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With spring comes construction



Road crews worked on Riverside Drive in order to replace a sewer line located directly in front of the Backwater Cafe. Work on the one-way road was scheduled to finish yesterday but additional work is scheduled on other local streets. Both Monroe and Avery streets will be under construction throughout the remainder of April. Workers will continue sewer upgrades, resurfacing and improving sidewalks. This is scheduled to be completed prior to the MDOT M-21 resurfacing project.

Once again FROM lends a helping hand to assist area residents in tax preparation

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

Monday, April 18, is the deadline to file income tax returns this year. Making sense of all the various forms and plugging the right numbers into the right boxes is one of the most confusing and irritating chores required of Americans. For the last eight years Flat River Outreach Ministries has partnered with the IRS and the United Way to offer free tax preparation services to local residents.

"This is an program we're doing called VITA [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program]," FROM's Diane LaWarre said. "The IRS contacted the United Way, who contacted us and asked us if we could be a site. We agreed to that. It's through the IRS so we have to follow all the guidelines of the IRS. They decide what software we use and they send the software to us. It's called 'TaxWise.' We can do taxes for everybody. We e-file both federal and state for free. There are all different types of returns that we do. Even out of state, we can do the taxes for them. We can do taxes for anyone with incomes under \$62,000

a year. If you make more than \$62,000 a year, we're not allowed to do the taxes. That's out of our scope. If you have business with over \$10,000 in expenses, that's out of our scope. If you have a rental property, that's out of our scope. We can do a lot of advanced things, but we can't do everything."

LaWarre offered a synopsis of the free tax preparation experience at FROM. Step one is to call the United Way in Grand Rapids to make an appointment.

"If someone calls for an appointment, they're going to screen them," LaWarre said. "If they [qualify], then they can make an appointment at our site. When they come in, they're greeted. They need to show their Social Security card and an ID to the greeter. She assigns them to [either] a tax preparer and then they prepare the taxes. The IRS requires that we have a quality review, so another person comes in while the taxpayer is sitting there and they have a quality review. They go over the total tax return and find out if there are any errors or anything that we should ask about.

Then they go home and that's when we e-file it. We schedule the appointments every hour-and-a-half, but they usually take about an hour on average. Some are shorter, some are longer."

They don't let just anyone with no experience do your taxes, instead each tax preparer must be specially certified with the IRS.

'We have six tax preparers at our site and they're certified,"

> Tax preparation, continued, page 2

LAS board meeting

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education met at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High St., on Monday, April 11. Board member Brian Krajewski did not attend the meeting; his absence was unexplained. The meeting lasted about 25 minutes and was attended by eight members of the public.

The board purchased two buses at a cost of \$83,976.50 each, an amount the board has budgeted for.

"This is a continuation of trying to keep our fleet up to date," said LAS superintendent Greg Pratt. "That's been a large goal for the board, to maintain a fleet."

"We're in definite need

to replace a couple of the buses we have in service soon be able to compete now, with all the miles they in swimming. The board get," said board president Jim Turner.

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Superintendent Greg Pratt said the "Arrows on the Move" summer reading program will continue.



street

VEEN OBSERVATORY EVENT

Statewide Astronomy night, sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Museum and Grand Rapids Astronomical Association, will be Fri., April 15 from 8:30-11 pm at the James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Road SE. Observe the moon, Jupiter and star clusters (clear sky only). Call 897-7065 for status up-dates, for other information: www.graaa.org. No admission charge.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Lowell Area Schools' Odyssey of the Mind teams are holding a car wash on Sat., April 16 from 1:30-4 pm at the Lowell Tractor Supply Company. They are raising funds for two teams to attend the world finals competition at Iowa State University in May.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM

Free bluegrass music jam session will be held Sat., April 16 from 2:30-5 pm at the King Building at the fairgrounds. Come to jam or listen. Everyone welcome.

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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LOWELL'S MONUMENT MAN PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present the story of Dale Ford, Lowell's own "monuments man." Ford spent his childhood in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School. During World War II he was assigned to be a monuments man in Germany. His daughter, Betsy Ford Maine, will share his story using his letters, photographs and mementos at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 19 at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash.

college news

officials University announced that more than 4,763 students received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2015 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

To be eligible for academic honors, minimum requirements for full-time students each term are a 3.5 GPA and

completion of 12 FSU credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher. The minimum requirements for part-time students each term are a 3.5 GPA with completion of at least 12 accumulated FSU credit hours of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

Local students are, of Lowell: Joshua Buechler.

Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth.

~ Buddha

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., April 21 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

The Lowell YMCA is having a Healthy Kids Day on April 23 from 10 am to 12 pm at Creek Side Park, Faith Dr., Lowell. This event is a reminder not to let children idle away their days. Instead, we will let them discover their potential and make this their best summer ever, by keeping kids active, learning and having fun.

LOWELLARTS! STUDENT ART SHOW

April 26 - May 21 LowellArts! presents the fifth annual Student Art Show featuring exciting, innovative, creative, spectacular, and well-executed artwork from area middle and high school students. Artwork is submitted by art teachers by invited schools for display. The exhibit is also open to home-schooled students who live within 15 miles of Lowell. Best of Show and Honorable Mention awards are presented in three categories and winners receive gift packages of art supplies, classes and gift certificates donated by various businesses and institutions. Meet-the-Artist reception to be held Sunday, May 1, 2-4 pm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri 10 am – 6 pm and Sat. 1-4 pm. LowellArts! is located at 149 S. Hudson St., 897-8545, www.lowellartsmi.org

Tax preparation, continued

LaWarre said. "They all have to take a test every year to become certified every year. The first year they have to take a 16 hour course in person down at the United Way, which is taught by IRS teachers. Following that, each year they take a test over the Internet. They do the studying over the Internet. Most of our preparers at FROM are certified at the advanced level; I think everybody is, actually."

From February through early April, every Tuesday is income tax day at FROM. The last appointment for this year was on Tuesday, April 12.

"We do them on Tuesdays, all day," LaWarre said. "We have 28 appointments scheduled and we usually do about 25 on average. Sometimes

we do have a no-show or sometimes somebody will come in and we can't do them because their income is too high or they didn't have their Social Security card or something. We're probably a little more strict than a place where you pay because we have to know that the person that's coming in is the person that they say they are. We have to see some proof. With identity theft, the IRS is really being strict with us on that."

It might be tempting to offer a donation or a tip to your tax preparer, but this is strictly forbidden.

"A lot of people ask us if they can give us some money or ask how much it costs," LaWarre said. "The IRS would close us down if we took any money at all. It's totally free."



