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Lowell students enjoy a fun day at the farm during trip to the Wittenbach/Wege Center

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The barnyard at the Wittenbach/Wege Center came alive with animals and activity last Saturday morning when the Lowell High School chapter of the FFA presented Fun on the Farm.

Dozens of eager families enjoyed the annual event which welcomed participants to get up close and personal with baby chickens, little pigs, a

newborn calf and freshly shaven lambs in the nature center's petite farmyard. Members of the FFA were on hand to answer questions from curious farm explorers during the free three hour learning event.

Volunteer Kara Jeffries, who raises pigs and shows animals independently, said she enjoys the busy morning of interactive learning. "A friend told me about this

day and I came in and I have been doing it ever since. It's a fun day just walking around talking to people and answering lots of questions," said Jeffries.

Organized by Lowell High School Agriscience instructor and FFA advisor Kevin Nugent, the day serves to not only inform but also entertain and introduce children and families to the FFA organization. FFA was

formed in 1928, the Lowell chapter in 1929, in an effort to impact and develop the growth, leadership and ultimate career success of students through their work in agricultural education.

Guests were also invited to explore the vast, tranquil and always open trails and to stop inside the learning center to view the regularly displayed animal exhibits inside.



Above, little ones Wyatt and Warren Porter meet a baby chicken alongside mom Sarah, Grandpa Jerry Jones with volunteer Kara Jeffries.



At left, FFA students have fun with Snickers the sheep at the Fun at the Farm event.

Although rumors abound, selling off LL&P and police department more difficult than it seems

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There have been a lot of rumors flying around town lately about the city council selling Lowell Light & Power and dismantling the Lowell Police Department. Since Lowell puts its entire city charter and all ordinances online, it's pretty easy to find out how they would go about doing these things. Turns out, it's not so easy.

The charter states that Lowell is required to have a chief of police, but it does not say how many police officers are required. Section 4.2 of the charter lists the "administrative officers" that Lowell is required to have, such as a city manager, clerk, treasurer and others. This list includes a chief of police. Section 5.6 of the charter says the police chief

is to serve as the "sergeant at arms" during city council meetings. The charter also states, in section 3.1, that "the city and its officers" must "provide for the public welfare" by "regulating the speed of vehicles, trains, and locomotives upon or across the streets." The same section also states that the city is required to "construct, provide, maintain, extend, operate, and improve" various facilities including a police station.

The charter contradicts itself on whether Lowell Light & Power is part of city government. Section 16.1 of the charter says, "The city's electric utility facilities and services shall constitute a department of city government," but section 15.2 says, "All municipally owned or operated utilities,

except the electric utility, shall be administered as a regular department of the city government." Either

way, the charter says that the council appoints a board to Light & Power and they control the utility in section

16.1, "The electric utility of the city shall be under the control and direction of an

Natural Resources Commission approves year-round coyote hunting season

The Natural Resources Commission, at its monthly meeting in Lansing, Michigan, earlier this month, approved new coyote and nighttime furbearer hunting regulations.

Effective immediately, coyote hunting season is open year-round in Michigan. Please note that dogs may not be used to hunt coyotes April 16 through July 7.

Nighttime hunting season dates now match the daytime hunting season dates by species. Coyote and opossum hunting are open year-round. Raccoon hunting is Oct. 1 through Jan. 31, and fox hunting runs Oct. 15 through March 1.

Raccoons, opossums, foxes and coyotes now may be taken at night with 3 and 4 buckshot. Nighttime furbearers can be taken with a bow and arrow, crossbow, a rimfire firearm .22 caliber or smaller, or a shotgun with loads other than buckshot larger than number 3, slug or cut shell. Centerfire rifles may not be used to take furbearers at night.

Portable artificial lights may be used throughout the open nighttime season of the target species. Examples include flashlights, portable battery-powered spotlights and headlamps.

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Senators announce legislation to hold pension fund executives accountable if retirees' benefits are cut

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Gary Peters (D-MI) today announced the introduction of the *Pension Fund Integrity Act of 2016* (S. 2894), which would cut pay and prevent raises and bonuses for top pension fund executives if retirees' benefits are cut. The Central States Pension Fund has submitted an application

to the U.S. Department of Treasury that would drastically cut pension benefits for roughly 270,000 retirees across the country. If approved, some retirees could see their pensions reduced as much as 50 to 70 percent. Meanwhile, the top executive of the Central States Pension Fund earned nearly \$700,000 in 2014. The bill is also cosponsored

by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

The Pension Fund Integrity Act of 2016 would cut excessive executive compensation and stop raises and bonuses for executives as long as the benefit cuts are in place. The amount of the executive pay cut would be determined by

calculating the percentage of cuts for retirees most impacted by the reduced pension benefits. The bill also prohibits financially troubled pension plans from using plan assets to hire outside lobbying firms. As just one example, the Central States Pension Fund has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay outside lobbyists in recent years to

lobby on issues including passing legislation to allow retiree benefits to be cut.

"A pension is a promise that's earned, and workers should be able to count on them when they retire," said Senator Stabenow. "It's completely unacceptable for top executives at Central States to earn hundreds of thousands of dollars a year while at the same time, pension benefits for retirees who worked hard their entire lives are being slashed. The Pension Fund Integrity Act will hold pension fund executives accountable if retirees' benefits are cut, and I will continue to do everything I can to protect hardworking retirees' pensions."

"Thousands of Michigan retirees depend

on the pensions they have earned through years of hard work to afford housing, food, health care, and other critical necessities," said Senator Peters. "It is simply outrageous that plan executives have proposed cutting retiree pensions by as much as 70 percent, but continue to earn six-figure salaries and large bonuses. This bill is a key piece of broader efforts to increase oversight for pension plans and to prevent steep cuts to the benefits retirees have earned and depend on."

The Pension Fund Integrity Act will:

Cut excessive executive compensation — This bill will cut excessive

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along main street

SCRAP METAL

The Alto Cub Scouts are collecting scrap metal at the dumpster located at 4994 Alden Nash Ave. SE through May 15.

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

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a sundae bar with delicious toppings and root beer floats. Members, please join in as we celebrate our volunteers that allow us to keep the Gilda's Club red door open! Please RSVP by May 24 to 897-8600.

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

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., May 19 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

EXPLORE NATURE

IN LOWELL TOWNSHIP

There are several important natural areas in the region and one of them is on township property. The township is lucky enough to have a high-quality remnant of an oak savanna. Learn about this area on Thursday, May 19 • 6 PM. MSU ecologist, Jesse Lincoln will lead a wildflower tour to talk about the ecosystem and the work the township is doing to restore and protect this unique habitat. The wildflower walk will start at 6 pm and will last about an hour. This event is weather dependent and therefore may be canceled if the weather is too bad.

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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Senior Brianna Massey receives student representative award at LAS school board meeting

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Schools board of education held their latest regular meeting at the Runciman building, 300 High St., on Monday, May 9. The board approved spending on technology, food service equipment and more at the 43 minute meeting.

Lowell High School senior Brianna Massey was honored by the board for her contributions in her role as student representative.

“Each year we’re very fortunate to have a representative from our student council be a part of our board of education, bringing us information and insights,” said Lowell Area Schools’ superintendent Greg Pratt. “This year we’ve been very fortunate. Brianna does such a wonderful job. [...] We have such exceptional students here at Lowell Area Schools. We can really count on someone like Brianna to be a part of our board of education and bring enlightenment

about what’s happening throughout the district.”

The board voted to spend \$119,500 to upgrade food service equipment in the schools. The new equipment will be energy efficient.

“The whole goal of this is not only to bring some new equipment and new life into that part of our service area, but energy efficiency,” Pratt said. “It will get the students through the line faster and allow them to have more time to enjoy their lunch.”

