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Yankovich running for state representative for the 86th district

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Local business owner Cliff Yankovich has decided to run as the Green Party candidate in the November election for the 86th district seat in Michigan's state House of Representatives. Yankovich owns Chimera Design, a jewelry store at 208 E. Main in downtown Lowell.

"If you know me at all you've probably heard me rant about things that have been going on in Michigan for a number of years," Yankovich said. "I follow things, politically. I'm not hesitant to speak my opinion. Then all of the sudden, a little light bulb went off over my head and I said, 'Maybe you should

take it to the next level and see if you can effect some change.'"

Yankovich said that two issues in particular inspired him to run for office.

"The first thing that really got my attention and got my pulse racing was when I found out about the pipeline between the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula," Yankovich said. "It's 60-plus years old. It's moving millions of gallons of toxic sludge underneath the Straits of Mackinac. It's owned and operated by Enbridge, the folks responsible for wrecking a good portion of the Kalamazoo River. I just

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Green Party candidate for state house, Cliff Yankovich, at his jewelry store, Chimera Design.

Lowell Farmers' Market welcomes new market master

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

When the Lowell Area Farmers' Market opens the community will be welcoming a brand new market master, Cinnamin Piggott.

Former masters Dave and Betty Deans served the local market for a decade, seeing it through multiple changes.

Piggott had nothing but kind words for the pair, "Dave and Betty are wonderful people and did their best to make all vendors happy. I have been part of five different farmers' markets over the last three years and Dave and Betty made the Lowell Farmers' Market seem like a family. Betty offered a lot of useful information when I was just getting started. It was quite a surprise that they were retiring and they will be dearly missed, but I am excited for the opportunity."

Piggott has been selling her own line of natural toxin-free products full time since 2013 under the business name All-Natural Promises.

"I display mostly body products but make cleaning and food products as well. Some of the products I make include salves, body oils & butters, body salts & sprays, soaps, elderberry syrup, dog treats, and many more. I love to custom make products for people," she said.

A Saranac native, Piggott says she works, plays and has a history in the Lowell community. "My family has lived in Saranac for 19 years and I worked in Lowell for eight years. I do most of my shopping and business in this area," she explained. "My great-grandfather, Aaron Thompson, helped build and paint many of the buildings in Lowell. We now reside in his house, which he built. His daughter, my grandmother, Loretha Smith, was a Lowell school teacher until she retired."

Having both sold and shopped in a farmers' market atmosphere Piggott said the experience in Lowell is a superior one. "After many different locations we now have a great set up. We are right next to the park so children can play while parents shop. We are located right downtown so many workers can walk over to buy and eat their lunch in a nice, quiet, peaceful location near the river. The market is from noon-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays so people can also stay for the concerts at the Showboat."

Currently Piggott is working with Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker and the State of Michigan to give those using benefits access to purchases at the market.

"We are trying to get the

market set up for accepting SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks. This allows shoppers to use their Bridge cards and double their spending money on Michigan grown fruits and vegetables. We would also like to accept Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH. Integrating these programs would be great for the community

and the vendors," she said adding that a long application process will make this change unlikely until next season.

The market, which typically features fresh produce, flowers, crafts and eats, already has more than a dozen vendors committed to the weekly event, including

Mike's Pure Maple Syrup, Wabasis Creek Farms, Sandy's Fudge, Front Door Herbal and Pure Northern Peace, with more expected to register before the market kicks off next month.

The Lowell Area Farmers' Market is located at the corner of Monroe and Avery and opens at noon.

Huge trees no longer shade post office

Two trees reportedly in failing health were removed from the property beside the Lowell Post Office Monday afternoon.

According to Postmaster Alex Sereseroz the two trees were evaluated by local business Oak Meadow Tree Service and Arbor Tree Service, out of Carson City, who both agreed the trees should be removed.

"Some of the limbs were hanging down and it was getting worse and worse," explained Sereseroz. "We didn't want to take them down, they were nice trees."

Ultimately the decision for their removal was handed down by the post office's district management who deemed they posed a significant safety risk if left standing. Michael Galvin of Arbor Tree Service removed the trees.



Yankovich for state rep, continued

happened to be surfing online when I saw a video taken by divers from the National Wildlife Foundation. They went down with cameras and swam the length of the pipeline. It's supposed to be sitting on the bottom, but there are whole sections of the pipe that aren't, that are suspended between points. It's supposed to be supported. If you look at the video, it's gnarly. It doesn't look like something that is going to hold up."

Yankovich said that instead of fixing potentially difficult problems like this pipeline, Michigan legislators distract voters by creating fake problems that they can take credit for fixing.

"When they want to pass something, they can make it happen," Yankovich

said. "They came up with the great idea to drug test welfare recipients, even though it hasn't worked in any of the other eight states where they already do it. It didn't take them years to debate that, they got it done. Even though it's pretty meaningless and they're basically throwing money away, they got it done."

The other issue that got Yankovich riled up was the crumbling state of Michigan's roads. Yankovich is proposing a five cent gas tax that will be spent exclusively on road repairs.

"Raising the gasoline tax makes sense," Yankovich said. "I get people of all political stripes in my store and pretty much everybody I talk to was willing to pay that. If it costs

another nickel a gallon and it fixes the roads, it doesn't go off to some other fund or idea, people don't have a hard time with that. If you burn more gasoline you're using the roads more so you pay more of the tax. Proportionally, I'm paying my share, you're paying your share and everybody's happy."

The election is on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Lynn

Mason is the Democratic candidate, but there are six Republicans running so they have to have a primary election on Aug. 2. to pick their final candidate. Yankovich said he is not running as a Green Party candidate because the field is too crowded with Republicans, rather he has become unenthusiastic about the current philosophy of the Republican party.

"I'm a former Republican," Yankovich said. "I was a precinct delegate for a while. I helped get John Engler elected. I believed that privatization was a smart thing to do. Now that I see the net result, I'm not too big of a fan. The fallout from the emergency prisons; you pick one, it does not work. I bought into

[governor Rick Snyder's] line, 'Send me to Lansing, I'll run the government like a business.' Government is not a business. Government is supposed to use tax money for the good of all. The overall purpose of a business is not for everybody's collective good."

Rent a bike when you check out a book

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

If you prefer to have adventures rather than read about them, the library is still your destination. The Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, now has bicycles available to check out. All you need is a Kent District Library card, some identification and a helmet.

"People have to be 18 years of age or older," branch manager Heather Wood-Gramza said. "You have to have ID and fill

out some paperwork. We don't provide the bike helmet, but of course we always encourage people to wear a helmet. It is only available to people with KDL cards. They have to be KDL cardholders in good standing. It is absolutely free to get a card. As long as you're a Kent County resident, you're eligible for one. The only exceptions are residents of Grand Rapids, Cedar Springs or Sparta."

As long as you get the bike back before the library closes, you're good. Otherwise there will be a late fee.

"They're a one day rental, so they can have the bike from the time they rent them until the time the library closes," Wood-Gramza said. "Our hours vary. Monday through Wednesday we're open from noon until 8 pm. Thursday, Friday and Saturday we're

open from 9:30 am until 5 pm."

The bicycles aren't intended for children.

"You cannot rent one for your children, these are adult bikes," Wood-Gramza said. "We have four cruisers. It's basically an 8-speed bike. It's designed for recreational biking. There are baskets on the front. They can ride wherever they would like."

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Council listens to citizens and discusses 2016-17 budgets

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council heard from citizens and discussed the 2016-17 budget during their meeting at city hall on Monday, May 16. Council chambers were about three quarters full of spectators and three citizens addressed the council during the portion of the meeting reserved for citizen discussion.

Local resident Bob Pfaller said the council is giving Lowell a bad reputation among local communities.

“My father drilled into my brother and me, ‘It’s not only what you say and do, it’s how you say and do it,’” Pfaller said. “I’m here tonight to ask you to make me proud to say, ‘I’m from Lowell’ again. Councilor [Jim] Hodges, councilor [Jeff] Phillips, councilor [Mike] DeVore, it only takes three votes to make things right. Please stand up for what’s right. I’m asking this council, on behalf of the greater Lowell community, to reach into your hearts and weigh each decision you make carefully. Not only serving the citizens you represent, but also acting respectfully in how you are carrying out and speaking about that decision. Consider how this great city and the community that surrounds it is viewed in West Michigan by your actions.”