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School board meeting, continued

passed a "resolution to form Community College pool. and support a cooperative [...] Much like other teams team." of this nature, they're self-

"This is for a boys and girls swim team in cooperation with South Christian and Caledonia," Pratt said. "It is the highest area of interest that's out there, but yet not enough to have a team on our own. This group of young people would work with Caledonia primarily and then a few students from South Christian. They would swim out of the Grand Rapids

Community College pool. [...] Much like other teams of this nature, they're self-funded. Students would have to raise the funds for that type of sport."

You never have to worry about cleanliness in the cafeteria because staff at Lowell schools are keeping things spic and span in the kitchen.

"We're in the middle of a food service audit by the Michigan Department of Education," said LAS chief financial officer John Zielinski. "They were on site March 29 and we were very pleased with what they saw, so we're not anticipating any real concerns there."

Superintendent Pratt updated the board about SAT and M-STEP testing that will take place at the high school this week. M-STEP is the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress. According to the Michigan Department of Education website, "The spring 2016 M-STEP is a 21st century test given primarily

online each spring and is designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards. These standards, developed for educators by educators, broadly outline what students should know and be able to do, by subject and grade level."

"Testing will start tomorrow, but it won't stop tomorrow," Pratt said. "Starting on Wednesday, M-STEP will kick in and we'll have state testing throughout the next couple of weeks."

Pratt said energy conservation is one of his goals for LAS.

"[Retired LAS staff member] Jim White was back in town and he was doing his audits," Pratt said. "You might see a little sticker here or there where he stopped and checked out maybe a computer or made sure the lights were off. He covers such a large area in such a short time. He did stop by and talk to me on Wednesday and we

had a good conversation. A lot of the things we're doing are a continuation of the work that we started ten years ago. [LAS director of operations] Steve Turnbull, since then, has taken some of our lighting and some of our controls to make it even more efficient."

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Finally, Pratt said that Lowell Area Schools plans to continue their "Arrows on the Move" summer reading program in 2016. The reading program will require cooperation between the elementary schools and the Englehardt library.

"That will be running again this year," Pratt said. "We will make sure that we get those dates and times out. Those are the type of programs that we can continue that help reduce that 'summer loss.' I just wanted to mention that the program wasn't lost or cut, it's something that will continue."

The board's next meeting will be a work session in the Runciman Administration Building at 6 pm on Monday, April 25.



Lowell Area Schools Board of Education spent \$167,953 on buses at their meeting on Monday, April 11.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF MICHIGAN
-- The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of VERNA WEDER, Guardianship File No. 16-199,051-GA, Conservatorship File No. 16-199,050-CA,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Gil Weber (son) 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 April 29, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian and Conservator.

Dated: April 11, 2016

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 391-1675

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196





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Spring is here, and babies are not abandoned; they simply have been hidden by their mother until she returns for them.

"Please resist urge to help seemingly abandoned baby animals," said Hannah Schauer, wildlife technician for the DNR. "Many baby animals will die if removed from their natural environment, and some have diseases or parasites that can be passed on to humans or pets."

Schauer added that some rescued animals that

do survive may become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life in the wild.

"Habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behavior. For example, habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive as they get older and reach breeding age."

White-tailed deer fawns are one of the animals most commonly rescued by wellintentioned citizens. It is

> not uncommon for deer to leave their fawns unattended for up to eight hours at a time. This behavior minimizes the scent of the mother left around the fawn, which allows the fawn to go undetected by nearby predators. While fawns seem abandoned, thev rarely are. All wild white-tailed begin life this way The best chance for their survival is to leave them in the

wild. If you find a fawn alone, do not touch it, as this might leave your scent and could attract predators. Give it plenty of space and leave the area quickly. The mother deer will return for her fawns when she feels it is safe, but may not return if people or dogs are present.

Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators may possess abandoned or injured wildlife. Unless you are licensed, it is illegal to possess a live wild animal, including deer, in Michigan.

The only time a baby animal may be removed from the wild is when you know the parent is dead or the animal is injured. Please remember, a licensed rehabilitator must be contacted before removing an animal from the wild. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators must adhere to the law and have gone through training on proper handling of injured or abandoned wild animals. Licensed rehabilitators will work to return the animal to the wild, where it will have the best chance for survival.

A list of licensed rehabilitators can be found by visiting mi.gov/ wildlife or by calling your local DNR office.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed the to conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www. michigan.gov/dnr

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN -- The Probate Court for the County of Kent In the matter of **LISA KIRBY** Guardianship File No. 16-199,052-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED **PERSONS** including her father and sister whose names and address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: hearing will be held on May 18, 2016, at 9:30 p.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of Guardian.

Dated: April 11, 2016

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, **Petitioner** 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 391-1675

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC Attys. for Petitioner by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001) 3425 Kelly St. Hudsonville, MI 49426 Phone (616) 633-0196 **TO ALL CREDITORS:**

The Settlor, Gladys D. Blauwkamp, DOB: lived 7/4/1921, who at 307 Coral Valley Court, SE, Kentwood, MI 49512, died on 1/24/2016. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Lawrence Gladys D. Blauwkamp Trust dated 4/6/1998, will be forever banned unless presented to Duane Blauwkamp, Trustee. Successor within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: April 6, 2016

Craig A. Bruggink, PLC **Attorney for Successor Trustee** 429 Turner Ave., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-5048

> **Duane Blauwkamp 482 Bayview Court** Caledonia, MI 49316

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to the editor

pray a little harder

To the Editor,

I so appreciate all those who have joined in the prayers for peace and harmony within this community. If you have paid attention to the council meetings since we started this prayer campaign you've noticed a real change in the attitudes of those who have spoken during the citizen discussion at the meetings. have become Most much calmer and more

respectful of the elected city councilmembers they are addressing. I would now like to invite the entire community to join us in praying for not only peace and harmony, but also truth.

Just one item of truth to start us out: a complaint of the group of people asking for a recall election is that less than 18 percent of voters actually voted in the last election. Let's put this into perspective: I contacted the Kent County Elections Office. Here is what I found out: In 2011, 13 percent of registered voters voted and in 2009 only seven percent voted. I guess as long as a certain group maintained power they didn't care that so few voted. Now that they've lost that power, it seems to be a different story. Interesting.

Keep up the great work everyone and now let's just pray a little harder for the truth to become more obvious.

> Peggy Covert Lowell

who do you want to run the city

To The Editor,

You hardly ever see them.

They hide in plain sight using hard-fought bridge cards and live without cars or any other dependable transportation.

They barely have a roof over their heads and if they do, it is not a roof of their

They are the Lowell citizens who always live on the edge of being homeless or they are homeless.

The Grand Rapids Press in the Sunday, April 10, 2016 front page article stated that Lowell has 69 homeless students attending Lowell Schools in the 2015/2016 school year.

They have been around for a long time and if you do happen to see them, they are riding their bikes to lowpaying jobs and picking up soda and beer cans for a little extra financial relief.