They approved \$219,780 in technology purchases. Computers, monitors and services will be upgraded throughout the Lowell school system.

“What we’re looking at is upgraded some servers,” Pratt said. “There’s more pressure put on our servers as we do all this online testing that we are in the process of doing currently. We also have 360 computers that we’re replacing throughout the district, primarily



desktop computers that teachers use and in labs across the middle school, the high school and some of the elementary schools.”

Superintendent Greg Pratt announced that the teacher and support staff’s union has accepted a three year contract.

“The details of the contract include a three year extension with steps of one percent [raise] in year one, quarter percent in year two and a half percent in year three,” Pratt said. “We’re

very fortunate. Finding ways to work together has been a trademark of our organization over the past decade. We hope that this will continue that dialogue and hard work together will pay off for our students and our community.”

The board’s next meeting will be a work session at the Runciman building on Monday, May 23 at 6 pm. Their next regular meeting will be Monday, June 13 at 7 pm in the Runciman building.

LHS senior Brianna Massey, the board’s student representative, accepting an award from board president Jim Turner.

Nature exploration opportunities in Lowell Township

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There are two opportunities to explore nature in Lowell Township coming up. On the evening of Thursday, May 19, MSU ecologist Jesse Lincoln will lead a wildflower tour of the oak savanna behind the Lowell Township building at 2910 Alden Nash SE. The wildflower tour will begin at 6 pm and will last about one hour.

“The wildflower tour will showcase some of the

indicator species of the oak savanna; in particular, lupine,” Lincoln said. “The terrain is somewhat uneven but we have started to develop a trail so it is open to those that can walk for about a half mile. An oak savanna is a fire-adapted ecosystem, characterized by a mix of prairie species and woodland species. Dominant vegetation includes several prairie grasses and flowers that grow underneath wide-spread, open-grown oaks.”

On Saturday, May 14, volunteers are needed to help clear and haul pine trees from the area. The work will start at 10 am and will wrap up at 1 pm.

“Eventually the removed trees will be chipped for a path so residents can enjoy the property,” Lincoln said. “We could use around 10 volunteers. This is being done to protect a remnant oak savanna system. Oak savannas were once a

prevalent community but have become rare as the region rapidly develops. Less than 0.01 percent of the historic extent remains. ‘High quality areas’ have vegetation representative of the historic cover with a high proportion of native species and a low proportion of non-native species.”

If you’re interested in either event you should email Lincoln at lincolnj@michigan.gov

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The City of Lowell is accepting applications for seasonal workers within the Parks and Streets Departments. Salary \$10.00/hour. Duties include park maintenance, asphalt work and heavy lifting. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (not more than 30 hours per week). Must be 18 years of age with a valid Michigan driver’s license.

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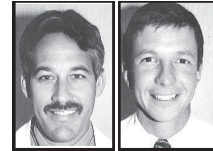


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endometrial (uterine) cancer

Endometrial cancer is cancer of the lining of the uterus. It is the fourth most common cancer in women. About 50,000 new cases are diagnosed every year in the United States. Endometrial cancer is not the same as cervical cancer. Cervical cancer starts in the cervix. Endometrial cancer starts inside the body of the uterus. Risk factors of endometrial cancer include age older than 50, if you have higher levels of

estrogen in your body, if you are infertile or have never been pregnant, if you are obese or have diabetes or thyroid disease, if you have a mother or sister with endometrial cancer, if you have a history of breast or ovarian cancer, endometrial hyperplasia, polycystic ovary syndrome, or Lynch syndrome. The most common symptom of endometrial cancer is abnormal vaginal bleeding, either bleeding

between periods or, if menopausal, any vaginal bleeding. There are several ways to diagnose endometrial cancer. These include a biopsy of the uterine lining and ultrasound of the uterus. If diagnosed with endometrial cancer, more tests are sometimes needed to see how far it has spread.

Treatment of endometrial cancer depends on how far along the disease has spread. The most common treatment is surgery to remove the uterus and ovaries, called a hysterectomy. Chemotherapy and radiation are also options. The majority of patients with endometrial cancer are diagnosed early and have a good outcome.

college news

Concord University held its 141st spring commencement on Saturday, May 7, 2016, in the main gym of the Leslie R. and Ruby Webb Carter Center.

Two ceremonies were held to accommodate the number of graduates and their families and guests. A morning ceremony began at 10 am and an afternoon ceremony took place at 2 pm.

Concord's registrar's office reports that 73

graduate candidates applied for graduation along with 281 undergraduate candidates. Among the graduates are 104 individuals who graduated with honors. The class includes seven veterans.

Valedictorians for the spring 2016 class are Shea Jonathan Boothe of Ballard, W. Va. and Joseph Jeff Sweet of Lowell.

Sweet received a Bachelor of Science in athletic training, summa cum laude. He minored in biology. His valedictory remarks were delivered as part of the afternoon ceremony.



Valedictorian Joseph Jeff Sweet

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viewpoint

to the editor

To the Editor,
 Shortly after following ForwardLowell on Facebook, I was invited to join the group. I hesitated because I had a preformed idea of what the group was about based on its members. I continued to follow the group to try and be open-minded about their intentions.
 When I heard about their "open house" with all of the candidates for our 86th district, I thought that was great, and had planned to drop by. Unfortunately, something else came up and I wasn't able to attend. It was only after reading

the article, "Recall group has now collected required number of signatures to put Altoft on the ballot in November" in the May 4th Ledger, I see that one candidate was apparently and intentionally left out.
 From the Ledger article, "I tried to send Mike [Henry] a Facebook message," Dickerman said. "That's how we contact a lot of these candidates. He blocked me so I can't get that out to him. [...] My guess is she probably wouldn't attend this, but we did at least try to contact Mike."

The truth is that Henry did NOT block ForwardLowell from their Facebook page, they would have no reason. ForwardLowell blocked the Henry's from their Facebook page when they deemed them as "not productive" in moving Lowell forward. This, in turn, blocks any chance to message that person. It's my personal opinion that when hosting a candidate meet and greet, you would send an invitation via US mail, or phone and speak to them directly. I did an internet search and found mailing addresses and phone numbers for ALL of the candidates.

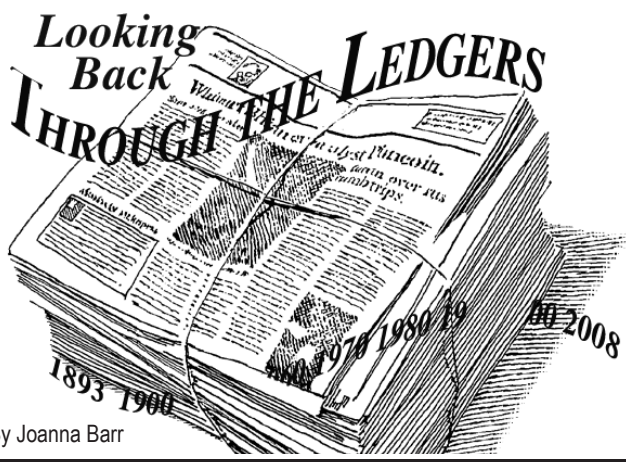
Even more telling was this statement from the Ledger article, (When asked why he didn't simply Google her phone number and make the invitation that way, Dickerman said that the group had no real intention of inviting Henry in the first place.) Then quoted Dickerman, "[ForwardLowell] members and the citizens of Lowell have already met Mrs. Henry," Dickerman said in an email to the Ledger.
 It's hard to remain open-minded when this groups motives are painfully obvious. I knew beforehand that one of their goals was to replace Jeff Altoft as both

Mayor and council member. What I find ironic, is that the people of the city of Lowell voted and replaced most all of the council and for the same reason ForwardLowell is now accusing the new council. Council works FOR the residents of Lowell, and because for so long they worked in such a partisan manner, they were replaced. It's just sad that

the previous council ignored the frustrated residents. Present council needs to keep this in mind as they listen to all voices, both sides. Once ForwardLowell recognizes WHY they were replaced, can I see Lowell truly moving forward.
 Sincerely,
 Nancy Stroosnyder
 Lowell

Editor's note: The statement referred to as being from the Ledger was actually an inference from the email Dickerman sent to Mike Henry and forwarded to the Ledger. The actual quote from the aforementioned email was, "You are welcome to attend, but our group has no interest in promoting Katherine's candidacy." The quoted comment in the article was from an email sent directly to the Ledger.

of this village, to Chas. Taylor, for the residence on King St., known as the Donnan place.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 13, 1891

The boys who are making nights hideons would do well to "watch a leedle out," our village Marshal has got his eyes on them and they will be in trouble soon if they continue their disorderly conduct.

