bradley Baas (runner-up) and Brandon Baker.

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## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

The Bowne Township Board will hold a public hearing on the 2016-2017 proposed operating budget. The hearing will be held in the Historic Township, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI 49302, on Monday March 21, 2016 during the regular board meeting.

**"The property tax millage rate of 2.5757 proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."**

A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the township office on 9-3 Wed. & Thursday, 9-noon Friday.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance from the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Applicant:** Rich and Karen Williamson  
**Address of Variance:** 13200 100th Street SE, Alto, Michigan 49302  
**General Location:** South side of 100th Street, generally one-half mile east of Wingeler Avenue  
**Zoning of Property:** AG Agricultural

**Variance Request:** Section 5.05 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance requires that the maximum lot area of a non-farm lot is 5.0 acres. Currently, the applicant's dwelling is located on a lot consisting of 80 acres. The adjacent vacant lot to the west is composed of approximately 54.58 acres.

The applicants wish to divide their occupied parcel so that the resulting parcels consist of 9.57 acres and 70.5 acres. The applicants also wish to divide the adjacent vacant parcel into two parcels so that the resulting parcels consist of 8.88 and 45.7 acres.

The variance requested is 4.57 additional acres in the case of the first occupied parcel, and 3.88 additional acres in the case of the second parcel.

The applicant is proposing that the boundary of the land divisions in both cases follows the centerline of Tyler Creek. The proposed land division on the westernmost parcel would result in one lot without access from a public or private road; any land division of these parcels can only be approved upon the condition that access will be provided via an approved public or private road.

**The hearing will be held as follows:**  
**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
 ALTO, MI 49302

The application materials are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Arrows bring home district championship

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

After topping Northview High School 57-42 in the Class A district semifinals on Wednesday, the Lowell Red Arrows went on to accomplish a feat on Friday that was last accomplished when Prince was singing about Purple Rain at the top of the charts and people were flocking to the theater to see Footloose, bringing home a district championship.

For the first time since 1984, the Red Arrows claimed the district's top prize after topping opponent Forest Hills Central 52-44 blasting into the lead in a furious fourth quarter. The win also marks the team's 18th victory of the year, the most logged since the Red Arrow's 1977-78 season, making the season a historic one.

At Northview on Wednesday en route to the finals the Arrows quickly took control of the game

offensively grabbing the lead out of the gate while stifling the Wildcats on both sides of the ball. By halftime Lowell held a commanding 31-12 lead, a lead they maintained until it became a 57-42 win.

Senior Ryan Stevens led the team offensively in the win earning 16 points with junior Matt Beachler coming in just behind with 15. Others contributing to the scoreboard in the win were Austin Branagan with nine, Alex Anschutz and Marcus Malling with six, Gabe Steed with three and Avery Buckius who chipped in two.

Knowing that a win on Friday would mean a huge rebound for the program after a 28 year drought, Lowell point guard Stevens said he did not let the pressure get to him sticking with the program in regards to readying for the game. "I just tried to prepare for this game the same as every



The Red Arrows after capturing the school's first district championship title since 1984.

other game. We didn't need to try and change anything, just continue to do what had gotten us to that game."

Having already defeated the Rangers twice in conference play earlier in the season, 60-44 and 76-44, the Arrows were careful not to assume a win was a foregone conclusion. And rightfully so, as FHC came prepared for battle leading by one point 25-24 at the half and 37-33 after the third.

The Arrows jumped on the trail to victory in the fourth after senior Carter Noskey, whose father coincidentally played on the 1984 championship team, nailed a three pointer setting the Arrows off on a fiery comeback that included a 10-0 scoring streak. Combined with precise defensive aggression from junior Branagan and senior Anschutz the Arrows held off FHC sealing the 52-44 win.

Lowell head coach Kyle Carhart handed over the tournament trophy to captain Stevens who hoisted it with pride amid the jubilant celebration on the hardwood. "It was a sense of relief and pure joy," said Stevens, of the moment, "Our team has played together since elementary and that was one of our goals for high school. I realized as I raised that trophy to the Lowell crowd and my team celebrated that all of our hard work payed off. Everything to prepare for that moment was worth it."

Teammate Beachler lit up the scoreboard in the win

adding ten of his 21 game high points in the fourth. Stevens followed this time netting nine with Anschutz and Branagan coming in with six apiece. Marcus Malling (3), Noskey (3), Steed (2) and Buckius (2) also earned offensively for the squad.

According to Stevens the victory held a bigger meaning, especially for him and his fellow seniors.

"Every senior class wants to leave a legacy and this is one accomplishment that we can leave behind. A district title hasn't been won around here for awhile and it's something these seniors won't forget. It's a very special season for this program."