We used to see them in the large buildings across from Ball's Ice Cream shop.

That place of refuge is now closing down because the tenants could not pay the small rental fees and the owner had too big of a heart to bully them into collecting what they did not have to give for rent.

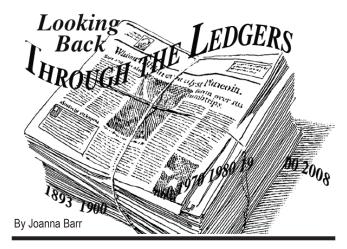
Due to "policy," LL&P turned off the power late November so if they sneak in and live there, they are cold as they have no heat.

Or they live behind the tall shrubs across from Bernard's Ace in old mobile homes with broken windows in a mobile home park in receivership with less than 50 percent occupancy because no one wants to live there.

A group of concerned citizens called "Forward Lowell" will tell you how our current mayor illegally engaged in firing the former city manager because he doesn't work as they want him to.

They will tell you how compassionate and forward thinking they are and yet they want to recall the man who is doing more for you than any mayor has for the past six years.

To the Editor, continued, page 7



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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 13, 1916

Frank Houghton has been elected Justice of the peace for Lowell township. Mr. Houghton will marry free of charge the first couple that comes to him to perform this ceremony. Your correspondent will give a good "write-up" free. The Ledger will be sent to the bride six months free, and rice will come free. Now this is the first step towards eliminating the high cost of living. It is a bargain. Who will be first to accept this proposition? Leap year proposals will be welcomed.

Booze advertising is not all gain to the newspapers that run it nor all loss to those that refuse it. A Ledger patron has changed his daily paper in order to bar liquor advertising from his home. He is not the first one in this vicinity, of course; but he is one of the first to declare himself on this point. When temperance people generally take like action, newspapers will be compelled to choose between respectable circulation and booze business with dishonor and extinction. It is up to the people.

"Take out those second-hand Fords out of The Ledger," says Storey, "I've sold 'em." That's always the way. We get a good ad started, then some one buys the whole stock and out comes the ad. This is a cruel world.

lonia county has long suffered from "boot leggers;" and now a case of "black leg" has been found among cattle there. The new disease is said to be contagious and fatal; but will probably be stamped out before it equals the "boot leg" for fatalities among human kind.

The State Board of Health protests against the idea of a year-round school term and no summer vacation, promulgated by some educators. Health is the first consideration; and two months of summer sunshine and fresh air for growing children is thought to be none too much Then, too, education is not all obtained from books. God's out-of-doors is the book of life from which all must learn if they would live wisely and well.

Mrs. Joe Scott was called suddenly last Tuesday to the bedside of her sister Miss Roxie Gardner of Lowell. Mr. Scott was called Monday of this week as Miss Roxie passed away early in the morning. This surely is a sad honeymoon for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 17, 1941

A mural painting has been placed on the wall in the lobby of the Lowell post office. The mural, which is 6 by 12 feet in size, represents the pioneers clearing the pine forests in this vicinity. A. Sessler of Milwaulkee, Wisc., was the artist.

Theodore Clemenz, driver for the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, was presented with a diamond ring by the company as a reward for driving five years without an accident. Theodore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clemenz of Lowell.

Attracting much attention on Main St. this week is the interesting display of 50 different varieties of cacti in the window of Haner's Flower Shop. The plants are arranged in a natural setting of sand. Mr. Haner received a shipment of 300 cacti last Friday from the Pacific Beach at San Diego, Calif. He says he gets most of his cactus plants from California as they have more color than the Texas varieties.

The Village is making a special effort through Marshall Fred Gramer and Deputy Frank L. Stephens to cut down the number of local traffic law violations. Speeding is at the head of the list with defective equipment of all kinds and failure to stop at intersections next. This campaign is welcomed by many citizens who have felt for a long while that traffic was travelling too fast through Main St.

Fire Chief Paul Kellogg reports a busy Easter Sunday for the local department. The boys were called to the former Morris Kalward farm near Fallasburg Park at about 10:30 Sunday morning where they extinguished a roof fire believed to have been started when sparks blew from a nearby brush fire. Damage was estimated

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Receiving your first paycheck is an empowering milestone. Do you remember being a little shocked by the taxes that Uncle Sam takes out of each paycheck? Understanding how important your contribution is takes some of the sting away because your taxes are helping millions of Americans and financially securing your today and tomorrow.

By law, employers must withhold Social Security taxes from workers' paychecks. While usually referred to as "Social Security taxes" on an employee's pay statement,

sometimes the deduction is labeled as "FICA." This stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, a reference to the original Social Security Act. In some cases, you will see "OASDI," which stands for Old Age Survivors Disability Insurance, the official name for the Social Security Insurance program.

The taxes you pay now mean a lifetime of protection — for retirement in old age or in the event of disability. And when you die, your family (or future family) may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work as well.

Right now you probably have family members grandparents, for example who already are enjoying Social Security benefits that your Social Security taxes help provide. Social Security is solvent now and will be through 2033. At that point, we'll be able to fund retirement benefits at 75 percent unless changes are made to the law. In the past, Social Security has evolved to meet the needs of a changing population and you can count on Social security in the future.

Don't carry your Social Security card around with you. It's an important document you should safeguard and protect. If it's lost or stolen, it could fall into the hands of an identity thief.

Check out our webinar, "Social Security 101: What's in it for me?" The webinar explains what you need to know about Social Security. You can find it at http://go.usa.gov/cdNeY.

You can also learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

health

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



pneumonia

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs caused by a bacteria, virus, or rarely, a fungus. Inflammation of the small air sacs in the lung leads to a collection of fluid or mucus and plugging of the small airways.

Pneumonia often occurs following a viral illness, like the flu. Young children and older adults are more susceptible to pneumonia. Other high risk population include those with chronic obstruction pulmonary disease (COPD), heart disease, cystic fibrosis, immune disorders and those with a history of smoking.

Symptoms of pneumonia are variable and include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, shaking, fatigue and chest pain. Diagnosis of pneumonia is usually made in the doctor's office after obtaining a history and listening to your lungs. A chest x-ray is used to

confirm the diagnosis. A sputum culture and blood tests may also be obtained.

People diagnosed with pneumonia are usually treated with antibiotics. Antibiotics will not be effective if the pneumonia is caused by a virus. Bacteria cause most of the cases in adults while a virus more commonly is the etiologic agent in children less than five. Most cases of pneumonia can be treated on an out-patient basis with oral antibiotics. More severe cases will require hospitalization and IV antibiotics.

Pneumonia can be prevented by getting the annual flu vaccine. There are two pneumonia vaccines that are recommended for people over the age of 65 or in those with chronic medical conditions. Quitting smoking will also reduce the risk of pneumonia.