The Bicycle club has been organized with seventeen members who will purchase new machines They are looking for the place where they can get the best for the least money and they think that in buying so many at a time they should get them pretty close to wholesale price.

The Photograph business formerly conducted by C. E. Phillely will in the future be carried on by the firm of Phillely & Wilson. Milan Wilson having bought an interest in the business, and with new apparatus, of the latest improved kind, are better than ever prepared to do first class work. Of Mr Phillely's ability as an artist there can be no question and any work in their line will be done in a first-class manner. They also do enlarging and take orders for Crayon and India Ink Portraits at reasonable prices.

One of Lowell's young ladies wants a bicycle and wants one bad, listen to her tale of woe. "I want a bicycle and I want one bad. I want one worse than I want a man."

L. C. Hildreth met with a serious accident at the Lowell Cutter Co's shops Monday. He was running the shaper, and in some way his work was jerked from him, throwing his hand on the knives, severing his thumb at the first joint and cutting his first finger badly.

A.B. Watermen has traded his farm, half a mile west

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 11, 1916

Sunday, May 14, is "Mother's day. "Honor our best friend's memory by wearing a flower—white, if she has gone before; colored, if she is still with you. Sentiment? Yes, and what is life without it?"

W. E. Chambers and his helpers in the produce house have the privilege of working early and late as A. T. Eash has installed his electric lights which were put in for the benefit of the box social, which will be Friday evening, May 12.

The weather begins to look as though we were going to have a summer notwithstanding the prediction that history might repeat itself as in 1816.

Erwin Ridgeway has moved his family to the A. L. Pant & Son tenant house and will work there this summer.

Will Klump's house roof caught fire Monday morning but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Fred Slamma delivered a Ford to Willard Alexander of Bowne Center the first of the week.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 15, 1941

Answers stump board members – Traffic problems to be given a rest. The Lowell Board of Trade held an important and interesting dinner meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:45 in the dining room of the Congregational Church, having been transferred to that point instead of the City Hall on account of the non-arrival of dinnerware and kitchen equipment. The ladies of the church served a fine meal. B. of T. president, W. W. Gumser presided over the board's deliberations. Features of the program were a group singing, a talk on "Lowell's Past" by F. F. Coons and "Lowell's Future" by E. C. Foreman. The Budget committee reported satisfactory progress. Mr Coons' historical sketch of the Board's past proved of such interest that it was unanimously voted to incorporate same in the minutes as a matter of permanent record. Secretary C. E. Kiel read a summary of the questionnaires which had been mailed to members in the business district relative to traffic and parking problems. To translate the combined

results of the answers to the questionnaires would require the skill of a Philadelphia lawyer and in the opinion of the officers and board members none of us really know much more about local opinion on the matter than we did before attempting the analysis. But it was a noble experiment and the board intends to let the matter drop.

With this issue the Lowell Ledger begins its 49th year of continuous publication and the Editor wishes to take this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation to the business and professional men of Lowell and to all subscribers for their loyal patronage, all of which has made it possible to have a community newspaper. May we always serve well and faithfully.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation is putting up 4 for 1 toward the new hospital at Grand Haven, \$160,000 to \$40,000, which reminds us that a hospital in Lowell would serve a humanitarian purpose.

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Kent County increases funding to repair/modify homes

The Kent County Board of Commissioners voted this morning to provide additional funds and increase the eligible amount of funding per unit for repairs on homes owned by low- to moderate-income families. The vote this morning will more than double the amount previously allowed.

Kent County currently contracts with Home Repair Services (HRS) to provide home repairs of up to \$3,500 for eligible clients outside of the cities of Grand Rapids and Wyoming (which have their own funding

components). The amended contract will allow HRS to expend up to \$10,000 per unit for eligible clients from March 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016. The agreement also increases the contract with HRS by \$150,000. The funds for repairs come from Kent County Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

The Kent County CDBG funds two programs:

Minor Home Repair Program: emergency home repairs to single family, owner-occupied homes for very low income homeowners making 80

percent of area median income (i.e. roofs, septic systems, furnaces, etc.);

Access Modification Program: modify homes of eligible individuals with mobility impairments in order to improve access and use of the home. These funds are eligible for homeowners and renters.

“The economics of today’s housing costs and wages can make it tough for families in need of a home repair or modification,” said Kent County Board Chair James Saalfeld. “This

funding will assist some families with necessary repairs.”

As part of an ongoing program review, the community development department will be assessing this program change to determine if it will be made permanent in future years. “Home Repair Services is thrilled to partner with Kent County to maximize the use of these extra funds in the community to help strengthen lower income homeowners,” said Joel Ruiter, HRS

executive director. “Strong homeowners build strong communities by keeping people in their homes which in turn helps to retain housing values.”

To learn more about Home Repair Service programs, call 616.241.2601 during business hours or go to www.homerepairservices.org

college news

Lowell resident Paige Taylor was among nearly 700 students who graduated from Bob Jones University Friday, May 6.

Taylor graduated with a BS in Communication Disorders.

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Holding executives accountable, continued

compensation for executives at the largest financially troubled plans. The U.S. Department of Treasury would determine the executive pay cut by calculating the percentage of cuts for retirees most impacted by the reduced pension benefits. This would only take effect if the benefit cuts are approved by Treasury.

Stop raises and bonuses for executives — This bill will also stop executives

from receiving raises or bonuses for as long as the benefit cuts are in effect. This would effectively freeze their compensation.

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City Operating Budget for 2016-2017. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,953,829 in proposed expenditures.

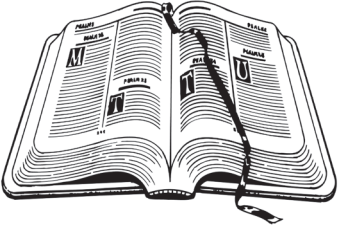
Copies of the 2016-2017 Budget are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us)

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LMS students raise \$9,000 for Water For South Sudan

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Seventh-grade social studies students at Lowell Middle School reached and exceeded a spontaneous service learning project goal over the past year. They raised funds to install a well in the war torn and water deprived country of Sudan in North Africa.

Young learners in the classrooms of Tamara Hanson and Kyle Carhart started the year off like many other classes: a reading assignment. But what was to be just a routine lesson

quickly blossomed into something much more. The book is called "A Long Walk to Water" and the mission of the young hero of the story and the heroes in training at LMS is clean drinking water for the people of Sudan.

Linda Sue Park penned the New York Times best-seller that tells the real life story of refugee Salva Dut. According to Hanson, "It is about a Sudanese refugee who was basically ousted from his country and separated from his family because of civil war. He led

hundreds of other displaced young men, known as Lost Boys, to neighboring country Kenya, got into a refugee program and came to the United States."

