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Lowell Township Riverfront Park receives \$2.5 million grant from the State of Michigan

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The under-construction Grand River Riverfront Park North in Lowell Township just received a \$2.5 million grant from the State of Michigan. The money will be used to build a bridge across the river to Grand River Riverfront Park South.

"We've been working with [state senator] Dave Hildenbrand for the last

year to get a grant to help us with the park and the bridge project and it worked," said Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale. "We got a \$2.5 million grant from the State of Michigan to help with that project. The bridge alone is going to cost over \$2 million and the total project cost is about \$4 million. This is a big chunk and it really helps us a lot."

Hale said the timing of the grant will make it possible to complete the park a year earlier than planned.

"Now we've started

working with the Department of Environmental Quality to get the permits to put that bridge across the river," Hale said. "We probably wouldn't have started that

process for another year, but we're starting it right now."

Even with millions in grants, they still don't have all the money they need to create the park and are always looking for donations.

"We're asking anybody that would like to help us, any donation is accepted, welcomed and needed,"

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"...This is a big chunk and it really helps us a lot."

~ Lowell township supervisor
Jerry Hale

Chief Martin retires from Lowell's fire department after 45 years on the job

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell fire chief Frank Martin retired recently after 45 years of service to the community. Martin started in his position back in 1971. Dozens of friends, family and coworkers attended a retirement party at the Look Memorial Fire Station on Wednesday, June 15. Many people had nice things to say about Martin.

"Frank is probably the longest serving fire chief you're ever going to see,"

said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. "I hope he enjoys his retirement because he's sure earned it."

"I have worked with Frank for about four years and he's been great," said Lowell firefighter Eric Kelly. "He has a laid back personality and he's a great guy."

"I thank him for his service and I hope he has a great retirement," said Lowell mayor Jeff Altoft.

"He's stuck it out so long, that's the biggest thing."

"He was a joy to be around for the short time that I've been here," said Lowell firefighter Katie Rademacher. "I've been here almost a year. I'm sad to see him go. I'm glad he gets a break and gets to move on to a more relaxing time of his life. He was a great guy. I'm very happy to have worked with him. He's



Frank Martin

very laid back. He doesn't get tense about much."

Martin said that over the years he has worked with about 60 firefighters and that firefighting has changed a lot since 1971.

"Back when I started firemen were just firemen, they didn't go to school or nothing," Martin said. "We didn't have air packs or nothing. We had to share

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Two vie for city council vacancy this November

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The election on November 8 was not originally going to include a Lowell city council seat, but a political action committee called Forward Lowell petitioned for a recall of mayor Jeff Altoft. According to the official recall language, they are recalling Altoft from the council because "Lowell city councilmember and mayor, Jeff Altoft, voted yes to hire Katherine (aka Kathryn) Henry as special legal counsel on January 19, 2016."

"I believe I am put of for a recall election because the new councilmembers unseated people that had always gone along to get along," Altoft said. "I think I was maybe too vocal about my unhappiness with our former city manager [Mark Howe] and many people were shocked by it. I am not a believer in political correctness. I am more concerned with honest answers to questions and solving problems the city of Lowell has to deal with. The reason I am on the recall ballot was because I voted to hire Katherine Henry to help this council legally let the city manager go. Katherine provided the council with the legal

information we needed with dignity and professionalism despite being attacked by the people who disagreed with this council about firing the former city manager. I stand by my decision to hire her and feel this city is better because of it. The city and townships are working together now. More people are getting involved with city issues. I think sometimes change is scary but necessary."

Local business owner Greg Canfield is running as Altoft's opponent in the election.

"I am running for city council because I feel the community needs leadership that makes decisions for the good of the community rather than their own personal agendas," Canfield said. "In my 25 years as a city resident I have served on various boards and commissions. I have renovated run-down buildings with sweat equity to help preserve the charm and beauty of our historic downtown. I feel these past experiences along with my business experience will help to get Lowell back to being 'the best place to be.' We'll see if the voters agree."