The Arrows will take on Hudsonville early in the week at Caledonia High School in the regional

semifinals after nearly three decades of being locked out of the running. Hudsonville picked up their sixth consecutive district title last week. With a win the team will move on to the finals Wednesday in the same location taking on either Muskegon or conference foe Grand Rapids Christian for the regional title.

## Frosh and JV turn in fantastic overall season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Red Arrow girls basketball surged in the younger ranks this winter with both the freshman and junior varsity turning in fantastic overall seasons and flawless treks through the difficult OK White conference.

Freshman head coach David Flores led his talented team to an incredible 19-1 season record and an 8-0 sweep in conference. "This group has a really bright future ahead of them. The talent that they have is obvious, but I can't say enough about their work ethic and the way they each embraced their roles," said Flores. "They were so selfless in their attitudes. They all had the same goals in mind and wanted to do anything they could to help our team reach those goals."

And reach them they did with a hot offensive lineup and a fast defense that simply never let up.

Emily Stump led the season for the team offensively scoring an average of 13.5 points per game and a high season single game score of 27 points against non-conference foe Byron Center. According to Flores she also took control on defense. "What Emily was able to do on both ends of the floor was really pretty special. She was our leading scorer on offense from the point guard position, so the ball was in her hands 90 percent of the time. Defensively she would typically guard the other team's point guard and was able to apply great ball pressure and keep her opponent off balance all game."

Macie Hefron and Sara Landon were the team's other top scorers averaging eight and 7.5 points per game respectively. Flores also sighted Jaki Hayes as a defensive powerhouse. "Jaki has the ability to dominate

games defensively and she did that all year long. She has great on-ball defense because she is able to stay in front of people and affect the ball without fouling. Off the ball she has the ability to anticipate passes, leading to a ton of steals for her."

Flores went on to stress that any success the team experienced was due to all of its moving parts. "We talked all year long about how everyone on our team was important, no matter how big or small your role is, we need everyone. And I think they really bought into that. I can't say enough about the kids on our team that maybe didn't get the notoriety that other kids on our team got, but were certainly just as important."

JV basketball ended the season on a hot 13 game winning streak that left them with a 17-3 overall record and a flawless 10-0

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Senior Alex Anschutz delivered in both the semifinal and final rounds last week with ferocious effort on the hardwood.



# Red Arrow - GYMNASTICS SPORTS

## Browning receives senior gymnast of the year

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

An eleventh-place team finish, three individual state placers and a Senior Gymnast of the Year award were the results of Friday's gymnastics state tournament where the Arrows competed for the second time in the school's history.

The Arrows headed to hosting Rockford High School for the tournament where their efforts earned them an eleventh-place position. Though they had hoped for a better finish the gymnasts and head coach Michele DeHaan are extremely pleased with their season. "We are so

proud to be the eleventh best gymnastics team in the state. This group of girls accomplished something only one other Lowell gymnastics team in history ever has, just to make it to the team state level. We may have only beat one team at the state meet but we beat 21 other teams over all four regions to get there," said DeHaan.

The Lady Arrows earned a combined score of 134.95 just over eleven points behind eventual state champions Rockford who finished with a score of 146.35. Rockford, who won the title for the

second consecutive year, was followed by Forest Hills (145.1), Farmington (144.0), Howell (141.925) and Canton (140.975).

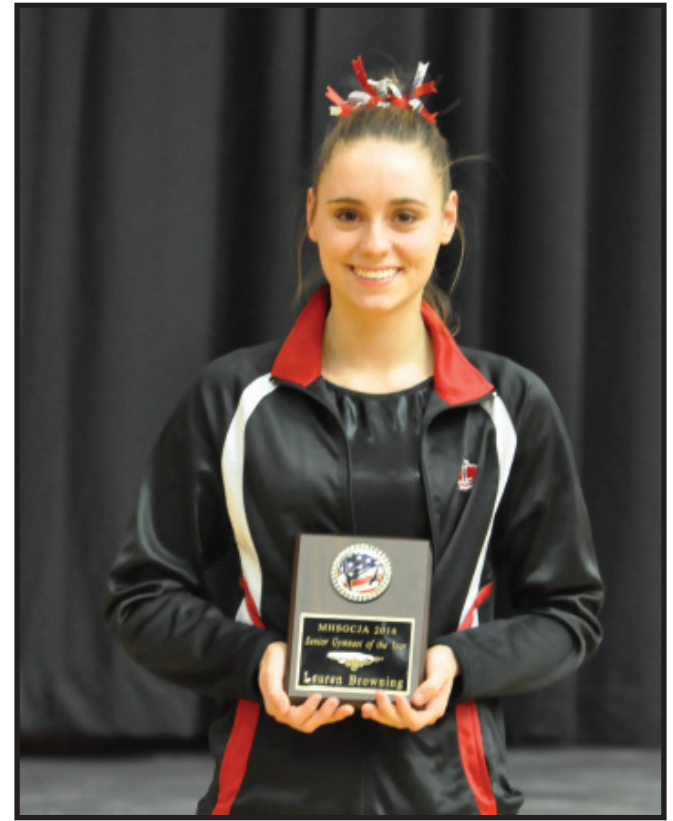
In individual competition on Saturday at the same location the three Lowell gymnasts scored well enough to place in the state's top ten. Corah Kaufman earned the top finish landing in fourth on the bars with an 8.75. The junior tumbler has competed at the state level all three years of her high school career qualifying and placing twice on bars and qualifying this season as an all-around.