After learning English and attending college in Rochester, New York, Salva got word that his father was near death from a water born illness.

"He decided to head back to Sudan and started the foundation Water For South Sudan (WFSS). They have two trucks now, I believe, that travel around

the country, which is about the size of Texas, drilling wells to provide clean fresh water," explained Hanson.

Water has been a crisis in Sudan for decades with clean sources few and far between requiring people, most often young women and girls, to walk up to eight hours a day to provide drinking water to their families. This real life problem is explained in the book through the fictitious story of Nya who bears that burden.

After finishing the book the students wanted to make a difference by working with the charity and devised a plan to earn some of the \$15,000 needed to install a well in one village. After a pair of successful conference night bake sales, a Valentines Candy Gram sale, penny drives, a silent auction and some generous donations, the service learners efforts added up to nine times their original fundraising target.

"Our goal was just \$1,000, that was it and I just added up what we have right now and we have just over \$9,000," said Hanson following the group's last fundraiser.

Four students in particular worked to secure a generous \$5,000 donation from the Lowell Rotary. Sierra Hieshetter and Emma Pearson helped to write the grant proposal and the two were joined by Emily DeBoer and Bradley Salgat for the presentation to the club.

The classes recently received a personal letter from Dut thanking them for their tremendous effort and naming LMS an official partner school to the charity. Hanson said she is grateful that the students had this tremendous learning opportunity. "It definitely make all of the students more aware. They just learned what clean water can do for people. The impact of putting a well in a village opens up the possibility of growth. Now that there is water now they can build a school, a medical center a food market."

Hanson said she and Carhart are both proud of the students who participated and the lessons they were able to teach through their real world philanthropy.

"To be able to give these kids this authentic learning experience has been priceless to me because they really took ownership and loved to do it."



LMS teachers Tamara Hanson and Kyle Carhart with their Water For South Sudan partnership flag earned by the school's seventh-grade social studies students.

LAS Elementary Lunch Menus
week of 5/16/16

MONDAY: Chicken strips; Bunchnutt: served with dinner roll; baked beans; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit, orange slices.

TUESDAY: Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, sliced corn; Bunchnutt: Beef taco on soft tortilla shell, sliced broccoli; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber coins, strawberries; Bunchnutt: peaches, mandarin oranges.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks served w/eggs, hash browns; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad; Bunchnutt: cucumber coins, celery sticks, apple slices, orange juice.

THURSDAY: Tony's cheese pizza on NYG crust, baby carrots; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, red pepper strips, apple, juice; Bunchnutt: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, kiwi, strawberries, peaches.

FRIDAY: Rollini pasta sauce; Bunchnutt: Tony's cheese pizza on NYG crust, baby carrots; fruit & veggie bar; spinach & romaine side salad, carrots; Bunchnutt: red pepper strips, apple, juice.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium

5/12 & 5/13 time TBA OK White Conference at Jenison
5/20 time TBA Regionals at Holt

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

5/14 at 9 am Aquinas Tournament
5/17 at 4:30 pm at GR Christian
5/18 at 4:30 pm GR Christian*
5/19 at 4:30 pm GR Christian*
5/21 at 10 am at Grand Ledge - doubleheader
5/23 at 4:15 pm at Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

5/13 at 7 pm Comstock Park*
5/16 at 6:30 p.m. Spring Lake*

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a game at the Red Arrow Stadium

5/12 at 7:15 pm at GR Christian

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course

5/13 at 3:30 pm Lakewood*
5/17 at 3:30 pm Coopersville*

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a game at Cherry Creek Field

5/12 at 4:15 pm Lakewood* - doubleheader
5/14 at 10 am Dakota Tourney
5/17 at 4:15 pm at GR Christian - doubleheader
5/20 at 4 pm Mandy Tichelaar Invitational*
5/23 at 4:15 pm at Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium

5/13 at 6:45 pm at FHE
5/16 at 7:15 pm at EGR
5/18 at 6:45 pm GR Christian*
5/20 at 6:45 at Northview

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at LHS Tennis Courts

5/14 at 9 am OK White Conference at GR Christian
5/16 at 4 pm at Lakewood
5/17 at 4 pm Wayland*

Coyote hunting, continued

Nighttime hunters must use the aid of a game or predator call and/or dogs while hunting at night. Dogs may not be used from April 16 through July 7. While hunting with dogs at night, a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow may be loaded at the point of kill only.

To hunt coyotes, Michigan residents must have a valid base license, and nonresidents must have a valid base license and a valid fur harvester license. Residents hunting other furbearing species will need a base license and a fur harvester license.

Raccoons and coyotes may be taken all year on private property by a property owner or designee when the raccoons or coyotes are doing or about to do damage to private

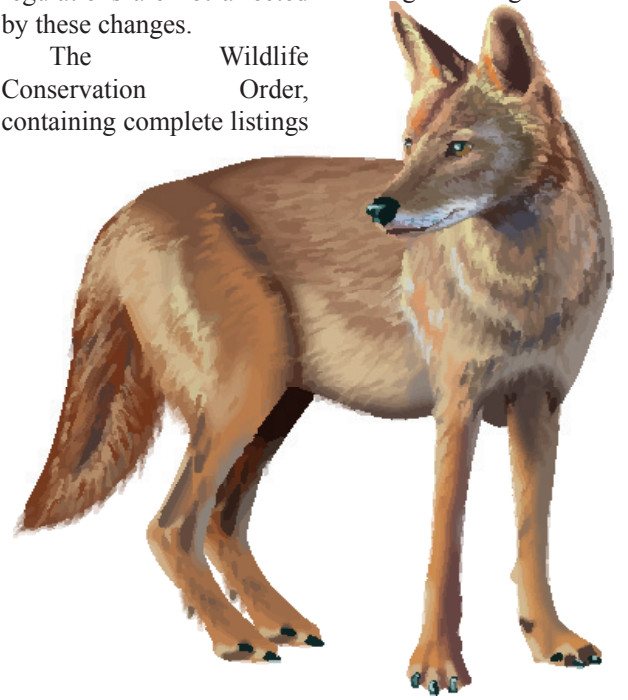
property. A license or written permit is not needed.

These changes are for coyote and nighttime furbearer hunting only. Trapping season dates and regulations are not affected by these changes.

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It's not automated, it takes several people to make sure your Buyers Guide gets to you with all the inserts

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Every week the Buyers Guide is stuffed with inserts, flyers, coupons and other offers from local companies. One might imagine there is some kind of special machine that stuffs all that in there, but the work is actually done by five women, Darlene Southerland, Melinda Stevenson, Waunetta Hoitenga, Randi Millering and Laurie Lake, who do all the work by hand. They have a flexible schedule so only three of the women were on hand to interview.

"There are 14,000 copies of each Buyers Guide," Southerland said. "Sometimes we only have four inserts but at Thanksgiving time we've had 13. It depends on the week. This week we have nine."

The job leaves the ladies with ink-stained hands and lots of papercuts.

"Especially on Friday night, our hands will be black," Southerland said. "That's when the Buyers Guide actually comes in and we place the bundles that we've put together into the Buyers Guide. It comes off after a couple washings. Dawn blue [soap] works well."

Hoitenga is Stevenson's mother. The two ladies seem to enjoy working together and Southerland said they hardly ever bicker.

"We get along pretty well," Stevenson said. "It makes it fun. We've worked together before. It gives us a chance to catch up and know what's going on."

"It gives us an opportunity to chat," Hoitenga said. "Usually our lives are so busy that we don't get a chance to talk to each other."