Off The Ledge lead vocalist Matt Shannon during the band's performance last Thursday at the first Sizzlin' concert of the season, see page 4.

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gear, now everybody gets their own. The trucks are a lot different. There's more technology in them, they're bigger, they carry more water, they have bigger pumpers, they're more versatile and they can do more things."

Martin's most memorable fire was at a farm about 30 years ago.

"The biggest fire was probably at Timpson Orchards in the 80s," Martin said. "The big barn with all their product in it went up.

That was a big fireball, real big. We were out there for a day and a half."

He said he looks forward to spending time with his family without being called away suddenly.

"What I'm really going to enjoy now is when my kids call me up and ask me to go to dinner in Grand Rapids; I don't have to worry about it, I can go," Martin said. "Before I couldn't go. I've turned down a hell of a lot of meals! I need to get caught up on them."



Larkin's Restaurant honored Martin on the day of his retirement party.



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Fire chief Frank Martin with police chief Steve Bukala.

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The city of Lowell is having an open house on Monday, July 11 at the Grand Volute from 6 to 8 p.m. for the public to meet the new city manager candidates. Refreshments will be served.

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Candidate stops by city meeting, new police vehicle ordered

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting in city hall on Monday, June 20. The council granted a zoning variance to a major taxpayer, bought a police car and more at the meeting.

One of the Republican candidates for a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives addressed the council during citizen discussion. Matt VanderWerff is a farmer and accountant who lives in Vergennes Township. He is one of five Republicans running against Democrat Lynn Mason and Green Party candidate Cliff Yankovich for the 86th district House seat.

"If I get elected to Lansing I would like to put an end to the development grants that are issued to businesses and corporations as well as the tax breaks that are given out to favorites," VanderWerff said. "It is an injustice to give grants to profit businesses."

Stacey Browe, a candidate for sheriff of Kent County, also spoke to the council and to the citizens.

"I am the first female to ever run," Browe said. "If you have any questions, feel free to contact me."



Stacey Browe is running for Kent County sheriff.



Farmer and accountant, Matt VanderWerff, is running against a Democrat, a Green Party candidate and four other Republicans for a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Despite a report from engineering firm Williams & Works clearly stating that five of the six standards for a variance were not met, the council granted a zoning variance to Lighthouse Foods. Now the company will be able to add 57 more spaces to their employee parking lot.

"There's a need for some additional parking spaces," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The council voted to allow Lowell police to purchase a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle

for \$29,829. The vehicle is the last of four they purchased with help from a Lowell Area Community Fund grant.

"I will be ordering this tomorrow and it will be on the road in the fall," said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. "That will replace our last fully marked Chevrolet Impala, which I think everybody in the department is glad to see go."

Pasquale presented a "State of the City Address" to the council.

"These have not been ordinary times, noting the disagreements among the citizenry," Pasquale said. "There needs to be a time of healing, which I hope I have been a part of. [...] Lowell must and will strive to maintain and improve as a business-friendly city. In an era of intense competition Lowell will also continue to operate with greater efficiency."

The council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 5.

Riverfront Park grant, continued

Hale said. "We've had a lot of business people and private citizens who have donated anywhere from \$600 to \$5,000. One anonymous local person just donated \$100,000. They all add up. We have also applied to the [Michigan] Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Lowell Community Fund for grants and we're working with other sources of money too, to get us there. We're getting a lot closer than we were before this came through."

When completed, the new park will include amenities like walking trails, public restrooms, a historic fur trader's cabin and a disc golf course. Hale

said that work will continue on the park throughout the summer, with a completion goal of 2018.

"This summer we still hope to get the bathrooms finished and the playground equipment in, the gaga pit in and we're also working

on the disc golf course," Hale said. "We've got to do some clearing for that. We are going to make it happen. We're really excited. You have to dream big, work hard and don't pay attention to any of the people that tell you it's impossible."



City manager Dave Pasquale reading his "State of the City Address" to the council.

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Off The Ledge rocks the Riverwalk for first sizzlin' concert of the season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce presented the first Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the season last Thursday welcoming the blues infused rockers from Off The Ledge to the Showboat stage.