Shawn Bowne, owner of Bowne Construction, 2531 W. Main, said he is preparing a fraud case against Canfield Plumbing & Heating, 411 E. Main and is looking for people who have had a bad experience with that company. Bowne said that Canfield Plumbing & Heating has been doing work in Michigan using the license number of a contractor from Atlanta, GA.

“What I have been told by the [Kent County]

assistant prosecuting attorney is that if I can find any people anywhere, businesses or individuals, that had a problem with Canfield Plumbing & Heating’s work, contact me and I will get that information to the assistant prosecuting attorney, who is now running for prosecutor of Kent County,” Bowne said.

City manager Dave Pasquale gave a brief overview of the 2016-17 budget. Pasquale said they

don’t plan to raise property taxes next year, but do plan to work on some major street repairs.

“Jefferson St. from Avery north to Fremont is proposed in the upcoming budget year,” Pasquale said. “The total cost is estimated at \$450,144. In order to complete this project, a transfer from the general fund is required in the amount of \$100,000.”

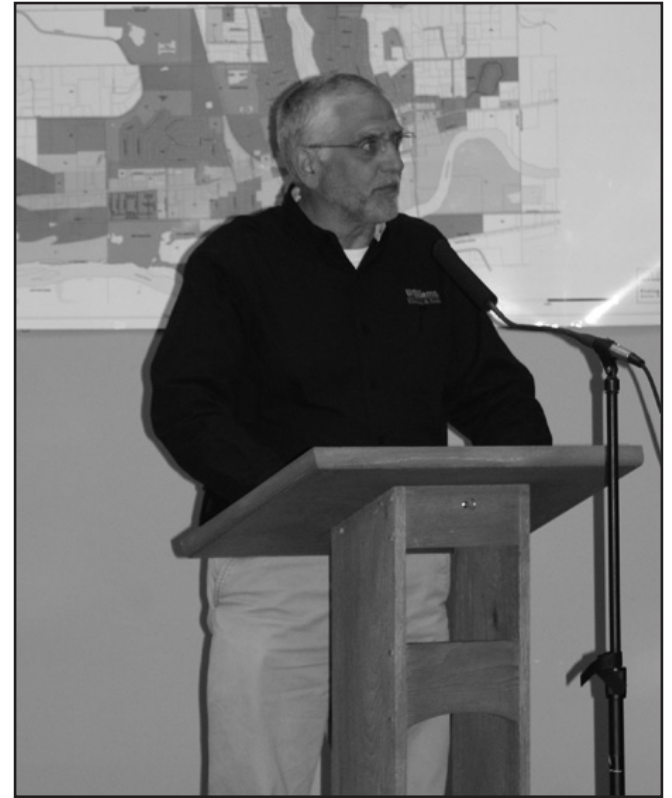
Lowell Light & Power assistant general manager Steve Donkersloot gave a presentation about the utility’s 2016-17 budget.

“Revenue is budgeted at approximately \$8.8 million,” Donkersloot said. “I don’t expect Lowell Light & Power to increase rates. We do not need to increase rates to obtain more revenue.”

Lowell police chief Steve Bukala gave a presentation about the police department’s 2016-17 budget.

“Our projected budget for 2017 is \$687,820,” Bukala said. “I’m increasing the repair and maintenance of vehicles.”

The council had a work session to further discuss the 2016-17 budget at city hall on Tuesday, May 17. Their next regular meeting will be at city hall on Monday, June 6 at 7 pm.



Bob Pfaller said that he stopped telling people he was from Lowell because of the city council’s antics.



Bowne Construction owner Shawn Bowne said that Canfield Plumbing & Heating has been doing work while using an invalid license number.

Lowell couple involved in accident on Cascade Road

On Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 pm the Kent County Sheriff’s office responded to an injury accident on Cascade Road at the 28th Street intersection in Cascade Township. Deputies located two vehicles with a total of four occupants, all with injuries. According to the sheriff’s department the

investigation revealed that a 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix was traveling eastbound on Cascade Road at a high rate of speed and struck a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox which had just turned eastbound on Cascade Road from 28th Street.

The Pontiac was driven by 20-year-old Colin

Kerkstra, of Wyoming, MI. He was transported to Spectrum/Butterworth Hospital with serious injuries. His passenger was 17-year-old Kylee Christian, of Grand Rapids, who was transported to Devos Children’s Hospital with serious injuries.

The Chevrolet was

driven by 70-year-old John Pierce and his passenger was 72-year-old Nancy Pierce, both of Lowell. They were transported to Spectrum/Blodgett with minor injuries.

Alcohol and speed are both believed to be factors. The crash is under investigation.

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

Editors note: This article is being reprinted due to the final paragraph being inadvertently cut off in last week’s paper.

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 appointee board to be known as the Board of Light and Power. The board shall be

composed of five members who shall be appointed by the city council.”

Finally, even if the council wanted to sell Lowell Light & Power, they would need approval from the voters to do so. Section 15.5 says, “Unless approved by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors voting thereon at a regular or special election, the city shall not sell, exchange, lease or in any way dispose of any property, easements, equipment, privilege, or asset belonging to and appertaining to any municipally owned public utility which is needed to continue operating such utility.”

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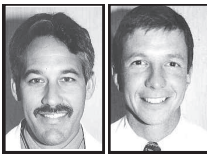
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hyperthyroidism

The thyroid gland is an organ in the lower front part of the neck. The gland makes thyroid hormones, which help control the body's use of energy, its temperature and how its organs work. Sometimes, the thyroid gland makes too much thyroid hormone. This is called hyperthyroidism. It can cause nervousness, tremors, trouble sleeping, increased sweating, faster heart rate, frequent bowel movements, weak muscles, thinning hair, and weight loss. It may cause women to

have fewer menstrual periods with lighter flow. The symptoms of hyperthyroidism are the same no matter the cause.

The most common cause of hyperthyroidism is Graves disease. This is when antibodies attack the thyroid gland, causing it to grow and make too much thyroid hormone. Graves disease is more common in women and tends to run in families. It can cause eyes to look very large or bulge. It may make the thyroid grow big enough to make the neck swell, which is called

a goiter. Other causes of hyperthyroidism are nodules (lumps) that grow in the thyroid and make too much thyroid hormone. Thyroiditis is a condition where the thyroid leaks hormones because it is attacked by a virus or by the immune system. People who take too much of a thyroid hormone pill may have symptoms of hyperthyroidism.


Signs of hyperthyroidism on physical exam include swelling of the neck, fast heart rate, brisk reflexes, shaking of the hands, smooth and moist skin, and large or bulging eyes. Blood test can be ordered to check thyroid hormones. Depending on the results, scan of the thyroid might be ordered.

Treatment of hyperthyroidism depends on the cause, age and other medical conditions. There are three main treatments for hyperthyroidism. Antithyroid medicines help the thyroid make hormones more slowly. The most common treatment for hyperthyroidism is radioactive iodine, which is taken once by mouth as a pill. The third treatment option is surgery to remove the thyroid. Once the thyroid is removed, a thyroid supplement needs to be taken for the rest of one's life.

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viewpoint

to the editor

a beautiful drive

To the Editor,
A thank you to the homeowners along Bowes Road. I drive along Bowes Road at least three to four times a week and have enjoyed the beautiful

display of flowering trees along this road.

Thank you, again, for making my drive so lovely.

Marcia Kapolka
Alto

what is it all about

To the Editor,
The political action committee is back in the news again. Roger LaWarre came to the podium at the

May 2 council meeting to announce that the group (ForwardLowell), that he is a member of, collected all 274 signatures they need to

recall Mayor Altoft from the council.

Why a recall? This is how I see it. The recall makes it look like Mr. Altoft is not fit to be a councilmember let alone be mayor. What went wrong? Mr. Altoft had the largest single vote count of all when he ran for council. Did the problem start when the new city councilmembers voted Mr. Altoft mayor and they ended up firing the city manager? Could it be that there are some that plainly just don't like Mr. Altoft because he saw things differently than most of his cohorts when he was on the previous city council?

That difference brought about a new city council. Mr. Altoft did his job and

he did it well by bringing about a new city council and an interim city manager. There are some that disagree with what has happened but they are not the ones that voted Mr. Altoft into office. What this is all about is that the old regime is out and a new one is in and there are a few disgruntled constituents because they lost control of the city council.