"They actually get along quite well," Southerland said.



Mother and daughter team Melinda Stevenson and Waunetta Hoitenga pre-stuffing the inserts that will go into all 14,000 copies of the Buyers Guide.



Darlene Southerland

Before the stuffing, there is the "pre-stuffing" phase, which is a three day process. The ads, flyers and other inserts arrive on Wednesday and the ladies pre-stuff the various piles of paper into 14,000 little bundles. When the finished Buyers Guides arrive, the pre-stuffed bundles are then stuffed by hand into each copy of the Buyers Guide.

"We pre-stuff the bundles, all 14,000 of them, by hand," Stevenson said. "It has to be done by Friday night when the Buyers Guide comes in. The more inserts there are, the longer it takes. We just keep going until it's done. We've been known to put in 12 or 13 hour days. We try to get it done on Wednesday and

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Red Arrow - LACROSSE SPORTS

Arrows rack up the wins and raise funds for Pink Arrow Day

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell boys varsity lacrosse added to more wins to their already impressive season last week topping the combined Zeeland East/Zeeland West team 13-6 and Northview High School 9-6 in action last week.

The Arrows, currently holding down a 9-1 overall record and a 6-1 record in the tough OK White conference, took to the road on Tuesday to take on Zeeland earning a decisive 13-6 victory. First year head coach Eugene Talbot said that the win could largely be attributed to the defensive portion of the squad, "Our defense had a wonderful game in which they held a good Zeeland offense to one

less goal than our previous encounter. Our offense was a little sluggish but we're able to find the back of the net to give us the win."

Thursday back on home turf the Arrows welcomed Northview to their now annual Pink Arrow night where players and fans wore pink and honored loved ones who have battled cancer. Talbot said it was a moving experience being involved in a game with a larger cause. "It was amazing to hear from the boys about how their lives have been touched by cancer. I think this game gave us a chance to see that our program is not just about playing lacrosse. It is about a group of young men who work together

to accomplish some great things."

The Arrows cooperated their efforts to raise more than \$400 for Gilda's Club of Lowell and earn a 9-6 win over rival Northview. Big scoring runs from Blake Posthumus, Collin Bowers and Sawyer Olesko set the Arrows up for the win early but it was an overall team effort that garnered the win according to Talbot, "In the end, it was our team's fortitude that gave them the edge to pull out a victory against one of our biggest rivals." he said post victory also making mention of the work being done in the box, "Both JV and Varsity goaltenders are doing a phenomenal job not only saving shots but also leading our teams."

Consistently state ranked this season, Talbot says he is extremely pleased with the current momentum

of the program, "I am very proud and happy for the boys as well as the program. We are moving in the right direction and getting the work done that we need to in order to stay a threat in West Michigan."

Only a few teams stand between Lowell and the end of their regular season including Forest Hills Eastern, who dealt them their only loss of the season thus far 10-7. Talbot said they are readying for the contest with every one prior to it, "Our biggest challenge will be Forest Hills Eastern. Our first meeting left a sour taste in our mouths and we are looking to change that. We need to spend this week fine tuning the small things that have gone by the wayside the past couple of weeks to ensure that we are back up to speed in our next meeting."



Jake Nugent, dressed in pink for the team's Pink Arrow celebration, moves downfield during their winning game over Northview at home last week.

Sports Summaries

GIRLS SOCCER

Red Arrow girls varsity soccer added two conference victories on the road last week moving their overall season record to a winning 6-4 and their OK White standing to a solid 4-2. Monday at Grand Rapids Christian the team dominated play scoring twice in each half for a 4-1 win. Lowell goals came from Regan Coxon, Maura Fitzpatrick, Riley Conlan and Amber Curtis in the widespread offensive effort. Conlan, Jacklyn Hayes and Darby Dean were each credited with assists. Goaltender Bridget Garter worked well inside the box tallying seven saves. Wednesday the Arrows scored their second victory over Jenison this season by a margin of 2-1. Conlan and Coxon each found the back of the net for the squad with Coxon also earning an assist. Garter protected the net logging four saves.

GIRLS TENNIS

Another tough week for the ladies of the Lowell varsity tennis team on the court as they failed to get a win settling for a conference loss and a non-conference tie. Monday at Forest Hills Central, Laura Michelsen once again picked up the Arrow's only victory at first singles in the team's 7-1 loss. Michelsen has led the squad all season and won the conference match in straight sets. In Greenville on Thursday, the team broke even with their opponent ending in a 4-4 tie.

BOYS GOLF

Lowell boys varsity golfers hit the links last week Monday for the OK White conference's fifth jamboree of the season hosted by Grand Rapids Christian at the Quail Ridge Golf Club. The young squad placed sixth carding a combined score of 205. Ethan Bates led the Arrows coming in with a 45, followed by Tyler Kacpia who earned a 51, Nick Kloosterman who shot a 54 and Andrew Poulton who tallied a 55.

SOFTBALL

It was a sweep for the Red Arrow's varsity softball last week Thursday when they hit the road to Forest Hills Central for an OK White conference doubleheader. Game one saw the girls jump out to an early lead scoring a massive seven runs in the third inning in the 8-6 victory. Leading hitters for the team were Regan Gravitt and Corah Miller who earned two hits each. Game two saw a 4-3 victory for Lowell. The Arrows maintained a 1-0 lead much of the game but lost ground in the sixth when FHC plated three runs to take over. The Arrows shot back in the bottom of the seventh rallying for the win after a single from Maddi Jordan, a Miah Ransom bunt, a walk earned by Miller and a big double from Megan Summerfield. Jordan was the game's big hitter going 3-4 at the plate. Tess Richardson and Emily Depew combined on the mound in the wins. The team also scored an academic victory earning Academic All-State honors from the Michigan High School Softball Association over the weekend.

This week the Arrows will compete Tuesday at home against Caledonia, G.R. Christian High School on Thursday and Forest Hills Eastern on Monday.

- BASEBALL

Arrows record 1-2 against the Rangers

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow baseball went a disappointing 1-2 last week in OK White conference play against the Rangers of Forest Hills Central High School but saw slugger Cooper Perry accomplish a big feat on the mound in the team's lone victory at home.

Lowell scored all four of the runs earned in their winning match up against FHC on Tuesday in the first inning of the game. RBIs from Connor Douma and Trevor Shurlow led to the rally combined with an FHC error and a groundout from Perry.

Perry also kept the Rangers from cutting that lead the duration of the game from the hill. In fact, they never even made contact. Perry produced a big no-hitter for the Arrows striking out seven batters and allowing only two walks en route to the 4-0 victory.