After a day of overcast skies and light rain, the clouds broke open to welcome music enthusiasts to the Riverwalk for the first of 10 two-hour summer shows. The free event is sponsored this year by Huntington Bank,

the Lowell Downtown Development Authority and the Lowell Area Community Fund and supported by more than 25 local businesses.

Lansing based Off The Ledge band brought their funk, folk, jazz and rock blend to the premier playing a lineup of catchy sing-along anthems dotted with original works. Bouncing between the classic rock of the 1970s and the Alternative Rock of the 90s, the foursome of musicians offered up a wide range of crowd pleasing mainstream covers. Formed in 2015, the band features

lead vocalist and guitarist Matt Shannon, drum master Eric Brandes, bassist Luke Dahlstrom and lead guitarist Tab Wakely. They recently rolled out their debut album *Wherever Else We Land* at Elm Studios in Lansing.

Next week the series will feature the Lansing quartet *Steppin' In It* who will fill the Riverwalk with their classic American Roots sound starting at 7 pm. Both lawn and bleacher seating are available. Concessions are also available on location.



Music fans turned out last Thursday evening to enjoy the first of ten acts to take to the Showboat Stage this summer as part of the series.



Off The Ledge made their Lowell Showboat debut last Thursday as the first act in the Sizzlin' Summer Concert lineup.

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congrats to green candidate

To the Editor,
An article – *Yankovich running for state representative for 86th district* was printed in the May 18 Lowell Ledger. The article said local business owner Cliff Yankovich has decided to run as the Green party candidate and that he's a former Republican and that he has become unenthusiastic about the current philosophy of the Republican Party.
It must have been hard for Mr. Yankovich to change parties when many of his fellow business owners are Republicans. I for one,

congratulate Mr. Yankovich for his ability to see things as they are and his willingness to change. I hope I'm not the only one that wishes Mr. Yankovich the best in his run for state representative.
It was noted in the Lowell Ledger that, because the recall effort by the Forward Lowell political action committee was successful, mayor and city councilor Jeff Altoft's name will appear in the Nov. 8 election. Candidates who wish to appear on the ballot for the special recall election had no later than 4 pm on June 2, 2016 to file.

I have yet to see a publicized record of such candidates or it mentioned in a council meeting. When I went to the city hall I was verbally told a constituent's name. I believe there are some in the community that would like to know who is taking advantage of Mr. Altoft's misfortune.
Hopefully the Ledger will investigate sooner rather than later and report their findings of who will appear on the ballot for a special recall election. I don't expect the unknown to come forward until the last minute so they don't have to be debated.

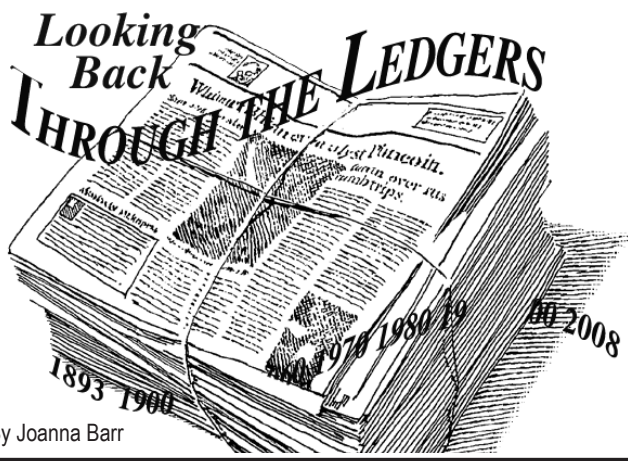
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Michigan residents and visitors urged to take safety along for the ride