Is this what you want for your city, a recall every time one side or the other doesn't get their way? It sure doesn't say much for the community and even less for the ones behind the recall.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

outdoors

vision

Dave Stegehuis

Government at all levels is having difficulty meeting the expectations of citizens. Roads and bridges are in disrepair. Funding for education is hard to come by. The answer, of course, is to increase taxes, but that doesn't always appeal to voters, so many things don't get done. One would think that conservation projects involving land, fish, and wildlife would be low on the priority list. That may be, but the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a few aces up its sleeve, so to speak.

Since 1939 due to the vision of sportsman's groups and a cooperative legislature, funding for the conservation of natural resources has been consistent. The Pitman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act placed a federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition and later bows, arrows, and crossbows. The amount of P-R money that comes back to the Michigan DNR is calculated using a formula based on land area and the number of hunting licenses sold. Funds come in the form of Federal grants which require a state match. The state's share is funded by hunting license fees.

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act was passed in 1950 and is similar to P-R, but provides funding for fish related projects like research, hatcheries, and water access facilities. The D-J money comes from excise tax and import duties on boats, motors, fuel, and

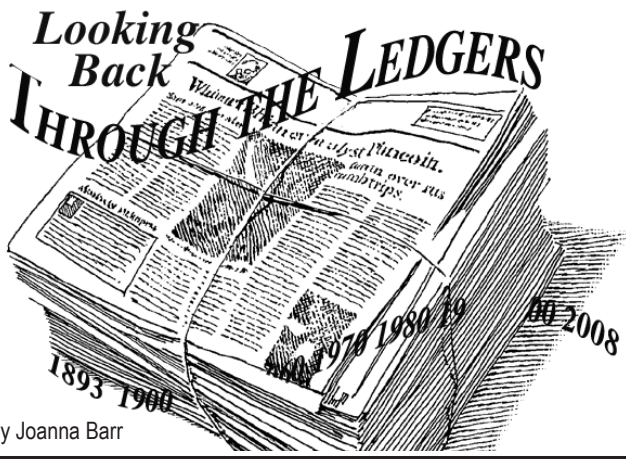
fishing equipment. Land size, including inland and offshore waters, and fishing license sales determine how much Federal money comes back to the state.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is financed by the sale of oil, gas, and mineral rights on state property. The fund is used to buy land, access to private property, and support for recreational facilities. The Trust Fund is capped at 500 million so additional revenue passes to the State Park Endowment Fund.

Everything is expensive today and although the DNR is not flush with cash, by setting priorities and thoughtful management our state continues to protect and maintain our natural resources. All Michigan citizens and visitors benefit by having great opportunities to fish, hunt, camp, and enjoy many other outdoor recreational activities.

Note that the funding for P-R and D-J is provided by those who hunt and fish. People who don't buy licenses or equipment still take advantage of outdoor opportunities as we camp, hike, bird watch, and just enjoy nature.

So if you are not in the market for a gun or fishing rod, you can still support the cause by buying a license. Michigan citizens have a real bargain in natural resources because some folks had a vision for the future of recreation and related businesses in the Great Lakes State.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal May 20, 1891

The fire. The largest conflagration for years. Loss \$20,000. Insurance light. Last Friday about 1 o'clock the most serious fire that Lowell has had for many years broke out in Fallass' livery barn and fanned by the high wind that was blowing at the time, notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts of the citizens and firemen, spread with incredible speed to the buildings adjoining, sweeping everything before it to the river, and one time seriously threatened the whole east end of the town. From Fallaas' barn it caught in the building south, formerly used as a wagon shop and occupied by J. C. Train for storage, and, almost simultaneously, the Rink, Bush's barn, Mrs. Laughlin's house and barn caught and in an incredibly short time were totally consumed. From the Rink Bush's house caught, but was only partially consumed, its spread to the north being stopped there. The barn on the river bank south of the Rink and the stalls and barn in Train's Driving Park went up in smoke with the rest, Marshall's Cooper shop and the finished work and stock on hand, and Misner's Lumber office and a quantity of Lumber and shingles contributed to the fire. During the whole time the fire was burning the firemen and citizens worked heroically and for over a quarter of a mile from the fire, with the wind, the citizens had to fight fire, shingles, half consumed and blazing, falling on the houses and requiring constant work to keep the fire from catching. The Woolen Mill, Wisner Bros. Mill, the Lowell Cutter Co's factory, and Kopf Bros. Furniture factory, were saved only by the hardest kind of hard work, Zadoc

Howe's house, Mrs Headworth's house, and several others catching fire and requiring sharp work to subdue it. The Fallass barn was only about twenty feet from the rear of Train's Hotel and the fact that the Hotel did not burn is surprising and can only be accounted for by the staying qualities of Ben Doyle and Frank Pickard, who handled the nozzle of one stream and stood between the burning building and the Hotel. It is impossible to specify the good works, nearly every person turned out and did his duty and did it manfully. The losers are as follows: John Fallass, Cutters, Harness, and Hay and Grain, \$200; J. C. Train, the Fallass barn, old wagon shop, barns and stables on the Driving Park and their contents, \$4,500; Mrs. Laughlin, house and barn occupied by Scott Thomas, \$600, Insurance \$300, in the Ohio Farmers; Scott Thomas on household goods etc., \$250; Robert Marshall, cooper shop, finished work and stock, \$8,200, no insurance; Fred Misner, lumber office, lumber and shingles, \$1,500; David Merriman, barn, \$200; The Rink association building, \$1,800; King Milling Co., grain stored in Rink, \$10,000, fully insured, and barn on the river bank, \$150; C. E. Bush, residence, household goods, farming implements, barn, wagons, buggies, harness and three horses, \$1,800.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 18, 1916

Moved in the rain - Lowell Post Office temporarily located in Reed block. Postmaster Hunter and a company of efficient assistants moved the paraphernalia of the Lowell post office from its old quarters to its temporary location in the Reed block after closing hours Saturday evening. By Monday morning at the opening hour business was proceeding according to schedule in the temporary quarters. That the removal was effected in a steady downpour of rain without damage to perishable property, speaks well for the management of the enterprise. It is expected that the alterations and improvements in the post office building and the installation of the new and up-to-date equipment will be accomplished in thirty days. In the meantime westsiders are "coming across" for their mail; but in view of the anticipated public improvement are putting up with the temporary inconvenience with good grace.

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We love to hear from you!

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anniversaries

The LWC's 2016 Woman of the Year

~ Roth



Doris and Edwin Roth

The Lowell Women's Club has announced that Carolyn Jane Blough, aka, CJ, GG, Mrs. Blough or Mom, is their 2016 Woman of the Year.

Jan Thompson exclaimed, "For your 25-plus years of guiding and joining our volunteer activities, all of us in the Lowell Women's Club love and salute you."



Edwin and Doris Roth celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 25, 2016. The couple was married on May 25, 1946, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Remus, Michigan. Their children are Steven and Barbara Roth, Jeanne and

Glenn Vandersloot and Nancy and Michael Moore. They were blessed with eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The couple met at a roller skating rink and farmed north of Lowell until retirement.

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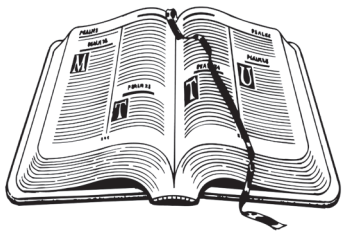
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Cookie Chaos!

Calling all teen chefs to our crazy, chaotic cookie decorating competition. You just might become the Cookie Chaos Champion, although everyone wins when there are cookies to eat! Pre-registration required. For teens grades 6-12. Wed., June 15 at 1 pm.

John Ball Zoo Visits KDL

John Ball Zoo and their traveling animals come to the library to share fun facts and more. For ages 6 and older. Thurs., June 23 at 10 am.

The Village Puppeteers

It's a raucous comic romp, packed with silly antics and featuring a cavalcade of colorful puppets, Puss 'N Boots, the Three Little Pigs, Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss Muffet and Rumpelstiltskin joined by a host of others, including a dazzling dragon. For families with children. Tues., June 28 at 6:30 pm.

DIY Spa for Teens

Make a variety of spa products from simple ingredients that you can take home, such as sugar and oatmeal scrubs, fizzy bath bombs and silky body lotion. Pre-registration is required. For teens grades 6-12. Wed., June 29 at 1 pm.

college news

Leah Brogger of Lowell, qualified for the spring 2016 dean's list at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Kimberly Sterzick of Alto, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's

oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Sterzick is pursuing a degree in English at Grand Valley State University.