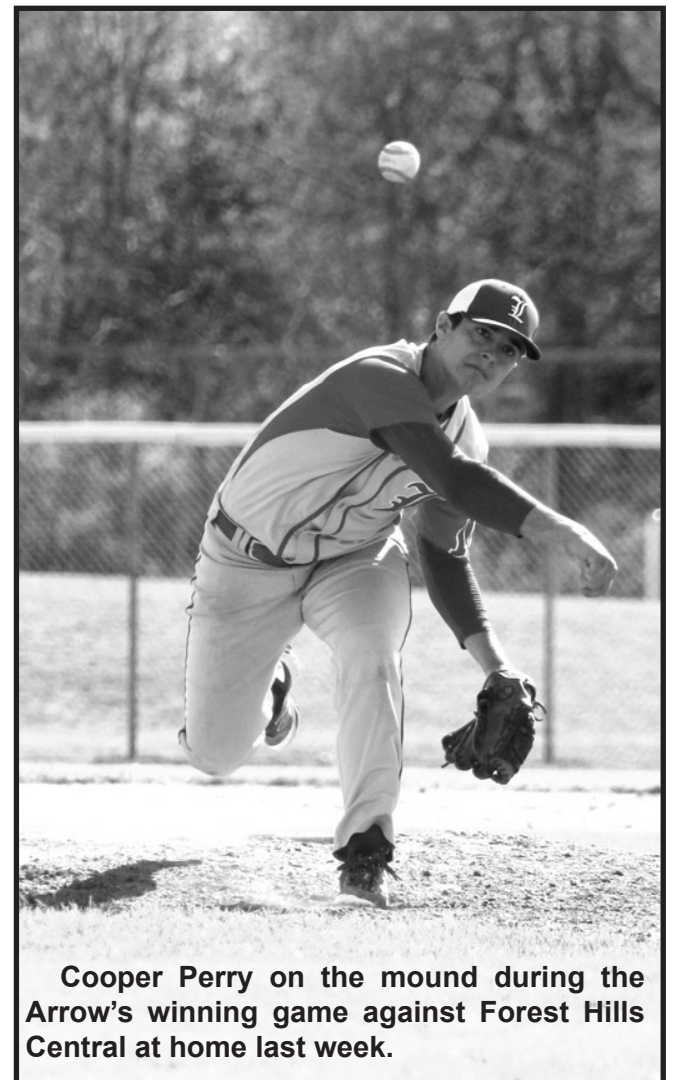
Wednesday at FHC Lowell fell 8-5 after the Rangers grabbed their first lead in the fifth inning and rallied for three runs in the sixth to earn the win. Lowell scoring came from Matt Cooper who doubled in the first and was later plated by a single from Perry. They

also scored in the inning when Jarrod Melle scored on a fielder's choice.

Sterling Anderson earned an RBI in the second plating teammate Anthony Pollock. The Arrows also tacked on runs in the fourth and sixth inning. Garrett Pratt took the loss from the pitching mound for Lowell allowing eight runs in just over five innings.

Another loss went on the books Thursday when the Arrows fell 6-4 still on the road. Though the team started off with an early lead after Anderson, Melle and Cooper put together a string of solid hits in the first to earn a 2-0 advantage. FHC struck back in the bottom of the inning plating three runs to grab a 3-2 lead. RBI singles from Melle and Cooper in the sixth inning put the Arrows just two runs back but they were ultimately unable to get the comeback.

Cooper led Lowell's offensive charge going 3-4 at the plate with singles in the first, second and sixth innings. Anderson took the pitching loss allowing six runs, walking one and striking out one in just over five innings.



Cooper Perry on the mound during the Arrow's winning game against Forest Hills Central at home last week.

The team will face OK White rivals East Grand Rapids in a three game series that will kick off Tuesday at home at 4:30 pm and continue Wednesday and Thursday at the same time at EGR.

Red Arrow TRACK SPORTS

Boys and girls have busy conference schedule

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A busy schedule produced conference losses against East Grand Rapids on senior night and Grand Rapids Christian on the road along with matching third-place finishes at the Hopkins Invitational over the weekend for the boys and girls varsity track teams last week.

Placing second against EGR with a total of 43 points the boys team had thirteen third-place finishes and above at the home meet. Several Red Arrows landed in that group more than once, including senior Collin McGee who earned first place in discus and second in the 200m; Colton Churches who claimed second in the 300m hurdles and third in the 100m hurdles; and Drew Struckmeyer who placed first in the 110m hurdles, second on the high jump and third in the long jump.

Others placing in the top of the pack included first-place finishes from Reece Karns on the pole vault and Will Reynolds on the 300m hurdles, seconds from Ben Noffke in the 800m, Morrison Ismond in the 3200m, Tristian Stephens on the 110m hurdles and Richard Misak on the pole vault.

Thursday at GRC the squad fell to their opponents gaining only 38 points in the meet. Struckmeyer and Reynolds claimed second

and third respectively on the 110m hurdles and then finished the other way around on the 300m. Struckmeyer also picked up a third-place finish on the high jump. Other top finishers infield were McGee who claimed first in discus and second in shot put; and R. Misak who earned first on the pole vault.

McGee also placed second in the 200m just ahead of third-place finisher Cody McGee. Other top running event finishes included a third from Sam Misak in the 100m; a second from Karns in the 400m and Ismond in the 3200m; and a first-place finish for the 4x100 relay team of Churches, S. Misak, R. Misak and JJ Johnson.

Saturday in Hopkins the team placed third in a field of twelve racking up 95 points mostly in running events. Three Red Arrow relay teams claimed second place while Ismond earned second in the 3200m. In field Collin McGee placed third in discus and Karns second in pole vault. Placing in hurdles were Struckmeyer with a second in the 110m hurdles and Churches who placed third in the 300m.

The Lady Arrows lost their bid against EGR with a total of 22 points. Corah Kaufman was the only team member to score a first-place finish, claiming it on the pole vault. She added



Senior athlete Jordan Mixon with parents Derek and Michelle during senior celebration last Tuesday.

a third-place finish to the scoreboard in the long jump. Other two-time top three finishers included Diana Roth who had a good day for the Arrows placing third in the 100 and 400m and second in the 200m; Jordan Mixon who placed third in both shot put and discus; and Amber Brown who placed second in long jump and third in the 100m hurdles. Abby McDowell and Tori Hewitt added third-place scores in the high jump and 3200m respectively.



Senior athlete Drew Struckmeyer and parents Phil and Andrea during senior celebration last Tuesday.

At GRC on Thursday the team scored 23 points on the back of second-place finishes from Roth in the 100m, Kaufman on the pole vault and Alexis Cook in discus. Finishing third were Kat Miller in the 300m hurdles, Breanna VanLaan in the 800m, Callie Ford-Weber in the 200m and Kyla Dixon and McDowell who tied for third in the high jump.

In Hopkins, the girls landed third out of a field of 14 racking up 86 points with

plentiful fourth- through sixth-place finishes. Leading the Arrows effort was freshman Roth who placed second in the 100 and 200m and anchored two scoring relay teams. Also earning a second-place finish were Kaufman in the pole vault and the 3200m relay team of Katrina Droski, MeKare Elliot, Dixon and Vanlaan.

This week the teams will face the ultimate test when they participate in the OK White conference preliminaries and finals competitions at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids Thursday and Friday afternoon.

- LACROSSE

Girls relish a pair of victories

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The varsity girls lacrosse team schedule results in a pair of victories last week when they faced both Grand Rapids Christian and West Ottawa high schools at home.

Against GRC on Monday the team pulled off a big win topping the Rangers by 16-7. Maddy Kaminski, Claire Gossman and Nikki Paulus led the offensive effort each finding the back of the net twice. Senior captain Anna Litchfield also logged a goal as she continues to be a leading force on and off the field for the team.

“She’s not only a leader in ability on the field, but also in conduct,” said coach Ellery Alexander.

Lowell then welcomed West Ottawa on Wednesday and won, 8-5, in a tighter contest. Laurel Frederickson, who protected the box in both games, earned a 69 percent save percentage in the win. Leading scorers for the Arrows included Justine Anes who scored twice and Haley Engels who added three goals to the scoreboard.

Currently 5-5-1 outside of tournaments, the Arrows are right on target for

their season goal with the developing chops of a team that could exceed it.

According to Alexander, “This year the team is working on becoming more recognized in our conference, with hopes of a .500 season. So far the team is working hard at pushing each other and becoming closer as a unit which is great to see as a coach. The girls have set high goals for themselves and are working hard to make them happen together.”

Hitting the field twice this week the team will face Northview High School on the road Monday and Comstock Park High School Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium kicking off at 7 pm.