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is launching the second year of the summer-long campaign, Michigan Summer of Safety today. The campaign supports federally funded seat belt and impaired driving enforcement by police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
Through community outreach and social media, the campaign also seeks to raise awareness of bike, pedestrian, motorcycle and child passenger safety throughout the summer. The goal is to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on Michigan roads by

increasing seat belt use and safe summer travel.
"Traffic fatalities and serious injuries on the roadways increase during the summer months," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "Michigan Summer of Safety is a reminder to all of us to 'take safety along for the ride' by always wearing a seat belt, wearing helmets and reflective gear when biking and riding motorcycles, and driving and boating sober."
Safety-minded organizations across the state will participate in Michigan Summer of Safety by displaying campaign materials and distributing summer-related safety information in their

communities. Posts on the OHSP and other state agency social media pages throughout the summer will feature safety tips and the #MiSummerofSafety hashtag to enhance the outreach efforts.
Last year, the Michigan Summer of Safety campaign reached over 10 million Michigan residents and visitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day with help from partners like the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of State, the Michigan Department of Transportation and many more.



By Joanna Barr

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1916

The Lowell Ledger last week completed 23 years of service to the people of Lowell under the management of F. M. Johnson, an enterprising and hustling newspaper man who always makes a paper worthy the patronage of the people. – [Saranac Advertiser].
One hundred people or more attended the barn raising at Nick Pitch's Saturday afternoon. The timbers were matched so perfectly, with willing helpers the barn was soon raised, after which a sumptuous supper was served.

Carpenters are busy with alterations in the Moose block, which include the installation of an elevator, involving a rear corner of The Ledger office. The din of hammer and saw are incessant, precluding anything like connected thought.
Boy bandit is shot – made confession of guilt when arrested. Hastings, Mich., June 21 — Weak from loss of blood, Floyd Freeland, 10-year-old youth who was shot while attempting to rob Bryan Walker, Jr., of Freeport last night, is lying in a critical condition in the Good Samaritan hospital in Hastings. The doctors cannot yet tell whether the lad will survive the effects of amputation of his left arm, which was shattered below the shoulder by a charge of shot fired point blank and amputated early this morning. It was learned today that Freeland, who had been staying in Holland recently, went to Alto last night and hired the rig with which he drove to Walker's home in a lonely neighborhood west of Freeport. His motive was a robbery which he had been planning during the entire week. No weapons were found on Freeland by the officers. As he was considered one of the strongest men in Freeport, it is inferred that he intended to depend upon his hands alone to compel aged Bryan Walker to yield the wealth which he was supposed to have hidden on his premises.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 19, 1941

Lowell Municipal Plant near total loss by fire. A

blazing fire early Tuesday afternoon damaged the Lowell Municipal Light and Power diesel generating plant and cut off the village power for about two hours. The fire started workmen reported, when a welding outfit being used by workmen on the installation of the new diesel engine, set fire to tarpaulins being used to protect the building while the new engine is being installed. The flames blazed up to the roof and the entire roof and temporary wall were afire in a minute. The local fire department was on the job in a hurry and the fire was brought under control in about a half hour of hard fighting. The roof over the new diesel was badly burned, along with the back wall of the plant office. Damage was estimated at \$500.00 on material,

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Bicyclists stop in Lowell during 316-mile fundraising effort

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Bicyclists invaded Impact Church of Lowell on Monday after beginning their 316 mile trek fundraiser from Rockford to Harrod, OH, called the H.I.S Home 300 benefiting a Haitian orphanage sharing the race's name.

Located in Port Au Prince, Haiti, the H.I.S Home for Children houses orphaned children aged newborn through 18 with a special emphasis on caring for those with special needs. The orphanage was founded more than 13 years ago in an effort to shelter, support and feed orphaned and abandoned children both physically and emotionally. Beyond facilitating more than 250 adoptions abroad the organization also has supportive programming for those who will age out of the system and remain in the sometimes unstable and poverty stricken country.

For the past seven years the H.I.S Home 300, here in Michigan, has been supporting those valiant efforts. Their week-long journey kicked off with leg one on Monday when the cycling crusaders made their first pit stop at Impact Church located at 1069 Lincoln Lake. Host and meal organizer Tony Schering, the church's youth pastor, explained how the relationship between the race and the church began. "Impact became a stop on the line for the HIS home 300 bike ride because one of the bikers, Esther Gordon, goes to our church and is heavily involved. She is on staff in KidZone and has a passion for kids and since HIS Home is an orphanage of over 150 kids those passions coincide," said Schering.