Coach DeHaan said she feels Kaufman will finish in top form next year as a senior. "I expect Corah to work very hard to come

back next year and strive to place on multiple events and all-around. She was only two spots out of the all-around placings - she finished twelfth."

Fellow junior Lisa Price finished sixth on the floor exercise with a 9.05 putting her dance training to use on the mat for the Arrows in her first state appearance. "Lisa was a one event specialist for us this year. She only competed floor for us," explained DeHaan, "Lisa's floor routine is so beautiful to watch because of her dance background. I know Lisa will put in the work to get back on that podium again next year as a senior."

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Lauren Browning senior gymnast of the year.

## Frosh, JV, continued

record in conference. With that many wins head coach Jesse Vasquez said it is hard to pick a favorite moment from the season, but said one win in particular stands out. "Our victory against East Grand Rapids at East is something I will never forget. It was a complete team effort defensively. We did everything right and we did it as a team. It was a very special game to be a part of."

Captains Kelly Reitsma and Mikyla Branagan, the "definitions of captains" according to Vasquez, led the team on the hardwood this season with Branagan scoring an average of eight points a game. Other top scorers were Emily Depew who averaged 9.8 per game and points leader Carly Hoekstra with 10 a game. Defensive effort, as with the freshman team, came from the entire group. "Every person on the floor had to

be on the same page. One player couldn't be effective if her teammates didn't have her back," said Vasquez.

Sophomore Darby Dean also played a big role in the team's successful season. According to Vasquez, "She played a big role for our team. Does all the little things. She rebounds, defends and creates on the offensive end. Another coach during the year came up to myself and Darby and said I have two young daughters and I hope they compete as hard as you do. That's what Darby is all about. She competes every possession."

Vasquez said he feels the team has huge potential when they step on to the court next season. "This team is very special. We won a lot of games and their drive for success blows my mind. Every single one wanted to win and they wanted to do it together."




Freshman point guard Emily Stump helped lead her team to a 19-1 season.



Carly Hoekstra, at right, was the JV basketball team's top offensive player.

Lowell Community Expo In Honor of Shelby Tomczak-Offrink



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# Looking Back, continued

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 20, 1941

69 tons of steel in new bridge. Use large quantities of other materials. Main street is back to normal this week with the completion of the new bridge that has been under construction for the past six months. The work started on October 10, 1940 and the final completion will be official late this month. The bridge is of concrete T-beam type built entirely of cement and reinforced steel. It is constructed on 8-foot concrete footings and it is said that the bridge would still be standing if the rest of the earth dam were washed away in a flood. In the building of the bridge over 69 tons of steel, 1,300 barrels of cement, 1,400 yards of sand and gravel and 13,000 square feet of sheet steel piling were used. The total cost will be over \$60,000 and the L. W. Lamb company will finish the project ahead of schedule. Over 20 men have been employed during most of the construction work. The new dam built along the bridge for the King Milling company is the latest type of construction with all new all-steel gates which are raised and lowered with a wench. This dam and another at the west side of the river, which it is expected will be built this summer, will enable the mill to hold an additional 10-inch head of water.

A few business men met with the Common Council Monday night for the purpose of holding informal discussion upon the subject of providing additional parking space in the business district. Further discussion is to be held later between a committee from the Board of Trade and the council.

When Lowell awoke Tuesday morning it was discovered that the town had acquired another street during the night, the Common Council having officially created "Shepard Boulevard" on Reservoir Hill. When the Council creates a new name for the highway leading to Ernie Foreman's prospective domicile on Watts' Hill we suggest that they call it "Buena Vista."

At a recent meeting of the officers and directors of Lowell Board of Trade a policy was adopted that should meet with the approval of all citizens of the community regardless of political affiliations. The policy referred to was the adoption of the recommendation of the program committee providing that "the Board of Trade should not be the sponsor of political meetings, as such activities can be carried out through other channels with more appropriateness."