The Lady Arrows of the Lowell varsity lacrosse team converge around their opponents on the field.

obituaries

KIDDER

C. Kelly Kidder, age 75 of Lowell, passed away Friday, May 6, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosie; daughter, Kimberly Krolewicz; and 15 siblings. He is survived by his children, Robin (Joe) Baker, Michael Kidder, Brian (Susan) Kidder, Vicky (John) Idema, Jeff (Patty) Kidder; brother, Herman (Frederika) Kidder; 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren. Kelly, as most people called him, was a son, a father, a friend and a brother. He lived, worked, cared for others, loved, was kind, got angry and happy, he felt proud and hurt. He was a real man. He started life as a poor child, one of seventeen Kidder children who survived to adulthood. He was smart and ambitious. In the seventh grade, he met Rosie Wellman. She was his love all his life. Together, they went to high school, college, married and created a family of their own - Kimberly and Brian. After the tragic death of Jay and Pat Kidder, his brother and sister-in-law, Kelly and Rosie enlarged their family to include the children of Jay and Pat - Michael, Robin, Vicky and Jeff. Always practical and logical, Kelly and Rosie sold their little house on Ogimas Rd. in Hastings and moved North to a big house on a lake near Lowell, Michigan. There they raised all those children and loved each one as much as they possibly could. It was Kelly's job to be Dad. He did it and it was hard on him. Kidder kids have never been an easy crop to grow. He did it with reason, logic, kindness and toughness. He was able to hold the reigns tightly enough to allow them to settle on their own life paths, and loosely enough to not make them complete rebels. This was no easy task. He did it with love and caring. Kelly also served the public school children as a Speech Pathologist and as a Director of Special Education in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. His career spanned forty years of service during which he taught many people to be better teachers and therapists and, by that extension of knowledge and skill served the needs of many thousands of children. His presence in the flesh will be missed, but the ripples of action from his life - his presence in our hearts, minds and lives will live on through his children, their children and all the children he helped in the public schools, for many generations. Just like his own father, Kelly was the Dad Kidder of his generation. There is no higher title of respect in the Kidder Family. Visitation will be Tuesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral service will be held Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment Irving Cemetery, Middleville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.



WURZER

Sister Theophane Wurzer, Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, entered eternal life on May 4, 2016, at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell, Mich., where she has lived for the past 25 years. Sister Theophane was born on June 27, 1921, in St. Lucas, Iowa, the fifth of twelve children of Konrad and Barbara Wurzer. She was named Theonilla. After attending St. Luke School in St. Lucas, she finished her junior and senior years at Aquinas High School in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In 1940, she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse and in 1941, as a novice, was named Sister Theophane. She professed first vows in 1943. In 1973 Sister Theophane became a founding member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Sister Theophane attended Viterbo College in La Crosse and the Catholic University of America where she received a Bachelor of Nursing degree in 1952 with a focus on pediatrics. She obtained a Master of Science in Nursing Education from Indiana University in 1967. She spent a total of 21 years in La Crosse teaching pediatrics and maternal-child nursing in St. Francis School of Nursing and Viterbo College. Her post-graduate work was at the University of Windsor. From 1959 to 1966 she was the medical and pediatrics supervisor at Sacred Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Her nursing experience also included four years as an instructor in the St. Luke Nursing School, Duluth, Minnesota, and six months in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Sister Theophane served in the Holy Land from 1979 to 1991. She began a nursing program for Bethlehem University in Bethlehem. In five Palestinian villages she initiated a program of teaching new mothers techniques of infant massage to increase parent-child bonding and to promote physical and psychological health for the babies. Returning to the USA in 1991, Sister Theophane came to the Lowell, Michigan center where, as a nurse, she cared for the elderly Sisters and coordinated a group of volunteers to assist with projects at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Sister Theophane is survived by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, the Franciscan Brothers of the Eucharist, the Franciscan Apprentices, her sisters, Irma Hageman and Alvina Hemesath Murray of Lawlor, Iowa, Rosaria Einck of Festina, Iowa, Alma Hemesath of Ossian, Iowa, and Doris Smith of St. Lucas; her sisters-in-law Margaret Wurzer of St. Lucas and Sis Wurzer of Waucoma, Iowa; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Anton, Edwin, Carl, Francis and Alvin Wurzer; her sister Ann Kuennen; eighteen Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and a Franciscan Brother of the Eucharist. Funeral arrangements are in the care of Gerst Funeral Home and Sister Patricia Glass, FSE, Funeral Director. A wake will be held at the Annunciation Chapel of the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street, Lowell, Mich., on Thursday, May 12th from 4-7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary Great Mother of God Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell, on Friday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Franciscan Cemetery, Lowell.



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- Mickey LaMonte, Boston, MA

With each new model year, automakers continue to expand their offerings of affordable and fun plug-in hybrid and all-electric vehicles. While consumers obviously want these new cars, this year's phase-in of President Obama's higher automotive fuel efficiency standards have given automakers another reason to step up the manufacturing of

less consumptive vehicles that compete in price with their gas and diesel counterparts. Also, new car buyers can cash in on up to \$7,500 in federal tax incentives (and possibly more from their own state—check out the Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy to find out) to help defray the costs of getting into an EV or plug-in hybrid. What this means is that giving up gas has never been so easy—or cheap.

A case in point is Ford's redesigned C-Max Energi, a plug-in hybrid that gives drivers a range of up to 500 miles as well as 19 miles of all-electric driving for under \$28,000 factoring in the federal tax rebate. Not to be outdone, General Motors' Chevrolet brand is coming on strong with several of its own affordable EVs and plug-in hybrids. The Spark Electric gets more than 80 miles per charge and can be had for less than \$19,000. Chevy fans looking for a beefier engine and torquier ride can opt for the Volt plug-in hybrid, which runs for 380 miles using its gas engine as a generator or 38 miles on electric battery power alone—all for less than \$27,000.

Meanwhile, German automakers continue to innovate on the electric vehicle front. BMW's all-electric I3 EV zooms from zero to 60 in seven quiet seconds and, despite its punky look, drives just like a...Beemer. The all-electric base version of the I3 can be had for around \$35,000 and gets drivers 81 miles per charge, but owners can opt to add a small back-up gas engine (for another \$4,000) turning the car into a plug-in hybrid with a 150-mile range.

While Volkswagen may be in the dog house with

environmentalists given its diesel emissions cheating scandal, the company is making some amends with the new all-electric version of its zippy sport-tuned hatchback, the e-Golf. Factoring in the federal EV tax credit, customers can drive off in a new e-Golf for less than \$23,000—a great deal on a cutting edge fuel efficient vehicle if there ever was one.

If even that seems like too much money, consider an even smaller electric car. Smart's FourTwo Coupe is a two-seater, around-town EV that will set you back just \$13,000 following the federal tax rebate. Another logical choice is Mitsubishi's similarly compact I-MiEV for under \$16,000.

While all these choices are well and good if you need a car ASAP, those willing to wait until next year might want to hold out for Tesla's forthcoming Model 3, a sporty all-electric sedan with a 215 mile range. The car will retail for \$35,000, meaning that consumers should be able to get it for \$27,500 after the federal tax rebate). Tesla is hoping that the solid range, sporty drive train and stylish look might just make the Model 3 the "it" EV on the market when it hits showroom floors in 2017.