Schering welcomed Gordon and the rest of the group as the church provided

momentary respite and a meal to the riders. Schering said that their church family was pleased to be involved as the mission of the annual ride, the Haitian orphanage and the church all line up well with one another. "Our mission as a church is to help others take the next step towards Christ. Helping with HIS home can be and is a next step for some within Impact and if we can help others do that across waters as well, that's awesome. The mission of the bike ride is to raise fund[s], supplies and awareness for HIS home and they stop at multiple different houses and church[es] this whole week to do just that."

After departing Lowell the team of bicyclists headed toward Lake Odessa for their second stop of the day, pausing briefly in Clarksville to take shelter from a passing storm before their arrival. Day one ended



Impact Church hosted the bicyclists of the H.I.S Home 300 Monday morning on the first stop of their journey.

in Nashville where they rested for the night at the local United Methodist Church. The remainder of their journey will take them through a variety of small towns where they will continue to receive

support from local churches, organizations and private citizens along their route. Last year the event raised more than \$55,000 through donations and sponsorship with 100 percent of funds raised

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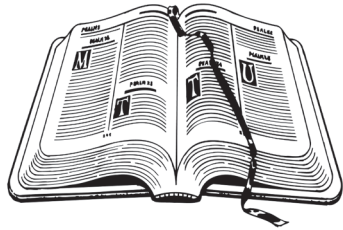
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Amanda Lloyd, Lowell

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Courtney Teer, Cedar Springs

"I don't have one because I'm a mom with two boys and I don't need one. My ex-husband has one. He has an AR-15. I don't know why he has all those guns but he has them."



Nicole Robinson, Lowell

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Olivia Nurmikko, Lowell


"I don't because I'm not 18 yet, but when I turn 18 I probably will get one for personal reasons. There have been a lot of shootings and it's good to protect yourself."

Relay for Life - this weekend

Relay For Life of Lowell will take over the Lowell Riverwalk for the first time this Saturday for the eleventh annual cancer fighting festival previously held at Lowell High School. Scheduled for 12 hours, the event will kick off at 11 am by welcoming and honoring survivors and then leap into a superhero themed entertainment and activities lineup, which will feature live local music, a pair of bounce houses, fun games and contests with prizes, a silent auction, fun laps, the touching Luminaria Ceremony, a photo booth and food from Porkfat Slims Backyard BBQ. A full schedule of the event, which benefits the American Cancer Society, is below.

RELAY FOR LIFE SCHEDULE June 25 • 11 am to 11 pm Lowell Riverwalk


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| 11:00 am.....Opening Ceremony | 3:45Luc James Music Studio |
| 11:15.....Meet and Greet Lap | 4:15Trick or Treat Lap |
| 11:30.....Survivor Ceremony | 4:30Musical Chairs |
| 12:00pmSurvivor Lunch | 5:15Road To Recover Lap |
| 12:15Team Banner Lap | 5:30Luc James Music Studio |
| 12:30Lip Dub Competition | 6:15Bark For Life Lap |
| 1-2:00Bingo | 6:30Limbo Contest |
| 1:15Conga Lap | 7:00Ms. Relay Competition |
| 1:30Luc James Music Studio | 7:15Dance Lap |
| 2:00Super Hero Training Camp | 8:00Off The Radar |
| 2:15Pink Arrow Lap | 8:15Poker Lap |
| 2:30Air Guitar Contest | 9:15Glow Lap |
| 3:15Bubble Lap | 9:30Luminaria Ceremony |
| 3:00The Preservers | 10:15Clean Up Lap |
| 3-7:00Silent Auction | 10:30Closing Ceremony |

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4H group carve canes for *Lean on Me* project

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Since the Civil War, wood carvers from Michigan have been making intricately carved wooden canes for wounded returning soldiers. Members of the 4H group Alto Active Achievers recently carried on the respectful tradition by creating their own for the Lean On Me project initiated by the Michigan Wood Carver Association in 2007.