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger March 27, 1966

Thief ransacks apartment in money search. The apartment of Pete Kerr, located over his tavern on East Main Street, was broken into Sunday afternoon or early afternoon or early evening and ransacked by a thief who was evidently searching for money. The break-in was reported to Lowell Police at 9 p. m. Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Kerr returned home. The thief forced open a rear door and entered the apartment. Beds were pulled apart, rugs torn up, and drawers emptied on the floor. The thief was apparently searching for possible hidden money. Kerr reported about \$30 in bent and damaged coins, \$11 or \$12 in rolled pennies, an electric razor, a ladies' wrist watch, a mens' wrist watch, and a spinning reel, were missing from the apartment.

Ed Roth has taken over the operation of the Shell Service Station on East Main Street. Roth has been employed with the Kent County Road Commission, and operated his farm in Vergennes Township prior to taking over the operation of the Shell Station.

Angle parking on the west side of Horatio Street, the one-way street at the Legion Bowling Alley on East Main Street, was approved at the council meeting on Monday night. The council authorized a second stop sign on Amity Street, at the intersection of Elizabeth, to discourage thru traffic on this street. Several citizens residing on the street appeared at the meeting to urge immediate action.

Soon to open on Main Street "Harriette's," owned and operated by Harriette Thurtell, former Lowell resident. The shop will feature half-size dresses of top name brands besides her quality line of foundation garments. Mrs. Thurtell and her daughter, Jane Houseman, were busy painting and decorating with the able advise and assistance of "Bud" who is an expert in store design and decoration. Tones of lavender and blue and old barn boards... Mrs. Thurtell and the late Mr. Thurtell, who was associated in the business until his death last November, have operated a similar shop in Ionia for the past 16 years.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 20, 1991

Hackenbruch crowned 1991 Miss Lowell Showboat. Erica Christine Hackenbruch was the last contestant to put in an application for the 1991 Miss Lowell Showboat Pageant. The last turned to first Saturday night at the Lowell Middle School Auditorium, as Hackenbruch was crowned the 1991 Miss Lowell Showboat. The Lowell senior was crowned by the 1990 Miss Lowell Showboat, Jody Renee Smith. Hackenbruch was one of only four contestants to vie for this year's honor. Joining Hackenbruch on stage Saturday night were seniors Rebecca Hovey, Megan Odell and Laura Trowbridge. All four contestants arrived at the Middle School at 4 p.m. for closed session interviews with the judges. The judges for the 1991 Pageant were Dave Randall, WOOD Radio; Rob Sanford, WOOD Radio; and Cecile Turner, home economist - University of Michigan. "This was a lot of fun. I felt very comfortable at the interviews earlier in the day. The questions asked of us tonight were difficult," Hackenbruch said. "This is a great way to top off your senior year."

Lowell Administration receives letter of denial on its bonafide offer for Qua-Ke-Zik. The success of any realtor depends on location, location and location. It seems the success of any settlement between Lowell Schools and the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club also depended entirely on location, location and location. Since January of this year, school and Qua-Ke-Zik club officials have been meeting privately hoping

to better understand one another's needs and thus avoid any possible bitterness that may come out of condemnation hearings and/or from the right of eminent domain for public entities. Those handful of meetings led to a bonafide offer from the school of \$442,000. The Club had seven days to respond. On Monday, Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch received a letter of refusal from the club's attorney, John Huff. "The club believes that because of its unique special use of the club and its property over the last 25 years, that a judge will not deny it fair, comparable and reputable value to rebuild, relocate and replace the club," Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club President, Bruce Bobo said. Both sides agree the school can show a need for the Foreman Road property. The sides seemed to differ Monday night whether the Club can prove the replacement amount it seeks for rebuilding the club and replacing its ranges is near what the club is asking for - roughly \$1.6 million.

Rotary pledges \$9,000 for park's trees. Construction begins soon on new park. The \$140,000 first phase in the development of Stoney-Lakeside Park was given some environmental encouragement Wednesday at the Lowell Rotary Club's weekly meeting. The 70-member organization announced its support for donating \$9,000 over a three year period to the City toward the planting of trees and shrubs at Stoney-Lakeside Park. "Rotary International is encouraging all local Rotary Clubs to pursue environmental projects within their community," Lowell Rotary President, Jim Hodges said. "The club decided that through Stoney-Lakeside Park it can best assist the local area environmentally." Hodges said the club hopes to accomplish the \$9,000 goal before the three-year period is up. "This will allow the City to put an emphasis on the physical development of the Park and not so much in the greenery." The \$140,000 first phase of the development included work on the beach, driveway, parking lot, bathhouse, and boat launch.