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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Correction does much, but encouragement does more.

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled information sessions for Thursday, June 2, at 10 am; Tuesday, June 7 at 2 pm; and Thursday, June 9 at 6 pm for prospective volunteer tutors. These sessions last one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of each session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey, up to 14.6

percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information sessions will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.

non-profit organization is seeking local host families for high school exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, in cooperation with your community high school, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between

the ages of 15 to 18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few.

ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited

to experience American culture while they practice their English. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE students are selected based on academics and personality, and host

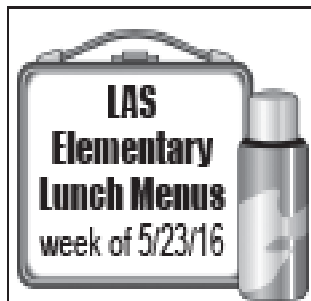
families can choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

To become an ASSE host family or to find out how to become involved with ASSE in your community, please call ASSE Eastern Regional office at 1-800-677-2773 or go to www.host.asse.com to begin your host family application. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today.

Got an Announcement to make?

Wedding, Engagement and Anniversary Announcements* are Free in the Ledger. Birth Announcements without a photo are free; with a photo are \$5.

* Anniversary announcements cannot contain an invitation to a celebration



MONDAY: corn dog, baked beans, Baskin-Robbins popcorn chicken dinner roll, baked beans, fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, cherry tomatoes, Baskin-Robbins baby carrots, mixed fruit, peaches.

TUESDAY: All beef hot dog on WG bun, green beans, Baskin-Robbins Bisco sticks w/ dipping sauce, seasoned corn, fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, cucumber slices, Baskin-Robbins cinnamon applesauce, pineapple, banana.

WEDNESDAY: Waffles & sausage, hash browns; fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, Baskin-Robbins baby carrots, broccoli florets, peaches, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Tony's pepperoni pizza on WG crust, side salad; fruit & veggie bar, spinach & romaine side salad, baby carrots, fruit, Baskin-Robbins applesauce, juice.

FRIDAY: No School

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.01, "DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED," OF CHAPTER 3, "ZONING DISTRICT-GENERAL;" SECTION 13.03, "SPECIAL LAND USES" OF CHAPTER 13, "I-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT;" THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 14, "F-1 FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT;" SECTION 14.03, "USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT," OF CHAPTER 14, "F-1 FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT;" AND SECTION 14.04, "SPECIAL LAND USES," OF CHAPTER 14, "F-1 FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT;" ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 14A TITLED "RE-RIVER'S EDGE DISTRICT;" AMENDING SECTION 17.04(C), "REMOVAL AND PROCESSING OF TOPSOIL, STONE, ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL, LIME OR OTHER SOIL OR MINERAL RESOURCES," OF SECTION 17.04, "SITE DESIGN STANDARDS;" AND AMENDING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 18.02, "REGULATION," OF CHAPTER 18, "SITE PLAN REVIEW;" SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 20.08, "SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICT," OF CHAPTER 20, "SIGNS;" AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE VARIOUS PROPERTIES, OF TO APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL ("ORDINANCE NO. 16-02").

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-02 amending and adding to Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on May 16, 2016. Ordinance No. 16-02 adds a new zoning district, River's Edge District; permits as a special use in an Industrial District the removal and processing of topsoil, stone, rock, sand, gravel, lime or other soil or mineral resources; amends in its entirety the provision of uses permitted by right and special land uses in a Floodplain District; amending the provision related to the requirements for special land uses related to the removal of topsoil, stone, rock, sand, gravel, lime or other soil or mineral resources; and rezones seventeen parcels of property as specified in Ordinance No. 1602. A copy of Ordinance No. 16-02 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 16-02 is effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ulery
City Clerk

Local Hero contest for National Mobility Awareness Month seeks your votes for Saranac mom

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

May is National Mobility Awareness Month, so the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association is holding a Local Hero contest. Three winners will each receive a free wheelchair accessible van with all sorts of adaptive equipment installed in it. Sue Raimer, an independent Mary Kay Beauty consultant from Saranac, has entered the contest and your votes can help her win.

Raimer is married with four children. On April 30, 1988, she had a terrible accident while helping build a deck on their house.

"We were building the house and we were

working on the deck," Raimer said. "We were putting in a deck. My job was to take a rod of some sort and pry it so that the boards would be really tight together as he screwed them down. I passed out. I don't remember what happened. I just fell backwards about six feet. I didn't fall that far, but I landed right on my neck. I should have broken my neck, but I severed my spinal cord."

Raimer has had many other health problems since the accident.

"I broke my hip getting dressed in 2011," Raimer said. "I also have osteoporosis because of the bones I don't use. I have congestive

heart failure and ended up with a pacemaker and defibrillator. My left ventricle was only functioning at 10 to 15 percent. I got a pressure sore because they put me into a coma for five days when I had the heart issues."

She hasn't had independent transportation for about five years and has had to rely on friends and family members to shuttle her around. If she wins the van, Raimer plans to expand her business and become more independent.

"I won't have to rely on family to take me everywhere," Raimer said. "With my [Mary Kay] business I'll be able to go out and meet with the ladies and do appointments outside the home. Not everybody wants to come to my home or it's not feasible for them to do so. I won't be a prisoner in my own home anymore."

Votes will be taken through May 31. Follow this link to vote: www.mobilityawarenessmonth.com/entrant/sue-raimer-saranac-mi/



Sue Raimer has over 1,000 votes so far in the Local Heroes contest to win a new wheelchair accessible van.

From online to Main Street, boutique is a new adventure for owner

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Tenneile Petersen recently added a shabby chic storefront to her online fashion dream Lennon & Willow Boutique, right in the heart of downtown Lowell's historic business district.

Located at 204 W. Main Street, the boutique started as an online venture called The Dashing Closet which experienced tremendous success.

According to Petersen, "With the overwhelming support that we received we knew that we needed to look at getting a brick and mortar store. We live in Rockford, but we fell in love with the Lowell community when we were looking for a location for the store. We have a lot of family and friends who live here and couldn't think of a better place to start our new adventure."

That adventure began after the mentioned name change, inspired in part by the birth of Petersen's daughter. "My brother and sister-in-law had the first baby girl of our family and named her Willow and 15 days later my husband and I had our baby girl and named her Lennon. Naturally, I wanted to honor the sweet bond these little girls will share for the rest of their life and we renamed the boutique "Lennon & Willow." It means a lot to me to have this boutique named after my daughter and my niece."

Petersen said she aims to offer every customer

a happy, fun and friendly environment in which to shop. "We hope to make friends in the community and see familiar faces in our shop. We want women that come into our boutique to immediately feel special and free to look beautiful without a high price tag."

Offering current trends in women's clothing, belts, jewelry, scarves, handbags and gifts during their

regular business hours, they also offer a full selection of choices online at their website lennonandwillow.com and a unique private shopping experience after hours.

"We also offer private shopping parties with great hostess and guest benefits. The guests invited will all save 10 percent on their purchases and the hostess will receive 10 percent of the

total sales in free product," Petersen explained.

"In addition, the hostess will receive 10 percent off any amount over the free product they earn. It's really a great way to get your friends together, have a lot of fun and get exclusive deals."

Petersen said she will continue to utilize her eye for fashion, cultivated through a love of fashion,

work experience and a healthy dose of shopping, to keep the store on point with current trends and timeless classics suitable for every shopper in the community they hope to grow in. "I think Lowell is such a cute little town with such historic charm. I love the opportunity that this town has to offer and the support of all the local businesses when we were doing our

research. The chamber and the city are great and very supportive. I truly believe it's the best place to be in West Michigan."

Lennon & Willow Boutique is open Tuesday through Thursday 4-7, Friday 11-7 and Saturdays from 11-5. All major credit cards are accepted as well as Apple and Android Pay. Gift certificates are also available for purchase.



Business owner Tenneile Petersen inside the new Lennon & Willow Boutique at 204 West Main in Lowell.

(Photo submitted by Michelle Grover)

New DPW director LaBombard looks forward to meeting the people of Lowell

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell finally has a permanent director of public works. Richard LaBombard started in the position on Monday, May 9. LaBombard replaced interim public works director Ron Woods, who took on the role when Dan DesJarden retired in May 2015.