Under the direction of 4H leader Luanne Kaeb, students Jacob Biermagher, Keegan Mebert, Kelton Mebert, Kennedy Mebert, Nathaniel Orlando, Jason Pierce, Marissa Polinder, Eli Reed and Sebrinna Schmidt learned the art of wood carving and created a customized cane as part of their annual projects.

Traditionally the canes have an eagle head and feature information such as station, merits, rank and medals of the soldier receiving the gift. Each also says, "Thank You."

The nine participating students began working on their canes in May after completion of their regular 4H projects. Led by carving teacher Jerry Francis of the Flat River Wood Carvers, the students put their own artistry and heart in their work. "All of the young carvers did a variety of owls, turtles, bears, boots and a pony," said Francis of the work created by the students who range in age from 12-17 years old.

Since the project's inception nearly a decade ago more than 2,990 canes have been finished and delivered at a rate of about 30 per month, according to Francis, who says there are many more needed in order to honor every Michigan soldier returning home with physical challenges due to their brave service of our country. "We need more members. If you want to learn you can contact me at 616-897-9763 to learn more."



Jerry Francis displayed the cane handles at the Ledger office.



New track at the high school

Red Arrow Stadium will be closed to the public for several weeks as repairs begin on the aged track. Renovations kicked off last Monday and are expected to take a month rendering both the track and football field inaccessible to the public.

The current red track is being resurfaced due to a mounting need for repairs and will be replaced with a smooth new black finish providing a better platform for the athletes who utilize the space. The new surface is scheduled to be completed on July 15 dependent on weather.

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Run away to LowellArts! "CIRCUS" exhibit

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! is spending the summer under the big top with an exhibition titled CIRCUS celebrating the excitement, tradition and showmanship of the traveling entertainment troupes.

The works of 24 West Michigan artists were selected for the show including several from Lowell. Artists include Molly Alicki Corriveau, Charlotte Ambrose, Diann Bartnick Borton, Emilie Beadle, Barbara Bjelland, Cheryl Blodgett, Patricia Constantine, Hannah DenHartigh, Sara Dhyne, Liduina Fedewa, Jan Y. Johnson, Samuel Lanning, Betsy Ratzsch, Loretta K. Rolison, Tiffany Sikora, Chad Stanton, Monica Stegeman, Mary Stek, Emily Stephen, Shelley Stevens, Katherine Thelen, Kristi Lynn Visser, Sydney Wiswell, and Irene Wordhouse.

Prints, paintings, photographs and posters are among the featured pieces, each representing

the wonder filled theme from the artist's unique perspective. The fun and intriguing collection opened to the public on May 31 and will remain open through August 13. Viewing of the show is free to the public at the King Gallery, located at 149 S. Hudson, during their regularly scheduled business hours Tuesday through Friday 10-6 and Saturday 1-4.

The CIRCUS theme is also being extended to several other projects created by LowellArts! for the summer months for local youth. Art classes for students 8-12 are scheduled for six Wednesdays throughout June and July featuring local guest artists. For just \$5 per session students will learn about the artist's medium and then create their own works. Classes remaining in the lineup include printmaking, torn paper collage, Tangle creation, drawing and poster design. The classes



The King Gallery, currently hosting CIRCUS, is open to the public for free viewing Tuesday through Saturday through August 13.



are being subsidized by the Lowell Rotary Club.

A theater experience is also planned featuring young actors aged 7-18 on the stage in an original production written and to be directed by Brent Alles. "Big Top Barry" is the story

of a lion cub, born into circus life, learning his way under the big tent. Interested students are asked to attend a read through on July 9 from 10-12 at LowellArts! All in attendance will be assigned a role in the production. Rehearsals are scheduled between July 25

and August 3 with the final performance taking place August 6 from 6-7:30 pm at Fallsburg Park.