In The Service

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Synapsis of Minutes April 11, 2016

From Township Reserves to Roads 80,000.00

Approved work to be done on Nugert Ave.

Kehoe and County Drain work on Ashley.

Our next Township Meeting

will be May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The approved minutes may be reviewed

on our website at www.grattantownship.org

Resolution 2016-013 Closing of Old Belding

U.S. Air Force Airman Dalton J. DeBoer graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air

Budget Amendments:

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Rd. May 30, 2016

Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 2010 graduate of Lowell High School.

happy birthday

APRIL 13

Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries, Carol Brzezniak, Melissa Quada.

APRIL 14

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APRIL 16

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APRIL 17

Elsie Franks, Heather Vezino, Roger Teale, Dennie Ryder, Joe Merriman, Jill Harris, Lucille Erickson, Betty Erickson, Gary Pieroni, Candice Bowne, Jace Eliason.

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Synopsis of Minutes March 26, 2016 Budget Amendments:

- Transferred 1,220.00 to 101.371.703
 Zoning Officer from 101.301.804
 Accounting Consultants.
- Transferred 11,150.00 to Inspector Salary from 101.000.476 Permits

Motions Approved:

- Approved Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Final Budget.
- 2. Resolution 2016-012
- 2. Resolution 2016-012
 General Appropriations Act

Our next Township Meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattankownship.org

Looking Back, continued

at from \$50 to \$70. In the early afternoon another call came for a roof fire at the Glenn Sayles home on E. Main St. which is believed was started by sparks from a chimney. Estimated damage was around \$250.

Hundreds attend sunrise service. What is believed to have been the first out-of-doors Easter sunrise service ever to have been held in Lowell took place at 6:30 o'clock Easter morning at the top of Reservoir Hill. It is conservatively estimated that upwards of 400 persons enjoyed the service in weather that was most delightful...A feature not to be overlooked was the large cross illuminated with electric lights and which was suspended from the top of the flag pole. This cross glowed throughout all Saturday night and was visible for several miles from the west, the south, and the southeast. A smaller cross was placed over

To the Editor, continued

But they won't tell you how the mayor started a program and called together a group of entities on February 9, 2016, that was held at city hall.

The entities included were the VA, HUD and Flat River Ministries and they held a discussion toward providing transitional places to live in while these homeless and temporarily homeless fight, search and work to find a way back to a productive life.

Forward Lowell will not tell you how the mayor was homeless at one time and that his passion was to help this less fortunate segment of Lowell find shelter.

Again - the mayor asked the VA, HUD and other state organizations to come to Lowell and meet at city hall to discuss possibilities of helping our underprivileged citizens.

Both HUD and the VA said they have never had a mayor of a city actually call them and set up a meeting like this before.

Lowell is the first city ever to reach out and now this mayor has been purposely excluded from further meetings because Flat River Ministries took over the project.

We don't know if further meetings are even being held.

So when you get the chance to vote this fall on a recall of a mayor who asks questions designed to protect;

- the property taxes paid by the citizens,
- a place to live for the unfortunate of Lowell
- the electric rates of Lowell Light & Power customers

Consider the Forward Lowell group and their efforts to recall him.

This mayor is also working to repeal the ridiculous rule that requires citizens who want to put new roofs and siding on their homes, to have a permit to upgrade their homes.

This is what the previous council did for you citizens (even though the council that was previous to them in 2008) moved to "not require" permits for roofs and siding.

This is a topic that will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Common sense should dictate that we as a city make it easier to keep homes updated, pretty and safe, not harder.

This Forward Lowell group is led by a couple of ministers and a few local business owners who want to regain control of a city that they believe was lost to them in the last election when you voted for change.

Match the names of these Forward Lowell members and consider that a good number of them do not even live in Lowell and yet, they control your ballot for next fall.

These same people want a "do-over" on the results of the election held in the fall of 2015 because they do not like the results of that election.

When the election happens next fall, consider whether you want Lowell to be run by the few self-appointed arrogant power players, instead of the ones elected by "YOU" the citizens of Lowell.

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the doorway of the concrete building located on the side of the hill, the front of which was banked with evergreens and seemed to suggest the tomb of Christ. The crosses were erected through courtesy of the Lowell Municipal Plant. As the people were leaving the hill one gentleman was overheard expressing the hope that the sunrise service would become a tradition here. Many will join in that hope.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 14, 1966

Lowell to host state festival. The Lowell Area Schools will be hosts this Saturday, April 18, to two sections of the State Junior High School Band and Orchestra Festival. Thirty-two school organizations, arriving in approximately 70 buses will participate in this festival. Fifteen orchestras and bands will perform at the Senior High School and seventeen bands will perform in the Junior High School gymnasium. Distinguished musicians from various state colleges and universities will judge the competition. Lowell's interest in hosting this festival is to profit by serving meals and refreshments for the participants and to help the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association find sites for these state festivals.

Modelettes win blue ribbons. At Spring Achievement Day held April 2 at the Lowell Runciman Elementary building, the Modelettes 4-H Sewing Club were all blue ribbon winners. Senior Miss division winners were Brenda Anderson, Birdie Lou Detmers, Susan Comdure, Carol Wittenbach and Lynn Wittenbach. Jackie Brewer, Jeanie Roth and Joyce Olin were blue ribbon winners in the Junior Miss category. Young Miss winners included Nancy Roth, Paula Detmers, Mary Hall. Susie Wieringa, Shirley Babcock, Sandy Vos, Patti Kerr and Christine Hoskins. The following girls were selected for their modeling ability to compete in the County Style Revue to be held April 30 in the Calvin College Cafeteria on the Knollcrest Campus: Brenda Anderson, Birdie Detmers, Susan Comdure, Carol Wittenbach and Lynn Wittenbach, Senior Miss; Jackie Brewer, Junior Miss. Honor ribbons for modeling were won by Joyce Olin, Junior Miss & Paula Detmers, Young Miss. The leaders for the Modelettes are Mrs. Paul Detmers and Mrs. Harold Wittenbach, Senior

Miss division; and Mrs. John Brewer and Mrs. Sidney Kerr, Junior and Young Miss divisions.

Register now, for trip thru Oldsmobile plant. The Lowell YMCA is sponsoring a trip through the Oldsmobile Plant in Lansing Thursday, April 21. Call the 'Y' office. TW 7-375, to make reservations for this trip and check the departure times, etc. Call early, to be sure and get your reservation for this interesting trip.





25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 17, 1991

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Lowell Police has its "DUI Eye" watching you. It doesn't shoot bulletts, it shoots pictures.