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## Gymnastics, continued

Finishing in the tenth position was sophomore Maura Fitzpatrick on the vault where she earned a score of 9.1. Fitzpatrick has been a standout this season qualifying for the state tournament as an all-around in her second trip to the state finals. DeHaan said she is excited about Fitzpatrick's huge potential in upcoming seasons. "She is only a sophomore so we expect her to accomplish big things before she graduates. She still has two great years ahead of her."

A proud DeHaan said that she is glad that her

hardworking and dedicated gymnasts had this rare opportunity together. "This team experienced something together that many high school athletes never get a chance to do, experience the competition of their school sport at the highest level. Superintendent Greg Pratt stopped by practice Thursday and spoke with the team. The thing I remember most was him telling the girls to stop and take a moment this weekend to enjoy their accomplishment and remember the journey it took us to get there. Believe me, we did."



The eight individual state qualifiers, from left to right: Lauren Browning, Maura Fitzpatrick, Lisa Price, Corah Kaufman, Sarena Wilterdink, Karmen Anderson, Alise Forward and Corah Kaufman.

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<b>VAULT</b>			
Maura Fitzpatrick	8.7	Maura Fitzpatrick	9.1
Lauren Browning	8.5	Alise Forward	8.95
Corah Miller	8.4	Lauren Browning	8.9
Alise Forward	8.35	Corah Miller	8.9
Karmen Anderson	8.25	Corah Kaufman	8.75
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<b>BARS</b>			
Corah Kaufman	8.775	Corah Kaufman	8.75
Karmen Anderson	8.45	Karmen Anderson	8.225
Sarena Wilterdink	8.25	Maura Fitzpatrick	8.125
Maura Fitzpatrick	8.2	Sarena Wilterdink	8.025
Amber Brown	8.15		
<b>BEAM</b>			
Maura Fitzpatrick	8.5	Corah Kaufman	8.8
Corah Kaufman	8.25	Maura Fitzpatrick	7.875
Paige DeHaan	8.125		
Sela Bauman	7.4	<b>FLOOR</b>	
Lauren Browning	7.2	Lisa Price	9.05
		Maura Fitzpatrick	8.6
		Corah Kaufman	8.425
<b>Floor</b>			
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Lisa Price performing her floor routine.

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# obituaries

## BAKER

Jamie Baker, age 46 of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly from complication of pneumonia on Monday, March 7, 2016. He is survived by his daughter Ashlee Baker and grandsons Treshaun and Jamari Baker; his mother Kimberly Lepzinski; brothers Steve Lepzinski and Chad (Nicole) Campbell; his nieces and nephews; his special caregiver and true friend for 27 years David Ragucki and his special friend Bill Heft. Jamie's heavy sarcasm and wit will be greatly missed. His door was always open and everyone was always welcomed. There will be a Memorial Gathering on Saturday, March 19th from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Village Drive Apartments Community Room, 2000 Saginaw Rd. SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Association, 1938 Woodslee Dr., Ste B, Troy MI 48083.



## FRIESNER

Local Outdoorsman and Storytelling Legend John Emory (Jack) Friesner passed away March 10 at the age of 82. Sometimes called the Daniel Boone of Lowell he was the son of Maisie McCaul and Emory Friesner born in Lowell on July 6, 1933. His unique approach to life and values where from a bygone era. Time and again always with a smile he would offer a hand out to bum or friend. He joined the Air Force at nineteen and proudly served his country for 20 years during which time he had tours in Vietnam, Korea, and Alaska where he spent many hours hunting the rugged terrain. After retirement from the military he returned to Lowell opening Grand River Bait and Tackle. He later moved to Toledo, OH where he was employed as plant manager at a local manufacturing company before traveling back to Alaska and on to Arizona prospecting with his brother and nephew before eventually ending up in the Florida Keys where he remained for six years before returning home. He only ever had one true love in his life, the Grand River. From boyhood he would take any and every opportunity to drop a line in its water or trap its banks. Those that love and admire him along with the friends that he created and the lives he touched are far too numerous to mention. He was a Loyal Member of the Moose and VFW Post. He is survived by his son, Mark Friesner; sisters, Kay Fosnaugh (Mike) of Toledo, OH and Debby Vogel of Mooresville, NC; brother, Roger Holtz of Toledo, OH; as well as his many cousins, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his ex-wife, Gail Friesner; brothers, Bruce Friesner and Bill Holtz. A wake celebrating his life will be held at The Lowell VFW Post #8303 at 1:00 pm on April 1, 2016. Please no flowers or cards.