Pre-registration for both youth offerings is required and available by calling (616) 897-8545 or visiting the organization's website at www.lowellartsmi.org

The exhibit features a wide range of 2D and 3D works paying homage to the magic and awe of life under the big top.



Artist Chad Stanton created this collage featuring posters from the real life Lewis Bros. Circus and also shares his family's own circus story at the exhibit.

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light bulbs and so forth store over the office and about the same to the newly remodeled office. Supt. Frank J. McMahon was unable to estimate the damage to the new generating unit being installed but said if the generator itself was injured by the fire which blazed around it, the damage might run to several thousand dollars. All damage, McMahon said, was covered by insurance. Service of the village was resumed after about 2 hours as the result of the quick work of Light and Power employees in covering the two generating units and the switchboards with canvas, coupled with the quick work of the firemen, preventing costly damage. Mr. McMahon had only words of merit for the firemen for keeping water out of the switchboards. If this had happened service would have been shut off for at least 24 hours. Robert Flynn working on the new construction at the plant, blinded by smoke from the blazing building and trying to escape, crashed through a plate glass window, cutting himself badly about the arm and leg. He evidently did not see the open doorway nearby. Lodie Shear, volunteer fireman, narrowly escaped injury when ropes holding a derrick on the roof of the new structure burned off and the heavy derrick crashed down near Shear, narrowly missing him and knocking a hole in the roof of the building next to the plant which is occupied by Percy J. Read and Sons. It is indeed fortunate that it was possible to subdue the flames promptly. Had the three diesel engines, the building, switchboards and other equipment been destroyed the loss would have been close to a quarter of a million dollars.

Showboat Interlocutor, C. H. Runciman has received an order for 52 Showboat seats for Wednesday night's performance from a firm in Grand Rapids. Begins to look like there will be a few people here!

KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER WINSLOW COUNTY DRAIN NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Notice is Hereby Given, that on the 5th day of July, 2016, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to hear the proofs and allegations and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Winslow County Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain, located and established in the Township of Bowne and the Charter Township of Lowell, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956, as amended.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at 616-632-7910 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Winslow County Drain Drainage District as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor is enclosed with this Notice.

You Are Further Notified, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent within ten (10) days of the determination.

DATED: June 16, 2016

William R. Byl
Kent County Drain Commissioner

WINSLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT LOWELL & BOWNE TOWNSHIPS



50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 23, 1966

Pure bedlam reined in the YMCA parking lot on Monday morning, June 20, as nearly 60 boys and girls from Lowell arrived with bedroll and baggage to board the bus for a week at the 'Y' camp on Barlow Lake.

Beech Street group is protesting proposed water main extension. An unofficial hearing on the need for a water main extension on Beech Street north of Foreman was a major portion of the council meeting on Monday night. There were four citizens present at the meeting, three of whom were opposed to the water main extension past their property. This same extension was so vigorously protested last year that the council declined to make the improvement. The problem seems to be that in order to serve a new real estate development the water main must be constructed a full city block past homes already served by city water or citizens satisfied to use their own wells. The discussion lasted for over an hour and the date for the official hearing was set, to be held on July 5th when the cost of the project to the property owners would be revealed.

Modern day "pioneer" Texas-bound from N. Y. to visit Lowell in July. The Ledger Office received a postcard Monday morning from "Pioneer Jim" mailed from Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, saying that he planned to 'camp' in Lowell, July 16. He has been on a trip to awaken the spirit of pioneering —by challenging America to pioneer in love and concern for their fellow men. "Pioneer Jim," 'faithful', his Appaloose Horse, 'Wolf,' a friendly wolf; and 'Patience' and 'Tribulation', a pair of zebra mules, left Amarilla, Texas, in April 1963 and arrived at the World's Fair, in New York, April, 1964. He and his entourage are now on their way back to Texas, visiting cities on the way. On the postcard Jim says, "tell the folks I'm looking forward to meeting 'em."