“I was looking for something in the Grand Rapids area; the opportunity came along in Lowell so I interviewed and got it,” LaBombard said. “So far, so good. I’m still really in look, listen and learn mode. I’m just assessing what we do, how much stuff we have to do and picking up on some of the goals Ron Woods set up. The employees are very helpful. It’s a lot of fun learning their backgrounds and finding out what they really have a passion for. Great people. I couldn’t ask for better people.”

LaBombard graduated from the Unionville-Sebewaing Area high school near Bay City, Mich., in 1989. He got both his master’s and bachelor’s



Lowell director of Public Works Richard LaBombard is settling into his new office.

degrees from Central Michigan University and has done government work his entire career. His last job was in Allegan County.

“I was the facilities operations manager for Allegan County,” LaBombard said. “I oversaw 11 key facilities, parks and some other things. Some of the aspects of that job dovetail very well into this position. I spent two years there. Prior to that I spent 12 years with the city of Saginaw working in the engineering division. Before that I worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority as an office clerk in the inspector general’s office.”

LaBombard lives in Greenville with a new Shih Tzu puppy, Sammie and his partner of ten years, Scott. He enjoys gardening and history and has traced his family line back to French royalty.

“I’m kind of a gardener or a landscaper,”

LaBombard said. “I’ve been tearing up my backyard, working on it for two years now. I never said I was good at it! I like genealogy and local history. It’s nice to know where you came from. I’ve traced some of my family back as far as the 1400s, others only a couple generations. My dad’s mother’s side goes back to the French royal Bourbon dynasty.”

LaBombard said he plans to explore every restaurant and store in Lowell’s downtown area.

“I like Lowell,” LaBombard said. “I like the people. Very nice city. I love the downtown. I’ve eaten at the barbecue place twice now. I’m looking forward to exploring the businesses and establishments and meeting all the people. My impressions of West Michigan have been great. It was a good move for us to come over here.”

Lowell High School Student of Month

Lowell High School is proud to announce that Alex Rozell, 11th grade; and Connor Smithee, 11th grade; are the Lowell High School May Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite

an accomplishment for Rozell and Smithee. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Rozell was nominated by Danielle Ayala and she writes, “As a student in calculus, he has found time to come in and do more practice in order to better prepare himself for the AP test. He is respectful in asking if I can work with him outside of class and it is much appreciated that he both is respectful and is eager to understand the material.”

Smithee was nominated by Al Eckman and he writes, “Why should this student be ‘LHS Student of the Month’? Connor has been a WRWW member since 2/15/13. During that period of time he has completed 130 on-air radio shows and 16 segments of ‘ArrowTalk.’ ArrowTalk requires that

he formulate questions to be asked of those that he is interviewing. All of his work relating to what he does for WRWW is strictly volunteer. He receives no academic credit for what he does. In addition, what he does takes place outside the normal school day, evenings and weekends.”



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Team earns one win and loses two in close contests

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity baseball earned one win and lost two close contests in conference play last week against East Grand Rapids and came up two runs short over the weekend against Traverse City West at the Aquinas Tournament.

Wednesday the Arrows faced a doubleheader against EGR due to a rain cancellation and went 1-1 on the day. Game one saw Lowell fall short 8-3 despite an impressive showing from Andrew DeVoest on the mound allowing no earned runs during his time on the hill.

Lowell scoring came in the fourth inning on a fielder's choice and in the sixth when the team took advantage of a bad pitch and Nate Stephens earned an RBI single. Cooper Perry took the eventual pitching loss after allowing eight runs in just over three innings, while walking four and striking out five.

A 5-4 Arrow victory was the result of game two with Sterling Anderson leading the way. The slugger

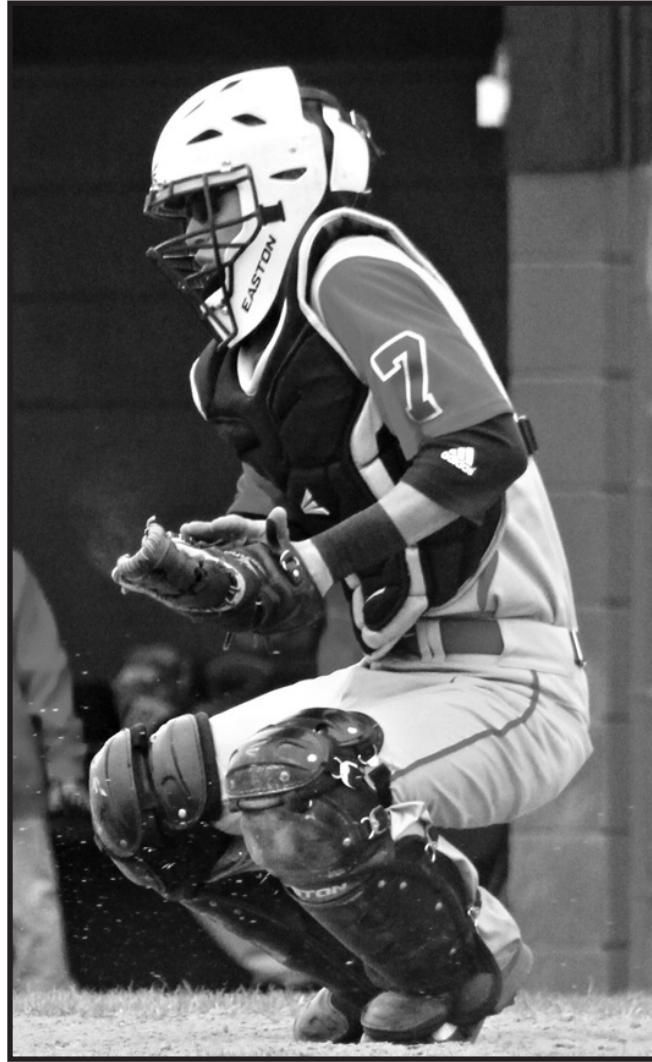
earned one RBI and scored two runs and pitched two no hit innings as well. The Arrows started out on top grabbing a 1-0 lead after singles from Matt Cooper and Jarrod Melle combined with a ground-out from Anderson scored Cooper. After several lead changes the Arrows landed on top in the ninth inning when Sage Solomonson sent up a sacrifice fly scoring Anderson.

Friday the Arrows fell 8-6 despite a fast and furious five run fourth inning. Lowell's bats went silent after the rally while East scored in the fifth, sixth and seventh to overtake the Arrow lead. Kyle Liddle was the Arrows' top hitter going 3-3 at the plate producing three singles. Anderson took the pitching loss allowing one walk and three runs in two innings.

With only one regular season OK White series still on the calendar, the Arrows are currently losing 3-9, a disappointing season especially coming off of two consecutive conference titles. Head

coach Juston Miller takes the stats in stride though, acknowledging the difficult level of competition in the conference. "We play in a good baseball conference. Our players work very hard everyday to compete. I need to do a better job of teaching them," he said over the weekend. "We know how competitive our league and nonleague games are and that they will challenge us each day. As you can see by our scores, we are not getting blown out on the games we have lost. We are right there, it is just a matter of staying focused on beating the game of baseball for 21 outs."

It was another close loss for the team on Saturday when they hit Kimble Field at Aquinas College to face TCW dropping the contest 10-8. A double from Cooper and a single from Anderson combined for a 1-0 first inning lead and kicked off a nine hit game for Lowell. TCW responded with a five run second inning and a single run in the fourth to give them a 6-1 lead.



Catcher Nolan Yahmarkt successfully recoups a wild pitch.

Arrow bats caught fire in the bottom of the fourth plating six runs to grab the lead by one 7-6. The rally was sparked by two run singles from both Perry and Anderson, a passed ball and an RBI single from Liddle. The Arrows lost their advantage in the top of the seventh when TCW crossed home four times to grab the final lead. Anderson was the day's top hitter earning three RBI singles.

This week the Arrows will face Grand Rapids Christian in their last opportunity to better their conference record this season. Games are scheduled for Tuesday on the road and Wednesday and Thursday at home behind Cherry Creek Elementary, beginning at 4:30.

- SOFTBALL

Girls score a pair of big wins over EGR

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Top notch pitching and success at the plate added up to a pair of big wins over conference competitor East Grand Rapids for the Lowell Red Arrows varsity softball team last week Wednesday on the road.