## FRY

John D. Fry passed away March 7, 2016, in Clarkridge, Arkansas at the age of 65. He was born March 19, 1950, in Greenville, the son of Karl and Winnifred (Snyder) Fry. He married Mari-Ellen Jirikowic on April 22, 1970, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was an electronic technician at Milwaukee Area Technical College. John lived in Clarkridge since moving from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2007. He loved living in Clarkridge where he spent his time working on his computers, doing metal working, wood working, crocheting, playing his guitar and ukulele. John is survived by his wife, Mari-Ellen Fry of Clarkridge, AR; daughter, Mary Jane Fry of Pittsville, WI; and sister, Linda (Fry) Rexford of Lowell; and his beloved dog, Shorty. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

## MARVIN

Shirley Ann Marvin, Age 66 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, March 6, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Laih Marvin, infant brother Ronald and brother Lewis Marvin. She is survived by her brothers Burt (Nancee) Marvin and Larry (Deborah) Marvin; sisters Louise (Lou) King and Kim (Bill) Howorth and many nieces and nephews. Shirley was a loving and caring person. Her nieces and nephews were very special to her. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 18th, 12:00 p.m. at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington St. The family will meet with friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Caleb Rogers officiating. Interment Farplains Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to F.R.O.M. (Flat River Outreach Ministries), 11535 Fulton St. E., Lowell MI 49331.



## BARLE

Linda Ann Barle, age 61 of Lowell, reached her end of the journey on Sunday, March 13, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Mildred Hanks, Sr. She is survived by her husband Ray of 42 years; sons Ryan (Bridget) Barle, Steve Barle and Benjamin (Amber) Barle; grandchildren Brianna, Brooke, Blake, Kallie Ann and Baby Barle; sisters Donna (Dick) Jachim and Carol (Frank) Hammond; brothers Dan (Paula) Hanks and John (Angie) Hanks; and many nieces and nephews. Linda loved gardening, flowers and driving the school bus. The loves of her life were her grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. SE, Lowell MI. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI. Vigil service Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell MI 49331.



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## STARKS

Larry Leroy Starks age 75 of Ionia passed away March 9, 2016. He was born July 20, 1940 in Mecosta County, the son of Howard and Sylvia (Shippell) Starks. Larry enjoyed going moose hunting, playing cribbage and euchre, eating apple pie, doing small engine repairs, and watching Nascar. Larry is survived by his children, Tammi (Bruce) Wingeier of Alto, Traci Osborn of Clarksville, Kelly (Tony) Calduch of Florida, Teresa Davis of Germany, LeRoy (Stephanie) Starks of Vermontville, Lisa Abel and Sam Tobar of Alto, Penney Starks of Ohio, and Laura Wood of Muskegon; very special friend, Mazie Patten of Ionia; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Phyllis Hinkle; and granddaughter, Alicia Carrigan. Memorial services were held Monday, March 14 at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Pastor Frank Lattimore officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)



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## Michigan launches statewide #GoOpenInitiative

Michigan school districts will be able to use a wide range of teaching and learning materials free of charge with the launching of a new statewide #GoOpen initiative, the Michigan Department of Education announced today.

Michigan is joining the inaugural cohort of states across the country committing to support school districts and

educators transitioning to the use of high-quality, openly-licensed educational resources in their schools.

Openly-licensed educational resources are learning materials that can be used for teaching, learning, and assessment without cost. They can be modified and redistributed without violating copyright laws.

Michigan was recognized for its leadership by the U.S. Department of Education at the #GoOpen Exchange, a gathering of state and district leaders, innovative education technology platform providers, and non-profit organizations working together to share knowledge and experiences to help educators transition to using openly licensed educational resources.

"Michigan is excited to join the other #GoOpen states in development, sharing, customization, promotion and use of open educational resources," said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. "Michigan's Technology Infrastructure Readiness Grant has enabled us to move forward with the development of the MiOpen Bookssite, which represents our first statewide effort to provide open educational resources to Michigan educators."

The collaboration with other states will accelerate these efforts and further enhance access to high quality digital resources in support of the Michigan's content standards, according to Michelle Ribant, Director of 21st Century Learning at the Michigan Department of Education.

"States are powerful collaborators in supporting and scaling innovation," said Joseph South, Director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education. "They can connect forward-thinking educators, share effective ideas and approaches widely, amplify successes, and can support districts in leveraging limited resources."

"With the launch of statewide #GoOpen initiatives,

states are helping districts thoughtfully transition to a new model of learning by facilitating the creation of an open ecosystem of digital resources that can increase equity and empower teachers," South added.

Michigan was recognized for its commitment to a statewide technology strategy that includes the use of openly-licensed resources as a central component, developing and maintaining a statewide repository solution for openly-licensed resources, and participating in a community of practice with other #GoOpen states and districts to share learning and professional development resources.

Since the launch of #GoOpen, school districts from more than 16 states have worked with #GoOpen Ambassador districts and innovators from education technology companies and nonprofit organizations that have committed to creating new tools and provide professional learning opportunities to help districts in their transition to using high-quality, openly-licensed educational resources in their schools.