Through a program called "Aetna's Eye on DUI," Lowell's four area car dealers, Vennen Chrysler Dodge Plymouth, Wittenbach Olds Pontiac CMC Truck, Thomet Chevrolet and Buick and Harold Zeigler Ford funded Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) purchase of a video camera. The camera was installed in the Lowell Police Department's new squad car two weeks ago. It will be used by officers when dealing with drivers suspected of operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. "We believe this program will be very helpful in our continuing efforts to reduce the number of accidents due to alcohol," Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said. "Last year there were 32 alcohol related auto fatalities in Kent County, doubling the total from 1989."

Fun Street upgrading contingent on a number of Township "Ifs." Lowell Township's board approved a resolution Monday night which would help bring Fun Street up to specifications provided a number of "ifs" are met. In a 3-1 vote, Lowell Township proposed to seek a new estimate if it can be worked into its maintenance budget. Also, if it receives a statement from the Kent County Road Commission stating Lowell Township is no longer responsible for anything to do with Fun Street once the Township pays the 27.5 percent for this one time only. If the Kent County Road Commission says no to the proposal then the Township will make no contribution toward the repair and construction of Fun Street. According to Township Attorney, Robert DeBoer, the Township is legally not responsible for roads not in its jurisdiction. DeBoer advised the board not to allocate money toward the repair and construction of Fun Street. "Law states we're only responsible for roads in our Township," Lowell Township Board member, Dick Huver said. Lowell Township funds used toward Fun Street would have to come out of the maintenance budget since all of the construction budget is spoken for over the next couple of years. That money is earmarked for Bewell Road and Foreman Street.

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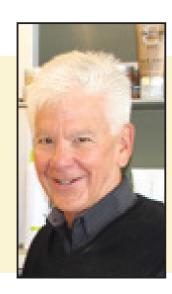
Jerry Holmes

Family: Wife Linda, four children, 10 grandchildren

Education: Marketing degree from

Michigan State University

Position: Great Clips franchise owner and operator



by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

There are many options in Lowell when it comes to getting a haircut. But if you are looking for a friendly, economical and streamlined salon experience, according to owner Jerry Holmes, the only choice is Great Clips.

Holmes, along with wife and business partner Linda, are the owners of nine West Michigan Great Clips locations employing nearly 80 people. That includes the staff located inside Stone Ridge Plaza at 11635 Fulton Street in Lowell.

Originally from Chicago, Holmes relocated to the area in the early after 70s graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in marketing. He utilized this accomplishment working for a pharmacy chain before beginning work at Amway in Ada in 1977.

After more than twenty years with the global operation working both home and abroad in the company's catalog department, Holmes fell victim to the downturning economy.

"I went from planning the downsizing in 2000 to being a part of the downsizing," said Holmes of the job loss. He was also concerned about finding new employment given that he was in his 50s at the time. Fortunately, he found satisfying work with Family Christian Stores before happening upon a franchise broker.

"My daughter and son-in-law worked with a close family friend who was a franchise broker and they took on The Cleaning Authority, a residential cleaning service. After seeing them go through that process, my wife and I said that we might want to sit down and talk to him sometime."

After meeting and spending time with the broker he came back with several franchise opportunities he thought would be good matches for the couple.

"He came back with several recommendations, including a framing business, a restaurant and Great Clips. My wife Linda, who is a lifetime hairstylist, said I know we wouldn't want to do that."

The couple followed through by investigating the opportunity and were extremely pleased with what they discovered.



Great Clips owner Jerry Holmes alongside manager Molly Braafhart, assistant manager Rhiannon Slentz and stylists Jennifer Hodges and Lyndsay Huvers.

"We decided to check it out anyway. At that time there was not a Great Clips even in Michigan yet," explained Holmes.

The decision to open their own franchise came easy after speaking to other franchisees on location and at a convention. "Everybody we talked to at Great Clips said that the company lived up to their promises and they really have. We love the technology, we love the marketing, we love the no appointment/walk in concept. We caught the vision."

Lowell's Great Clips location opened in 2004 and has been a successful venture for the "retired" entrepreneur.

"We Holmes added, have been really received in Lowell. Our stylist performance is based partially on customer return. Out of our nine salons Lowell is nearly always number one or two in that category. Excellence by Great Clips is 30 percent new customer return. For repeat customer a return of 78 percent is considered excellent. Here in Lowell we are above 80 percent."

Great Clips excels above other salons for several reasons, according to Holmes, beginning with its streamlined services. "We only offer shampoos, haircuts and styling. At this location only we still offer perms by appointment only." He added that the limited list does not limit their customer base. "Our core customer obviously

is male. They tend to bring in the children and then at some point the wife or significant other tend to realize the others are getting a great haircut and become a customer as well."

Another standout feature of the brand is their continually advancing technology. About 30 percent of Lowell customers use the salon's convenient online check-in feature and stylists keep hair "Clip Notes" that can be utilized from Lowell to Los Angeles to ensure consistent service.

Even bigger advances are coming soon. "We will be moving soon to iPad technology and stylists will be able to check guests out right at their styling stations, skipping a step and preventing clog-ups at the front counter."

Another point of pride for the establishment is topnotch customer service. "We train and stand by the policy that the customer and their satisfaction is always number one," said Holmes, going on to elaborate about the staff in Lowell, "We have been blessed with really nice business here. Our employees have been with us for a long time. Our Lowell manager Molly has been with us for quite some time and does an

excellent job for us and for the customers and staff. Our general manager Amanda Peterson has got a real gift for motivating, encouraging and getting results from stylists."

Great Clips also features an affordable alternative to the sometimes pricey hair care business. Adult cuts are just \$13 and children and seniors are \$11. His franchises also offers a Tuesday senior special from 9-3 where cuts run from just \$8.99. "We have maintained that because we know the seniors really value that," said Holmes.

The Great Clips brand continues to flourish; there are now nearly 4,000 in the United States and Canada. Holmes said that he is glad to have grown with it, especially in the community of Lowell where they are actively involved in the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the annual Relay For Life event.

"It is very important to Linda and I to be involved and develop a relationship with the community. I have said that if I had run across Lowell twenty years sooner I would have wanted my kids to grow up here. I really love this town," said Holmes.



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Robotics team wins award, advances to state championship

Lowell's Red Arrow robotics team #3234 will compete with 102 other high school robotics teams the during Michigan **FIRST** Robotics Team Championship competition at the Delta Plex Arena in Grand Rapids from April 13 to 16.

completed their regular season during a competition of 40 teams at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor ending weekend, qualifying rounds in second place. The alliance of three teams which included the Red Arrows was defeated during a tie-breaking semifinals match. As a result of their performance, the Red Arrows are currently ranked 85 out of the 410 teams in the state, earning them a spot in the upcoming championship competition.

During the Skyline competition award

ceremony, the Red Arrows received the "Excellence Engineering" award sponsored by Delphi, for their innovative winch and grappling hook system that allows their robot to consistently scale an opposing alliances fortress.