The Arrows celebrated success at the plate and on the mound in both games of the doubleheader kicking off with a shut out 10-0 victory in game one. Regan Gravitt led Lowell scoring going 3 for 3 in the batter's box and scoring four runs as the team mercied EGR in the fifth inning. Earning two hits each were Arrows Kenzie Huver, Kenzie North and Maddi Jordan.

Pitcher Emily Depew faced 17 batters in her five innings on the mound and struck out an impressive 11. She continued her domination on the hill in game two striking out nine batters and allowing just two hits in the 16-2 win. According to head coach Bill McElroy, "The key to our East wins and all of our wins have been good,

consistent pitching and key, timely hits. We have been doing a nice job as a team hitting the ball with people in scoring position."

Producing 16 big hits in game two were Gravitt, Jordan, Megan Summerfield, Huver, Miah Ransom and Kylee Stephens, who each made contact twice in the win. "As a team we are batting over 300 which has been pretty good," said McElroy, "We are very young, so we have to focus on eliminating physical and mental errors. We have faced some tough pitching this year but the girls have responded well. Our mental toughness we have been developing in the off season has helped us in the long high school season."

The Red Arrows have also done well on the mound sporting a deep bench of pitchers worthy of lead status. "This year we actually have three great pitchers. Tess Richardson has lots of spin and movement, Emily DePew is high velocity and movement

and Maddi Jordan, she has been out with injury but is now back, has velocity and accuracy," said McElroy of his talented throwers.

This week the Lady Arrows faced a busy, early week schedule on the road facing South Christian Monday and Grand Rapids Christian Tuesday in doubleheader action. Friday they will be hosting the annual Mandy Tichelaar Tournament beginning at 4 pm.



Miah Ransom at the plate for the Arrows.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- LACROSSE

A pair of wins before heading to regionals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's lacrosse team added another pair of wins to their nearly impeccable record last week before heading into the conference championship Monday night at home. The next game will be against the one team who dealt them a loss this season, Forest Hills Eastern.

Senior Blake Posthumus reached a milestone 100 career goals during the team's final regular season games against Caledonia and Grand Rapids Christian last week. The impressive feat helped lead to a 14-7 victory over Caledonia at home and a 12-8 win over GRC on the road.

Vying for a share of the OK Conference title on Monday, the team faced off against FHE at home with revenge on their mind. FHE was the only team this year to top the Arrows, winning 10-7 earlier in the season on the road. The Eagles came out strong scoring two goals in a matter of minutes in the first and compounding the damage with a third before the buzzer. Collin

Bowers assisted the Arrows' lone goal in the period by Posthumus.

FHE continued their domination of possession in the second which kicked off with them leading 3-1 but saw the Arrows creep back into contention. Brennan Battle traded goals with the Eagles' offense keeping the Arrows within one before Sawyer Olesko put in the tying goal leaving the two teams dead even at four going into halftime.

The Eagles struck first in the third to go up 5-4 before Posthumus found the back of the net to bring it back to five apiece in the back-and-forth battle. By the fourth the Arrows were back down by one 6-5. With just five minutes remaining FHE was up 8-5 after getting a few shots passed Evan Mierendorf in the Lowell net. Not willing to go out without a fight the Arrows fought back for two more goals. Hayden Barry produced the first and Bowers put in the second as the clock ran out on their conference goal falling just short of victory 9-7.



Red Arrow Jake Nugent maneuvers around his FHE opponent during Monday night's conference showdown.

This week the team will enjoy a break before hitting the field on May 27 for the regional competition starting at 5:00 pm at home.

- TRACK

OK CONFERENCE FINALS

BOYS

400m	Reece Karns	9th
	Keegan Redloske	10th
3200m	Morrison Ismond	10th
110m hurdles	Drew Struckmeyer	2nd
	Tristian Stevens	3rd
	Will Reynolds	4th
300m hurdles	Drew Struckmeyer	2nd
	Will Reynolds	3rd
	Tristian Stevens	5th
	Colton Churches	6th
4x100	Churches, Misak, Misak, Stevens	5th
4x200	Stevens, Misak, McGee, McGee	4th
4x400	Karns, Reynolds, McGee, Redloske	5th
4x800	Judd, Noffke, Taylor, Grant	5th
Shot Put	Collin McGee	9th
Pole Vault	Richard Misak	6th
	Reece Karns	8th

GIRLS

100m	Diana Roth	3rd
200m	Diana Roth	4th
800m	Breanna VanLaan	10th
4x100	Ford-Weber, Kaufman, French, Roth	6th
4x200	Kuhns, McDowell, French, Roth	6th
4x400	Miller, Khodl, Dixon, VanLaan	6th
4x800	Elliott, Droski, Dixon, VanLaan	6th
Shot Put	Jordan Mixon	5th
High Jump	Kyla Dixon	9th
	Abby McDowell	9th
Pole Vault	Amber Brown	6th
	Corah Kaufman	6th



Sports Summaries

GIRLS LACROSSE

Red Arrow varsity girls lacrosse dominated conference competitor Northview last Monday on the road winning 13-2 behind top Lowell scorer Nikki Paulus. Paulus found the back of the net three times for the team during a widespread offensive effort that also saw Maddie Kaminski, Hana Steinebach, Justine Anes, Haley Engles, Anna Litchfield and Sela Bauman add points to the scoreboard.

GIRLS SOCCER

Red Arrow girls varsity soccer came up short three times last week dropping two conference games against Caledonia and Forest Hills Central and one non-conference match against Forest Hills Eastern. Monday on the road at Caledonia the Arrows fell 4-2 failing to catch up after the Scots produced three first half goals. Both Lowell goals were earned by Regan Coxon and assisted by Darby Dean. Net keeper Bridget Garter made nine saves. Wednesday at home versus FHC, Arrow Riley Conlan scored the team's lone goal in the second half of the 5-1 loss with Coxon tallying the assist. On the road Friday at FHE Lowell rallied in the second half finding the back of the net three times, but still fell short of the victory 4-3.

BOYS GOLF

Varsity boys golf picked up their second win of the season on Monday against Belding edging them out by 27 strokes 174-201. Scoring for Lowell were Alex Dommer who carded an impressive 39, Adam Anderson who came in at 43 and Ethan Bates and Tyler Kapcia who each carded a 43. The win was also the team's best score of the season. Wednesday the Arrows faced off in the OK White conference tournament at Thornapple Pointe. A rough day on the course led to a combined score of 396 placing them sixth. Kapcia led for the Arrows with a 92 followed by Nick Kloosterman (97), Dommer (98) and Andrew Poulton (109). Wrapping up the week at home the Arrows faced Lakewood and came up just short of a win losing 181-189. Anderson scored best for Lowell with a 43 and was followed by teammates Alex Powell (46), Dommer (48) and Kapcia (51).

TENNIS

Lowell girls varsity tennis was shut out 8-0 by a strong Grand Rapids Christian team on the road last week Monday in their last regular season OK White match up.

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obituaries

FOSTER

3/21/1958 – 3/12/2016

Jeanne Ellen (Alexander) Foster passed away on March 12, 2016, in Lima, OH. Survived by her husband, Steven; daughter, Madelen Alexander Mendez; grandchildren, Ian and Alexa Boot; brothers, Steve, Dave (Kate), Marty (Sheree); sister, Jenny Gately (Ken DeBri); and sister-in-law, Dawnice Alexander. A grave side service will be held May 21, 2016, at 11 am at St. Mary Cemetery on Lincoln Lake Road in Lowell. The family will gather at Keiser's Kitchen at 700 E. Main in Lowell afterwards.

ROTH

Edward Carl Roth, Sr., age 78 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia and brother Richard Roth. He is survived by his children Edward (Connie) Roth, Jr., Terri Stuckey, Randy (Rhonda) Roth, Scott (Caron) Roth and Julie (Todd Thuston) Alberts; sisters-in-law Donna Pinckney and Dorothy Roth; brother-in-law Bill Piar; 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and his dog Joey. Ed loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell MI 49331. Pastor Matt Stoll officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Visitation 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 4500 Breton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.