Openly-licensed educational resources have enormous potential to increase equitable access to high-quality education opportunities in the United States.

"Switching to openly-licensed educational materials has enabled school districts to repurpose funding typically spent on static textbooks for other pressing needs, such as investing in the transition to digital learning," says Andrew Marcinek, Open Education Advisor at the U.S. Department of Education. "We are excited that Michigan is committed to supporting its districts in using openly-licensed educational resources."

For more details on #GoOpen commitments made by states, school districts, and technology companies, visit <http://tech.ed.gov/open>

## New legislation is next step to funding quality mental health care

*Bill introduction follows President Obama's call to increase support for Stabenow, Blunt's Excellence in Mental Health Act*

U.S. senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) introduced a bill to significantly increase funding for the program they championed to expand community mental health and substance abuse services for the country. The *Expand Excellence in Mental Health Act* will ensure that all 24 states awarded mental health planning grants, through an initiative based on Sens. Stabenow and Blunt's *Excellence in Mental Health Act* can be funded. While the original law limited funding to eight states, President Obama announced additional funding in his budget to expand the program to 14 states.

Twenty-four states, including Michigan and Missouri, were selected in October to work with interested community mental health centers, federally-qualified health centers, VA clinics, and other mental health organizations to design a state program that meets the new quality standards for certified community behavioral health centers. Under current law, eight of these 24 states will be selected to receive full funding for comprehensive community behavioral health services. The *Expand Excellence in Mental Health Act* will fund community mental health services for all 24 states, which is an important next step toward fully funding quality mental and behavioral health services nationwide.

"Fully funding the *Excellence in Mental Health Act* is critical to making sure communities across the country have the resources they need to improve the lives of everyone living with mental illness and addictions" said Senator Stabenow. "I appreciate the president's call for an expansion of community mental health and substance abuse services in the budget and our bill is an opportunity to take that another step further. Each and every state that came forward with a plan to increase access to community behavioral health services should be allowed to move forward immediately."

"One in four adult Americans have a behavioral health issue that is both

diagnosable and treatable. Unfortunately, those coping with a mental health issue and their families are too often confronted with a health care system that is unable to provide the access and quality of care they need," said Senator Blunt. "The *Excellence in Mental Health Act* was a critical step toward improving and expanding access to behavioral health services. The legislation we are introducing today will build upon that law and take us even further toward our goal of bringing behavioral health care in line with the way other illnesses are treated."

"This legislation is a critical step forward in making mental health and addiction care available to every American in need,"

said Linda Rosenberg, president and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health. "The *Expand Excellence in Mental Health Act* will expand Americans' access to lifesaving mental health and addiction care, while supporting providers with the resources to not only immediately help each individual who walks into a clinic, but to also coordinate their behavioral and physical health needs. Every state that is working to transform its care delivery system deserves to be able to do so. The national council pledges to continue working with senators Debbie Stabenow and Roy Blunt to ensure that all 24 states have the opportunity to implement *Excellence Act* resources."

"Since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School that took the life of my sweet little son, Daniel, we at Sandy Hook Promise have advocated for the expansion of critical mental health services so that more people can have access to high quality, integrated mental health care and those who are in crisis can get help before anyone gets hurt," said Mark Barden, advocacy director at Sandy Hook Promise. "The *Expand Excellence in Mental Health Act* is an important step toward providing effective, quality mental health care nationwide. These grants will undoubtedly save lives and we are grateful to senators Stabenow and Blunt for their leadership and tireless advocacy."

"The *Expand Excellence in Mental Health Act* will transform behavioral health care in this country,

driving a fragmented and underfunded system to one with expanded access to evidence-based treatments, integrated healthcare and accountability," said Brent McGinty, president and CEO, Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare. "Missouri's behavioral health community applauds senators Blunt and Stabenow for being true mental health champions."

"Our sheriff's office is currently the gateway for the county's mental health system and caring for individuals with mental illness without the proper resources continues to be a growing challenge," said Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County, Michigan Sheriff. "I have worked with Senator Stabenow to strengthen community mental health services in Ingham County for decades and appreciate her leadership to help law enforcement address this challenge and ensure patients across the nation get the care they need."

Senators Stabenow and Blunt first introduced the *Excellence in Mental Health Act* in February 2013 to put community mental health centers on an equal footing with other health centers by improving quality standards and fully-funding community services and offering patients increased services like 24-hour crisis psychiatric care, counseling and integrated services for mental illness. The bill was signed into law by President Obama in 2014 and is one of the most significant steps forward in community mental health funding in decades.