"It feels really good to see our hard work be recognized. I'm so proud of our team and super excited to be driving our robot at states," says Lowell High School senior Claire Maksymetz, vicepresident of the robotics team. Maksymetz and team president Cameron Philo, also a Lowell senior, are the "drivers" who operate the robot during the competitions.

FIRST is the acronym of "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have." Under strict rules, limited resources and an intense six-week time limit, teams of 20 or more students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors. It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team. FIRST in Michigan has the largest number of high school robotics teams of any state in the country. As a result of the Michigan regional competition, 76 teams will advance to compete later this month in the world championship in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Red Arrow robotics team includes 30 Lowell area middle school and high school students, led by head mentor David Cherba Ph.D., recently retired bioinformatics scientist at Van Andel Institute. The team is supported through student-led fundraising efforts sponsored and by Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation, Lowell Area Schools, White's Bridge Tooling, Alto Lions Club, ENWORK, Manufacturing, Metric Deborah Wilks, State Farm Insurance, Grand Rapids Orthodontics and Family Dentistry of Lowell.



The Red Arrow robotics team is headed for state competition.

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

~ Margaret Mead



Flat River Gallery and Framing will be hosting a reception for visiting artist Robin Van Rooyen on Thursday, June 9 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

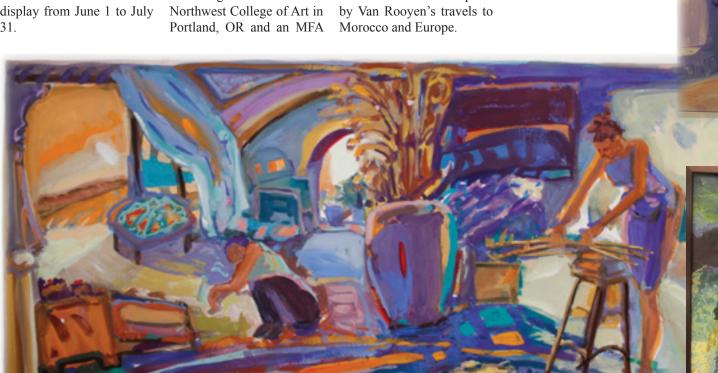
Her work will be on display from June 1 to July

Van Rooyen is a professor in the visual arts department at Grand Rapids Community College where she has taught for the past 25 years. She received a BFA degree from Pacific

degree from Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. Her work is in national and international collections and has won numerous awards.

Many of the paintings in this exhibition were inspired

The Flat River Gallery is located at 219 W. Main Street and is open from 10:00 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday.









Energizing Michigan's jobs market

LANSING - As the energy industry faces a future workforce shortage, Michigan students now have an official blueprint for learning the skills required to fill jobs in that sector, under new energy-content standards.

"The energy-content standards are designed to close a skills gap and open a pipeline to good, high-paying jobs in the energy sector, which is a win-win for students entering the jobs market and for energy companies seeking skilled workers," State Superintendent Brian Whiston said today. "I applaud the State Board of Education and the state industry-government partnership for helping make Michigan one of eight states to add subject-level standards for energy."

Known Energy Cluster in career and technical education

(CTE), the standards were approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) after several months of collaboration with Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium (MEWDC). The group founded by DTE Energy and Consumers Energy includes more than 30 representatives from industry, workforce, labor, education, state government, and veterans' organizations.

DTE Energy Consumers Energy, workforce, resulting from a rash of retirements expected over the next decade.

The Energy Cluster is the 17th cluster, or set of subject-level, careerfocused standards, National Career

Clusters®Framework for delivering CTE programs in schools. The SBE approved the earlier career clusters part of Michigan's overarching CTE standards in 2009.

The Energy Cluster uses energy industry content standards developed by the Center for Workforce Development (CEWD), a non-profit consortium of energy utilities and organizations representing more than 90 percent of the U.S. skilled energy

The CEWD's standards are based on an energy competency model that defines successful performance in energysector jobs.

"Including the energy industry as a focus area for Michigan students to consider, while pursing secondary education, puts our state at the forefront of closing the skills gap for critical, in-demand industry jobs," said Patty Cantú, Director of MDE's Office of Career and Technical Education. "The addition an energy cluster provides a direct pathway to both industry jobs and postsecondary programs

where students can earn a certificate or degree."

The MEWDC is one of seven regional partners participating in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) Foundation's Talent Pipeline Management initiative. It strives to close an existing energy sector skills gap nationwide.

The MEWDC received a \$90,000 grant from the USCC's Foundation in 2015 to participate in the initiative, which, among other things, plans to identify and solidify partnerships at the secondary

postsecondary education levels in Consumers Energy and DTE Energy service areas.

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Ten community colleges across the state were selected as initial partners. They will work with the MEWDC to embed an energy curriculum into their class offerings, so students can earn industryrecognized credentials that are transferrable among the colleges.

The career clusters are available at http://www. careertech.org/careerclusters

New equal pay day study finds Michigan's gender wage gap costs the women nearly \$16 billion per year

According to some of the findings of a new analysis conducted by the National Partnership for Women & Families, on average, Michigan women employed full time, year round are paid just 75 cents for every dollar paid to men a yearly pay gap of \$12,738. That means, in total, women in Michigan lose nearly \$16 billion every year, which is money that could strengthen the state economy and the financial security of Michigan's women families, including nearly 488,000 Michigan households headed women.

The analysis spans all 50 states, all 435 that, for every dollar paid white, non-Hispanic men in Michigan, African American women, Latinas and Asian women who work full time, year round are paid 66 cents, 57 cents and 96 cents, respectively.

"This analysis is a sobering reminder of the serious harm the wage gap causes women and families all across the country," said Debra L. Ness, president of the National Partnership. "At a time when women's wages are so critical to the economic well-being of families, the country is counting on lawmakers to work together to advance the fair and family friendly workplace policies that would promote equal pay. There is no time to waste."

According to the new analysis, if the gap between women's and men's wages in Michigan were eliminated, each woman who holds a full-time, year-round job in the state could afford to buy food for 1.8 more years, pay for mortgage and utilities for 10 more months, or pay rent for more than 16 additional months. Basic necessities like these would be particularly important for the 32 percent of Michigan's woman-headed households currently living below the poverty level.

Michigan is not the only state with a wage gap. In fact, every state and 98 percent of the country's congressional districts have one. The National national Partnership's analysis finds that the 10 states with the largest centson-the-dollar wage gaps in the country – from largest to smallest – are Louisiana, Utah, Wyoming, West Virginia, North Dakota, Alabama, Idaho, Oklahoma, Montana and Michigan.

Nationally, women who are employed full time, year round are paid, on average, 79 cents for every dollar paid to men. The gap is larger for African American women and Latinas who are paid 60 cents and 55 cents, respectively, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men. For Asian women in the United States, the gap is smaller but persists. On average, Asian women are paid 84 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men, although some ethnic subgroups fare much worse.