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SALDIVAR

Elida B. Saldivar, age 90 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Thursday, May 12, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband Ramon, and son-in-law Nieves Vasquez. She is survived by her children, Juan Saldivar, Elizabeth (Mike) Davis of Shoshoni, Wyoming, Baldemar Saldivar, Dora Vasquez; sisters, Adelpia Buedas, Elvira (Ramon) Gonzales; 13 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. S.E., Lowell. Msgr. Edward Hankiewicz presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



WOLF

Sharell Lynn Wolf, age 59, passed away May 1, 2016, in Lake Odessa. She was born October 8, 1956, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Joseph and Gladys (Anderson) Metternick. Little sister of Connie (Tom) Vaughn and Joyce (Charlie) Martin. Sharell grew up in Alto and graduated from Lowell High School in 1974. Sharell was a past member of the Alto American Legion Auxiliary and previously worked as an adult foster care aid which she absolutely loved. She is survived by her daughter, Ramee (Tony TenHave) of Alto; son, Aaron (Tracey) Wolf of Grand Ledge; grandchildren, Allie and Anthony TenHaave, Whitley and Westyn Wolf. Sharell also shared a special bond with all her nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service was held Monday, May 9, at the West Berlin Wesleyan Church, Lake Odessa. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



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US Coast Guard releases 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics Report

The U.S. Coast Guard released its 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics report Tuesday, revealing that boating fatalities nationwide that year totaled 626, the third-lowest number of yearly boating fatalities on record. From 2014 to 2015, injuries decreased from 2,678 to 2,613, a 2.4 percent decrease; deaths increased from 610 to 626, a 2.6 percent increase; and the total number of accidents increased from 4,064 to 4,158, a 2.3 percent increase.

The report also shows that in 2015:

- The fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels reflected a 1.9 percent increase from the previous year's rate of 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Twenty-two children under age 13 died while boating that year. Twelve children (55 percent) died from drowning. Two children (17 percent) of

those who drowned were wearing a life jacket; half of the remaining 10 children who were not wearing a life jacket were not required to do so under state law.

- Property damage totaled approximately \$42 million.
- Alcohol was the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents and was listed as the leading factor in 17 percent of deaths.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

on open motorboats, kayaks and canoes. "We thank our boating safety partners for their efforts," said Capt. Verne Gifford, direction of Inspections and Compliance at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. "They've done a tremendous amount of work educating the boating public, which has helped reduce injuries. However, boating under the influence and failure to wear life jackets remain among the leading factors contributing to most boating fatalities. Together, we must continue to work to reduce the numbers of accidents, injuries and deaths."

The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly while on the water: wear a life jacket, take a boating safety course, attach your engine cut-off switch, get a free vessel safety check and avoid alcohol or other impairing substance consumption. Where the cause of death was known, 76 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned; of those drowning victims, 85 percent were not wearing a life jacket. Where boating instruction was known, 71 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft and cabin motorboats. The vessel types with the highest number of fatalities were

To view the 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics, go to <http://uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2015.pdf> For more information on boating responsibly, go to <http://www.uscgboating.org>

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the matter of **IRENE PARKER**

Guardianship File No. 16-199,053-GA
Conservatorship File No. 16-199,051-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including RICK, EARL, AND MONTY PARKER (sons) 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 June 2, 2016, at 3:30

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 a Guardian and Conservator.**

Dated: May 16, 2016

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Looking Back, continued

F. T. King contributed a fine lot of periodicals to the Lowell Magazine Exchange Monday. Among them are recent numbers of McClure's Literary Digest, Woman's Home Companion, Sunset Magazine, Delineator and Saturday Evening Post.

A stranger giving the name Jack Kelly was jailed by Village Marshal Taylor for being drunk and disorderly and on Friday Justice Andrews sent him to the county jail for thirty days. On the same day Bert Soule of Greenville, charged with vagrancy and jumping board bills, drew a ticket for 20 days. Court business is getting light. Spreeing it in Lowell isn't as funny as it used to be.

The Lowell Magazine Exchange is growing in public favor and usefulness; and people in town and country are taking advantage of the opportunity for free reading matter exchange. Some fifty magazines, many of them in large lots, are now ready. Call at The Ledger office and help yourself. Some more magazines of the Century and Harper type are needed. Will you help? If

Mr. Miller of Grand Rapids has purchased of Mr. McLeod the south half of the late Westley Fallas farm also the Max Denny place and is soon to take possession. It seems strange for the latter place to go into other hands when it has been a landmark for about 46 years as the Max Denny place. Mr. Denny bought the place in '68 and remodeled and built for his home where they lived until his death a few years ago.

The home of Herbert Courter was struck by lightning last week while they were in Grand Rapids. The bolt entered every room and did great damage. Neighbors put out the fire.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 22, 1941

\$69,414 left to village from Dr. Lee estate – sum to be used for civic improvements. According to the final accounting filled in probate court Wednesday noon by Harry Day, the village of Lowell will receive \$69,414.99 from the estate of Dr. Solomon Lee. According to Dr. Lee's will, the village of Lowell was to receive the residue of his estate after all specific bequests had been deducted. His estate, in the final counting, amounted to slightly more than \$177,000. Of this amount personal property accounted for \$119,728 and cash realized from loans for \$45,000. Dr. Lee, who was a native and lifelong resident of Lowell, left the residue of his estate to the village council sees fit, but suggested in his will that some of it be used for the gradual improvement of Recreation Park in Lowell. Dr. Lee died March 21, 1940.

Resigns position to open office. Announcement has

been made by H. J. Rittenger that due to the growth of his insurance business, he will resign the employ of C. H. Runciman with whom he has been for the past 16 years as head bookkeeper. Mr. Rittenger felt this move was necessary in order to give his policyholders the service they are entitled to expect. Mr. Runciman is now arranging for a successor who will soon be permanently on the job but in the meantime, Mr. Rittenger will provide a sufficient portion of his time each day until the new man comes on the job. Mr. Rittenger will have his office at 116 S. Riverside DR. in the former Runciman Poultry building. Office hours will be from 8:30 to 5:00, six days a week and a few hours on Saturday evening. Mrs. Theta Ann Emelander will continue to do Mr. Rittenger's secretarial work and will be in charge of the office in his absence. Policies will be written on all lines of coverage. Mr. Rittenger is well and favorably known in this vicinity and friends and patrons wish him success.

Many young men from this vicinity are among those now serving their country in the army, the navy, the marines, the air corps, etc., and the Ledger would like to receive letters from these young men. Especially those from Lowell and neighboring townships. They have many friends at home who would be glad to read of their experiences and impressions.

Good showing made by L.H.S. musicians. The Lowell high school orchestra won a 3rd division rating at the National competition festival at Flint last Friday. Each participant received a placque and all members of orchestras receiving a 1st, 2nd or 3rd division rating are eligible for medals signifying the rating which their organization received. Elizabeth Ramsey, violin soloist, received a 2nd division rating at the National festival for soloists last Thursday and is eligible for a medal signifying her rating.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 19, 1966

Renovates theatre... looks into future. Something new has been added, or something old has been changed; as passers-by on the West end of Main Street can plainly see, the Strand Theatre has been having its face lifted the past couple of weeks. The entire theatre is being renovated inside and out. The new face or front was installed last week; all plate glass across the entrance. The lobby and the lounge are elegant with teakwood paneling, which Mr. [Earl] Evans installed himself. The old-fashioned stucco ceilings are being replaced with new dropped ceilings with indirect lighting. The ceiling in the lounge is already finished. The auditorium will be freshly repainted and a new heating plant will be installed sometime soon. The refreshment counter in the lounge has been moved, and rebuilt, with antique lamps to light this area. The old concession stand will be enclosed to make some needed storage space. Mr. Evans is rightly proud of the alterations of his theatre, and doesn't seem to be afraid to invest in the future, even in competition with the old movies on TV. — The younger generation, who cut their teeth on the boob tube, seem to be enthralled with the movies as their parents were in their teens and twenties, anyway, who wants to go on a date and sit in front of the white screen with ma and pa. Mr. Evans, who bought the Strand Theatre eighteen years ago, just at the advent of TV, feels that good movies are stacking up much higher gross than they used too. The only problem as far as the Evans are concerned is to get the kind of movies that they like to show in a family theatre.

The City issued a building permit to Cornell Oil Company this week to construct a new service station, coin operated laundry and dry cleaning plant at the corner of West Street and West Main Street. The oil gas station at this site will be torn down to make room for the new facility. Cost of the project was set in the application for the permit at \$65,000.