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**MARCH 9 - MARCH 15**

- A Columbus, Michigan, mother gives birth to second leap year daughter just four years after the 2012 birth of her first leap year daughter. According to the Guinness World Records, from 1952 to 1966, there have only been five siblings born on the same day in the United States.



- Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders beats out frontrunner Hillary Clinton in Michigan's primary last week. This come-from-behind victory is one of the biggest upsets in Democratic primary history.



- The first ever team "Refugee Olympic Athletes" are to compete at the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Men and women, who have escaped conflicts in their home countries, are striving to be selected to play.

- A hundred turkeys to be taken to an upstate sanctuary, after an invasion on Staten Island, NY, for the past eight years, by The U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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# Lowell FFA successful at state convention

The Lowell FFA completed a successful trip to the Michigan FFA convention March 9-11. Sixteen members from Lowell traveled to Michigan State University to receive awards or compete in state-level competitions.

Lowell graduate Maria Blough has been serving as the 2015-2016 State FFA Region V vice president and helped preside over the 88th annual state convention. During her year of service, Blough has visited chapters across the state and worked with members to help them achieve their goals in FFA. Blough will complete her year as a state officer this summer.

Members from Lowell competed in two State FFA Leadership contests. The leadership contests are designed to help the students build teamwork and communication skills in order to make them better leaders and more prepared for the future. In order to qualify for the state contests, members first had to advance through district and regional contests, finishing in the top two at each level. Lowell had 34 members compete at the district level, 25 advanced to regionals and nine competed at the state contests.

The team of Autumn French, Casey French, Jenna Harper, Emily Kropf, Lizzie Kuhns, Samuel Misak and Connor Nugent received a silver award in the Agricultural Issues contest. Their presentation discussed the possible causes and solutions to the

problem of colony collapse in bee populations in apple orchards.

Lowell had two middle school students compete in the State Creed Speaking contest. In creed speaking, members memorize and recite the FFA Creed and then answer questions from the judges. Katelynn Deyoung received a silver award finishing in ninth place in the state and Isis Lett finished in fourth place, receiving a gold award.

In addition to the Leadership contests, individual members were recognized in other award areas.

In the State Proficiency awards, Mark Rasch was named the state winner in the area of fruit production. The proficiency awards recognize students that have outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). Rasch completed the award application detailing the work he does on his family orchard, Rasch Orchards. As state winner, Rasch will have the opportunity to submit his applications to the National FFA for recognition at that level.

Three members from the Lowell chapter received their State FFA degree. The State FFA degree is the highest award that the State association can bestow upon one of its members. Of the over 6,600 members in the Michigan FFA, only 375 were chosen to receive this award. The Lowell FFA members that received the award were Brad Depew,

Richard Misak and Mark Rasch.

In order to be considered for the state degree, students have to show that they have worked on a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and have been active in the FFA. A student's SAE project combines the information learned in the agriscience classes with the leadership experiences in the FFA. The SAE is tailored to the student's interests in agriculture. These projects can range from fair animals to jobs to community service activities. In order to qualify for the state degree, the student has to document that they have either earned \$2000 from their project, spent at least 450 hours on the project or a combination of the two.

The Outstanding Junior award was given to two students from Lowell. The requirements for the Outstanding Junior award are similar to the state degree but with lower numbers. Receiving the award from



The agricultural issues team received a silver award. Team members include, back row, left to right: Samuel Misak, Connor Nugent and Casey French; front row, left to right: Emily Kropf, Lizzie Kuhns, Autumn French and Jenna Harper.

Lowell were Kara Jeffries and Brad Stoffers.

In addition to receiving the Outstanding Junior award, Kara Jeffries also was selected to participate in the State FFA chorus. In order to participate in the chorus, Jeffries had to apply and be selected by the director. As a result of being chosen

for the state chorus, Jeffries will have the opportunity to apply for the National FFA chorus that will perform at the national convention in October.

Serving as delegates for the Lowell FFA were Brad Depew, Keegan Mebert and Richard Misak. In addition

to electing the 2016-2017 state officers, the delegates had the opportunity to travel to the Capitol building to meet with legislators concerning issues facing the agriculture industry.

The Michigan FFA Association is a statewide youth organization of 6,643 student members as part of 108 local FFA chapters. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Michigan FFA Association operates as a state affiliate under the federally chartered National FFA Organization. The Lowell FFA chapter has over 80 members in grades 7-12.



Receiving the state degree from Lowell were Mark Rasch, Brad Depew and Richard Misak.



Brad Stoffers and Kara Jeffries received the State Outstanding Junior award.



Mark Rasch was named the State winner in the Fruit Production Proficiency award area.



Representing Lowell in creed speaking were Katelynn Deyoung and Isis Lett.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Pictured, from left to right: Dr. Jim, Patty, Lacie, Carrie, Gail and Becky.

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