"It is unacceptable that the wage gap has persisted, punishing the country's women and families for decades," Ness continued "Some state lawmakers have taken steps to address the issue by passing legislation to combat discriminatory pay practices and provide other workplace supports. It is past time for federal lawmakers to do the same. We need Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is a common sense proposal that has languished for much too long."

Currently Congress, the Paycheck Fairness Act would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, help to break patterns of pay discrimination, and establish stronger workplace protections for women. The National Partnership argues that the bill, along with other supportive policies - such as paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, minimum wage increases, fair scheduling and protections for pregnant workers - are what is needed to close the gap and should be top priorities for lawmakers.

The National Partnership's analysis of the wage gap was released in advance of Equal Pay Day on Tuesday - which marks how far into the new year women must work in order to catch up with what men were paid the year before. The analysis uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The findings for each state, along with state rankings, are available at NationalPartnership.org/

representing more than 80 congressional districts in the percent of the state's utility country, and the District of workforce, has identified Columbia. It can be found BOYS & GIRLS TRACK an upcoming demand for at NationalPartnership.org/ * Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium a skilled energy utility Gap. These findings include 4/14 at 4:15 pm Jenison* 4/21 at 4:15 pm Caledonia*

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL * Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field 4/14 at 4:15 pm FHN - doubleheader 4/16 at 9 am E. Kentwood Tourney 4/19 at 4:30 pm at Jenison

4/20 at 4:30 pm Jenison* GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

*Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium 4/15 at 7 pm at Zeeland East 4/18 at 7:15 pm at Grand Haven 4/20 at 8 pm at Grandville

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium 4/15 at 7:30 pm at Zeeland West 4/19 at 7 pm at Northview

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course 4/14 at 1 pm Kent County Classic at Highlands 4/16 at 10 am Lowell Invitational* 4/19 at 3 pm Jamboree #1 at Watermark

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field 4/14 at 4:15 pm at FHN - doubleheader 4/16 at 10 am Bosma Invitational at E. Kentwood 4/19 at 4:15 pm Jenison* - doubleheader

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium 4/15 at 6:45 pm at Cedar Springs 4/18 at 6:45 pm Jenison* 4/20 at 6:45 pm Caledonia*

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Denotes a game at LHS Tennis Courts 4/14 at 4 pm at Byron Center 4/20 at 4:15 pm Jenison*

LEGAL NOTICE

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Settlor, Dorothy Ann Wiers, DOB: 1/24/28, who lived at 2198 Jonathan Court, Byron Center, MI 49315, on 11/12/2015. There is no personal representative settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Wiers Family Trust dated 6/14/2007, will banned forever unless presented to Douglas Martin Wiers,

Trustee. Successor within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: April 5, 2016

Craig A. Bruggink, PLC Attorney for **Successor Trustee** 429 Turner Ave., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-456-5048

> **Douglas Martin Wiers** 7429 Burlingame, SW Grandville, MI 49418

Red Arrow PORTS

Red Arrow baseball off to a great start over spring break

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

The Red Arrow varsity baseball team went one and one last week taking on Seymour High School and hosting New Albany High School in Indiana last Saturday over spring break.

The Arrows kicked off their day against New Albany and struggled under top-notch pitching and fast acting bats in a 16-3 loss. Their opponent launched to a big lead in the first after three doubles, two singles, a

out added up to eleven runs. Lowell's Trevor VanDyke earned an RBI double.

In game two of the series the Arrows trumped Seymour by a margin of 7-2. Sterling Anderson went 2-4 at the plate producing two run error and a ground a single in the first and a seventh inning double that plated Garrett Pratt and Kyle Liddy.

The Arrows also excelled on the mound with Andrew DeVoest leading off and giving up just one hit and no earned runs. Teammate Cooper Perry recorded the win finishing off the game by allowing only two runs over four innings.

This week the team has three doubleheader events scheduled. Tuesday they will travel to Grandville, Wednesday welcome Lakewood and Thursday

compete at Forest Hills Northern. Saturday morning the team will travel to East Kentwood High School for a single game.



All-conference winter award winners

The OK Conference awarded 23 Lowell High School varsity athletes for top performances in Red Arrow winter athletics. Of the awarded students, 17 received allconference honors while the remaining six were honorable mentions.

BOYS BASKETBALL

All-conference: Matt Beachler and Ryan Stevens Honorable mention: Austin Branagan

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All-conference: Ally Frederickson Honorable mention: Bailey Reitsma

BOYS BOWLING

All-conference: Carson Clark Honorable mention: Logan Smith

GIRLS BOWLING

All-conference: Ally Stockreef Honorable mention: Marilla Marks

GYMNASTICS

All-conference: Lauren Browning Honorable mention: Corah Kaufman

HOCKEY

All-conference: Charlie Hayes and Austin Whaley

Honorable mention: Eddie Heikkila

WRESTLING

All-conference- Max Dean, Zeth Dean, Danny Kruse, David Kruse, Jeff Leach, Tyler Lynch, Avry Mutschler, John Russell and Sam Russell

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 16-199098-DE

Estate of Michael A. Roth. Date of birth: August 13, 1957.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

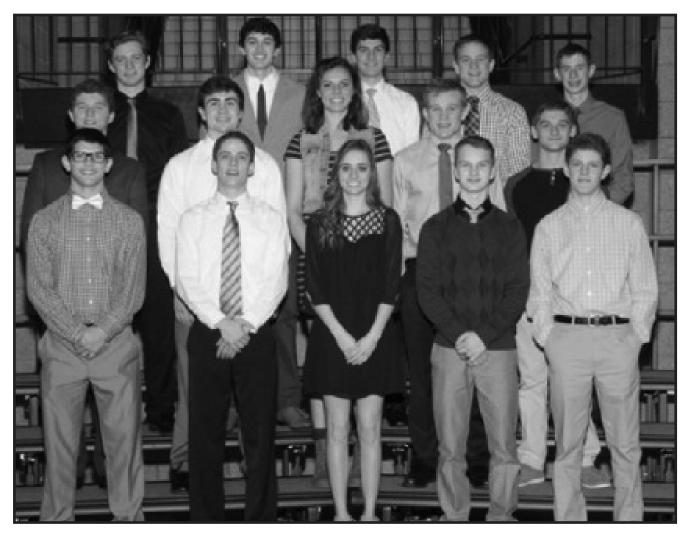
NOTICE TO **CREDITORS:** The decedent, Michael A. Roth, died March 3, 2016.