CONTACTS: Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy, www.dsireusa.org; Smart USA, www.smartusa.com; Tesla Motors, www.teslamotors.com

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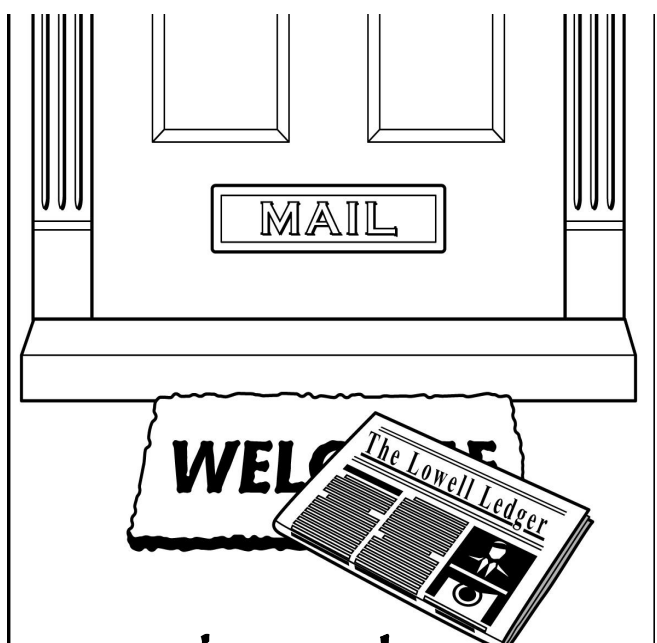
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Looking Back, continued

**50 years ago
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Canoeists stop in Lowell in campaign to clean up Grand River. Three men took off a week to travel the 270 miles from Jackson to Grand Haven on the Grand River, stopped at Lowell for lunch on Friday and presented Councilman Richard Schlernitzauer with 150 seedlings to plant along the river. Mayor Arnold Wittenbach who was on hand to greet Dr. Richard Schwaiger and Tony Dauksza of Grand Rapids and James Kinney of Belding, planted several of the pines near the upper bridge. Schwaiger, a chiropractor in Wyoming, and his two companions, James Kinney, a Wurzburg's employee who lives in Belding, and Grand Rapids sportsman and photographer Tony Dauksza, are distributing 4200 Canadian hemlock, black spruce and red pine seedlings along the Grand's banks. The three men explained their effort was to encourage recreational use of the river and to make people aware of its potential.

Lowell Police and school officials were able to solve the break-in at Superior and King Milling and the loss of money from a desk at school last week. Black-light uncovered the boys responsible for the stolen money and heel-prints the break-ins. The five boys involved have been filed on in Juvenile Court.

Another break-in at Riverview early Sunday morning, this time a young lady only wanted to use the phone after the place had closed. Police were called when an employee found the lady inside the tavern and the window in the door broken.

Thirty road and traffic signs were turned into the Lowell Police on Sunday. They were found in a wooded location on Cumberland Rd. near Foreman St. Some of the signs were nailed to trees, and others were lying on the ground. Someone went to a lot of effort to get into trouble. The signs were returned to Kent County Road Commission.

David Pushman, 19, a mental patient recently released in Detroit, was found roaming behind

buildings in Lowell on Sunday night and taken to the Kent Co. jail. He is being held in Kent Oaks. Pushman was involved in an accident at the intersection of M-91 and Cascade Road early Sunday and was in town all day after his car was brought here.

**25 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 15, 1991**

Rivette, Lowell man, survives crash of Ultra Light replica WWII Fokker-D7. As Gladys Fletcher was standing out on her patio watching this small Red Baron style plane flying in a northerly direction, she noticed its altitude kept getting lower. "As it was dropping below the tree line I turned to my son, Doug and said isn't he a little low," Fletcher remembered. "We then heard this loud crash and my heart jumped, dropped and then jumped again," she said. Fletcher then had Doug call 911 as she made her way across the street and into the field to see if she could locate the plane. "As I started up the hill, I saw Gould Rivette come from out of the wooded area and start down the hill," she explained. Rivette had just come across the Grand River Drive out of the southeast when he began having problems with his elevation because of the wind at his tail. He said he was flying 300-400 feet over a wooded hilltop. "Once I began having elevation problems. I just tried to find a hole, but I couldn't get out of there," he said. Rivette's fabric wing caught a branch of a wild cherry tree before falling to the ground amidst the trees. "I ran out of air," Rivette recalled. "I guess they call that a 'down draft' or a 'wind shear' when you're unable to elevate the plane because the wind is keeping your backend down." Rivette was flying an Ultra Light replica of a World War II Fokker-D7. The Ultra Light kit plane was purchased by Rivette last fall. It is a low horse power, low speed plane. Rivette said a license is not needed as long as the plane stays under 50 miles an hour, does not weigh more than 250 pounds, stays under 2,000 feet and carries no more than five gallons of gas.

Fallasburg Museum opening soon. Show the kids (or grandkids) a replica of the country school you fidgeted in back in the old days. The hand pump in the front yard works if you need a drink, and the little house out back is a modern version of the long-ago two little houses out back. Inside, see a realistic model of Fallasburg in the 1860s, go on to sadirons, copper-toed boots, cobbler's bench, bonecrusher, and finish with reasonably priced rummage and souvenirs. The Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum is across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park in eastern Kent County. It is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from Memorial Weekend to mid-October. Admission is free.

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24. Prep flour for baking
25. Public house, for short
28. Sudden break
30. Tapioca in primordial stage
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37. Stewie Griffin's bed
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47. In good health, often precedes "hearty"
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MAY 4 - MAY 10

• Two window washers were pulled to safety Tuesday morning through windows on the 15th floor when their scaffolding broke high above New York City's streets in lower Manhattan. Neither worker was injured.



• Scooter, a Siamese cat who lives in Mansfield, Texas, celebrated his 30th birthday on March 26, has been named by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living cat. His owner says Scooter stays active and some of his favorite activities are snacking on chicken and getting blow-dried after baths.

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CORRECTION

It doesn't alter the end result but, I unfortunately had typos in the poll results. The correct results are printed below. Please accept my apologies. And a big thank you to the reader who so graciously pointed it out to us this week - glad you're reading the Ledger!

- Jeanne Boss

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 8. *Allegro ____ in music, Italian
 9. Prefix meaning "left"
 10. Affirm solemnly
 11. Vendors do this
 12. Public hanging?
 15. Greek god's libation
 20. Color lightly
 22. Chlorofluorocarbon
 24. "Mr. Twister" gear
 25. *Judy's husband, from Italian Pulcinella
 26. Embryo cradles
 27. Sacha Cohen's middle name
 29. *Vocal piece for one, Italian
 31. Comedian ____ Rogan
 32. Bruce Wayne's Batman, e.g.
 33. *Fancy country house, Italian
 34. Behaved
 36. *Mercantile establishment, Chinese
 38. Between Phi and Kappa
 42. Studio 54 heyday genre
 45. ____ Ones of unquestioning obedience
 49. Old French coin
 51. Dishevel
 54. Cell phone bill item
 56. ____ More than occasional
 57. Injure
 58. Drive
 59. Feline noise
 60. *Long and complicated story, Old Norse
 61. Sigma Phi Epsilon
 62. Cleanse
 63. Ogler
 64. *Ballet step, French
 66. Creme de cassis plus wine

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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- No, council should remain... 57%
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Slow up during morning rush hour



Lisa Davis submitted this picture of Tuesday morning's stalled traffic. The backup caused by a crane on the bridge removing a tree from the river. Vehicles were stopped north of Main Street on Alden Nash all the way to Grand River.

Honoring our service members on Memorial Day

Traditionally, on Memorial Day we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Social Security respects the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

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Wounded military service members can also receive expedited processing of their disability claims. For example, Social Security will provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation rating of 100 percent Permanent & Total (P&T). Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be eligible to receive benefits. You can get answers to commonly asked questions and find useful information about the application process at www.socialsecurity.gov/

woundedwarriors.

Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that your military retirement benefit does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement. You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm.

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