Clifford Chapman, 34, Clarksville, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Riverview Inn on April 29, and stealing over \$400. Police Chief Avery Block revealed that Chapman was given a polygraph test at the Rockford State Police Post last Friday, when he was identified after passing a check stolen from Riverview. He did not confess to the robbery until Tuesday, even though the polygraph test pointed to his guilt. He was arraigned in municipal court in Grand Rapids, and released, until trial, on a \$300 bond.

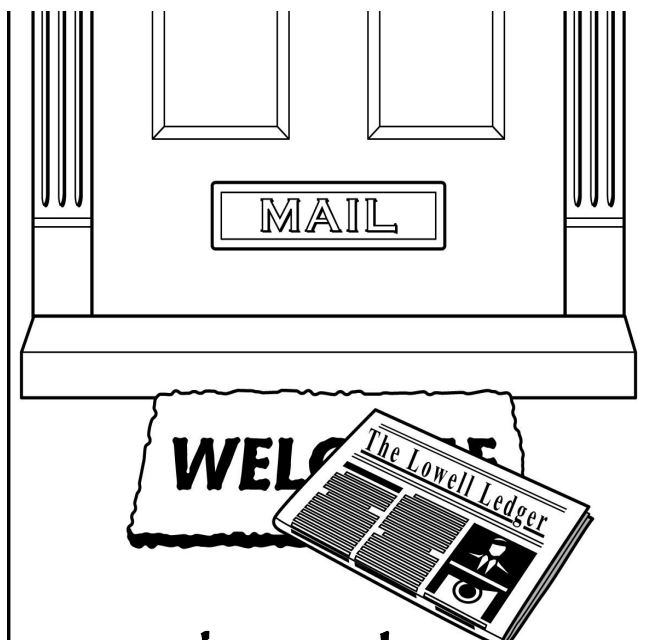
An 11-year-old girl, Gail Stephens, of Belding, appealed to the local police for help on Friday afternoon, when she rode her bicycle from Belding to Lowell. She was going to meet her mother, who works at Attwood, but she arrived a little too late. A brother drove down from Belding to pick her up.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 22, 1991

Governor Engler quizzes Lowell 4th graders on Michigan. Kaily Wittenbach has her invitation answered. Michigan Governor John Engler joined Lowell fourth grade elementary students from Bushnell, Runciman/Riverside and Alto in their celebration of "Michigan History Week." Lowell's elementary students gathered around the breakfast tables Friday morning with school staff, administration, and community leaders for their annual "Michigan History Week" breakfast. Following a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, french toast, and sausage, the students were treated to a review of Michigan history by the Pritchard Production Company – Kid Stuff Theatre. The company was first recognized for its Bi-Centennial performance back in 1976 and has since continued educating students through theatre and song. The guest speaker, Governor Engler, made his celebrated entrance following the Pritchard Production Company Kid Stuff Theatre performance. The elementary students were well schooled on Michigan History questions asked by the State's Governor. "How many people here know who Michigan's Senate Majority Leader is?" quizzed Engler. There was a slight pause and then a half dozen or so students blurted out "Senator Posthumus." "I was once the State Majority leader prior to becoming Governor. So, who knows, Senator Posthumus could end up in the Governor's home someday," Engler explained. "How many know the mode of transportation I used to come to Lowell today?" A few students responded "your Oldsmobile." Engler chuckled in agreement. Later the Michigan Governor was asked if he had sold the helicopter yet? "No, not yet" he explained. "We're asking \$1.2 million for it." Another Lowell student asked why 14 days have been added to his school year. "Today, American students, more than ever before, are having to compete with German, Japanese and other foreign students and thus education is very important." When asked why he wanted to be Governor, Engler said he felt the State needed a change and he thought he could do a better job than the gentleman before him did. "Do you think crime will go down or up in Grand Rapids over the next 10 years?" asked one fourth grader. "I believe crime will go down because kids like yourself are much smarter today. Education makes a difference. Because of education I believe the use of drugs will decrease and then so will crime." Engler praised the work of D.A.R.E. program on the fight against drugs. Engler was presented with a Michigan History T-shirt before he departed. The Michigan Governor was invited to the "Michigan History Week" breakfast by Runciman fourth-grader Kaily Wittenbach.

Memorial Day Parade's focus on monument dedication. Marvin Gaye's song title, "Heard it Through the Grapevine," is an accurate indication of how a Memorial Day ceremony/dedication for the men and women who served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm ground-swelled into a community celebration of the courage and service of all men and women who have served their country. There will be a short pause in the Memorial Day parade at the east bridge for a dedication ceremony and for the wreath in water ceremony. A five foot, one ton stone monument will be dedicated to the servicemen and women who served in Desert Shield/Storm, Vietnam, Korea, World War II and World War I. There will also be a 20-foot flagpole erected in back of the stone. Both the stone and flag will be lighted. The parade will commence at Richards Park at 9 a.m. on North Hudson, east on Main Street, pausing at the east bridge for the salute, continuing east to Monroe Street, and north to the cemetery.

Auditions for Endmen for the 1991 Showboat will take place at Runciman Gym at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28. So, if you have singing and dancing talent, come on down and try out for Showboat '91. For more information call Gordon Gould at 949-8777.



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- 17. *Mythological creature
- 18. Beginning of a sickness
- 19. *"Game of _____"
- 21. Cow chow
- 23. Detective _____ of "Around the World in Eighty Days"
- 24. Denim innovator
- 25. Luftwaffe's WWII enemy
- 28. What Caesar did before he saw and conquered
- 30. Virtual you
- 35. Black cat, e.g.
- 37. Boundary line
- 39. Davy Crockett's last stand
- 40. "Do _____ others as..."
- 41. Became upright
- 43. Snatch
- 44. Better than nice
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- Even though Yellowstone regulations require visitors to stay at least 25 yards, or about 75 feet, away from all wildlife and 100 yards from wolves and bears, a couple of foolish visitors thought a young bison was freezing so they put it in their vehicle and drove it to a ranger station. The tourists were not only cited for their bison intervention, but more importantly the poor animal had to be put down because it was now rejected by its mother and the herd.
- President Obama will be the first sitting American president to travel to Hiroshima, Japan more than seventy years after a U.S. atomic bomb leveled the city.
- The U.S. Education Department will make Pell Grants available to 10,000 high school students who are enrolled in courses at 44 colleges. The experiment is aimed at closing the attainment gap between rich and poor students in higher education. The Obama administration wants to give students a head start on college. Students in 23 states will have access to up to \$20 million in federal money to pay for a semester of college credit.



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- 64. Singing femme fatale
- 71. 100 centavos
- 31. Aquarium organism
- 65. Luau welcome
- 72. Bonanza find
- 32. Mountain lakes
- 67. Representative of Allah on earth
- 73. *Galahad does this to the Holy Grail
- 33. Stradivari competitor
- 68. Cupcake topper
- 34. *He stole from the rich and gave to the needy
- 69. Granola grain
- 36. English playwright Coward
- 70. Opposite of digest
- 38. Continental currency
- 42. *_____ Abelard, Heloise's unfortunate lover
- 37. "Atlas Shrugged" author
- 45. Moving like phoenix
- 10. Cathedral part
- 49. Barley bristle
- 11. Audience's rejection
- 51. Derives a theory
- 12. *Illuminated manuscripts or tapestries, e.g.
- 54. Cooler manufacturer
- 15. *Long-haired naked tax-opponent
- 56. Meryl Streep's "August: _____ County"
- 20. SAT and ACT
- 57. Biden, e.g.
- 22. Female gametes
- 58. *Fleur-de-lis
- 24. Allowing
- 59. Bingo-like game
- 25. *Like Arthur's table
- 60. Give a ticket
- 26. Embryo sacs
- 61. Away from wind
- 27. "Bring back!" to Fido
- 62. Floppy storage
- 29. *Fermented honey libation
- 63. Newts in terrestrial stage
- 64. Hot tea amount
- 66. Listening device

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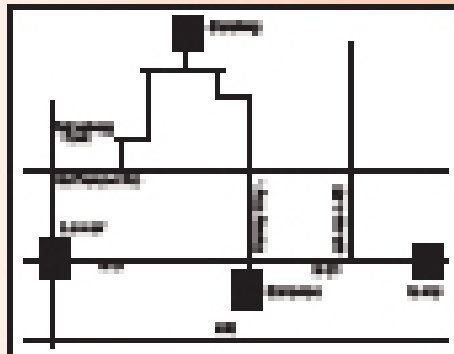
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