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April 6, 2016

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DEIBLE

Cheryl Lee Deible (Goebel), age 69, of Middleville, passed away Saturday, April 9th at home after a long battle with cancer. Cheryl was born in Grand Rapids,

Michigan on October 17, 1946 to Charles and Hilma (Hyslop) Goebel. Chervl married Albert Deible on August 4, 1969. She took care of her family, which arew to include 4 children and was there for loved ones during the darkest times. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents,

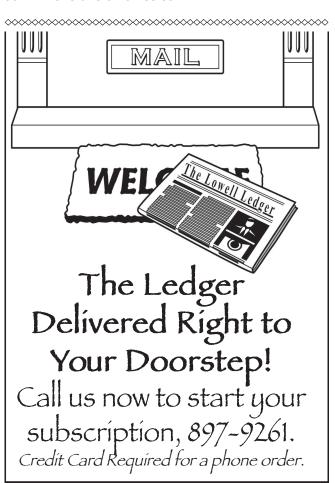


husband Albert, and daughter Iris. She is survived by her sons Jason and Cary, daughter Brenda, granddaughter Sylvania, and brother Steve. Services will be held at Middleville United Methodist Church, 111 Church St., on Friday April 15th with visitation at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m., with a luncheon afterwards. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

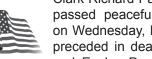


LENNEMAN

Marjory M Lenneman, age 81 of Lowell, passed away on April 8, 2016, in Grand Rapids. Marjory was born on December 17, 1934, in Freeport to Glee and Clara (Garinger) Newton. Marjory was the foundation and the pillar of strength for her children. She loved spending time with her many grandchildren and she loved to talk. She made friends where ever she went. She was also a John Wayne fan. Marjory is survived by her children, Timothy (Kathy) Lenneman of Ionia, Tina (Mark) Sauser of Middleville, Tammy (James) Brown of Oklahoma, Tonia (Tom) Runyon of Dorr, Todd (Deb) Lenneman of Lowell, Tricia (Joe) McDermott of Saranac; brother, Ray (Ruth) Newton of Portland; 24 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by father, Glee Newton; mother, Clara Garinger; stepmother, Rita Newton; two brothers, Merrill Newton, Francis Newton; sister, Gertrude Abbott and great-grandson, Gabriel. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 11:00 am, Wednesday, April 13 at St. Anthony's Church in Saranac with Monsignor Ed Hankewicks, Celebrant. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation. Online condolences at www.lakefuneralhomes.com



PARSONS



Clark Richard Parsons, age 82 of Lowell, passed peacefully to his eternal home on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents Glenn and Evelyn Parsons. He is survived by his wife of

61 years, Greta; children Angie (Dave) Young, Cheryl (Brian) Doyle, Merlene (Mike) Baker, Jeff (Kristin) Parsons, Carmen (Matt) Tawney; grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sister Carole (George) Anderson; sisters-in-law Josephine Nash & Elaine Nash; many nieces and nephews. Clark was a hard-working family man



in the truest sense as he valued most his faith, family and friends over worldly possessions. He enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's many events with Greta, playing cards, traveling, genealogy work, and enjoying the great-outdoors, especially fishing and farming. Clark will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends. Clark proudly served in the U.S. Air-Force in the Korean War. Visitation will be held at the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Friday, April 15, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 10-11 a.m. A Memorial service will be held at the church Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Brad Brillhart officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell United Methodist Church.



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STAHL

Mitchell Loren Stahl, born February 27, 1961, died at Blodgett Hospital on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from a

lingering condition which suddenly worsened. He had attended Lowell High School and owned Alto Kountry Korners Convenience Store, following his father's death. He worked various jobs following sale of the store. Mitchell will be joining his mother, Sharma (Wolfe) Stahl; father, Joe Stahl; grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and



friends who have left this earth before him. Remaining are his uncle, John (Peg) Wolfe; aunt, Jayma (Tom) Kurnat, both of Byron Center; aunt, Barbara Wolfe of Titusville, FL; aunt, Joan (Stahl) Domasik of Grand Rapids; many cousins and extended family and friends. His mother's death last June left a large hole in his heart. She was his best friend, supporter and mentor. Mitchell was truly the free spirit of the family. His mother would say that he "marched to a different drummer." So we say, "March on, Mitchell!" We'll miss you. Mitchell will be placed at rest with his mother in Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Arrangements by Stroo Funeral Home.



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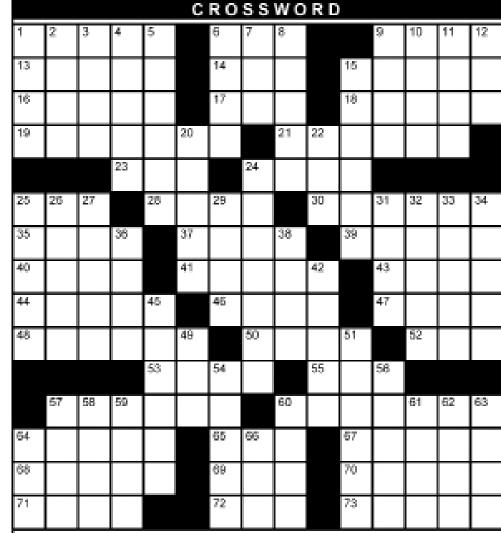
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DOWN

- 1. *"Don't ____ around the bush"
- 2. *"To his own"
- 3. Chills and fever 4. Old but in
- 5. Like rainy afternoon?
- 6. *"An apple a day
- keeps the doctor ___
- 7. *"Don't have a ____!"
- 8. Polynesian kingdom 9. Horsefly
- 10. Short for "and elsewhere"
- 11. C&H crop
- 12. Product of creativity
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- Wars" 24. Server on wheels
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- 31. Kind of apple, gritty and acidic
- 32. ____-
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- 42. Idealized image
- 45. Group of performers
- 49. Afghan monetary unit
- 51. Thick soup
- 54. Dangerous movie trick
- 56. Plural of amnion
- 57. Desktop picture
- 58. Lunch time?
- 59. Worn from walking
- 60. Great Depression drifter
- 61. *Don't put these into one basket
- 62. Vegas bandit
- 63. They make up a tennis match
- 64. R&R spot
- 66. "The _ ___. The Proud. The Marines"



APRIL 6 - APRIL 12

- Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lin, a U.S. Navy officer has been charged with supplying a foreign nation with state secrets relating to America's national security. Lin was born in Taiwan and came to the U.S. aged 14 before becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2008.
- Bruce Springsteen canceled a concert in N. Carolina over a new law which requires individuals to use bathrooms that correspond to the gender on their birth certificate saying, "Some things are more important than a rock show," he added, "and this fight against prejudice and bigotry — which is happening as I write — is one of them." Now Bryan Adams has canceled a concert in Mississippi to protest a 'Religious Liberty' bill. Under House Bill 1523, public and private businesses can deny service to members of the LGBT community if it conflicts with their "sincerely held religious beliefs."

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Have the recent, violent events around the world made you alter your travel plans?

- No Makes no difference 30%
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