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 26, 1991

Music disagreement results in shooting of 19 year old Lowell man. An argument over the loudness of music at an open house/graduation party resulted in a Lowell man getting shot in the abdomen Saturday night. Pete Gerkin, 19-years old of Lowell, was listed in good condition Tuesday at Blodgett Memorial Hospital after being shot by a Grand Rapids man Saturday. According to Kent County Sheriff's Department Detective Bob Start, shortly after four black Grand Rapids men showed up at a graduation party at a private drive off of Bailey Drive, an argument over the loudness of their music ensued. The argument led to a fist fight between James Russell Whitney, 25, of Grand Rapids and other guests at the party. "During the fight, Whitney produced a handgun and fired it into the air," Start said. "As he then tried to get back into his car, Whitney felt it necessary to fire the gun once more, the second shot hitting Gerkin in the abdomen." Whitney and his three male passengers then attempted to drive off. In doing so he hit two others in attendance at the party and ran into a number of other cars on his way out. Start said, "Whitney and his passengers were invited by two female members at the open house/graduation party. Whitney was arraigned Monday on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a felony firearm, the latter charge carrying an automatic two-year sentence, if convicted. The other three passengers were retained, questioned and released. Whitney's bail was set at \$5,000. Start said the case is still being reviewed with the preliminary exam set for July 3. Gerkin's father, Rev. Joe Gerkin said his son was fortunate in that the bullet missed all major organs.

39 youths compete in 5th annual "Andy Kooiman" Kids Fishing Day. Saturday, June 8th, saw 39 youngsters at the Lowell Middle School Pond as the guests of the Lowell Area Fishing Club at 5th Annual Kid's Fishing Day. The event is supported by donations from area businesses and merchants. The kids enjoyed themselves fishing with their Dads, Granddads and some Moms and Grandmas were in attendance. "We enjoy doing this for the kids, as much as they enjoy being here," said Bill DeGroot III, President of L.A.F.C. "We had a super nice day, although the fish didn't cooperate as well as in the past. They only caught 147, four of them Brook Trout. Everyone attending was treated to a hotdog, cookies and soda pop lunch after the official end of the contest. Winners in the 5-6 yr. old category were: Timmy Vezino 1st, Stacey Onan 2nd, and Benny Symmes 3rd; *7-9 yrs.: Doug Ford and David Dabakey tied for 1st, Shawna Seiloff 2nd; *10-11 yrs.: Mindy Onan 1st, Coby Onan and Bob Ford tied for 2nd; *11-13 yrs.: Benny Vinton 1st, Brian Dabakey 2nd and Erik Rose 3rd. The Most Fish were caught by Benny Vinton (13) and Biggest Fish was caught by Erik Rose. In the Casting Contest, David Dabakey was 1st for the boys and Tami Sherman was 1st for the girls with other places being taken by Shawna Seiloff, Brian Debakey, A.J. Bsharah and Stacey Onan.

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BJORNSETH

Bruce Earl Bjornseth, of Ada, died Friday, June 3, 2016, from Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy. Born in Owosso, Feb. 1, 1942, to Kathryn and Earl Bjornseth, he was raised in Perry. Growing up, Bruce enjoyed spending time with his grandmother Helen, where he started learning to cook, helping his father with home remodeling projects and many adventures with his high school friends. After graduating from Perry High School in 1960, he completed two years of Mechanical Technology training from Flint Junior College in 1962; he received a BS in Industrial Ed. in 1966 and an MA in Industrial Ed. from WMU in 1972. Bruce taught Technical Drawing for Forest Hills Central HS from 1966-70; and at FH Northern HS from 1970-78. He worked as an Applications Engineer for Rapistan Corp. from 1978-83 and then began his teaching career at Grand Rapids Junior College, developing the CAD-CAM program. He retired from GRCC in 2011. Bruce also received a Private Pilot License in 1992 and a Residential Builders License in 1997. As one of our neighbors once remarked, "Bruce is a renaissance man, and anything he sets his mind to he achieves." He was very active and enjoyed many hobbies, including wood working, cooking, running, kayaking, jewelry making and riding his Harley. He is survived by his wife, Sheri; children, Dave, Anna and her husband Scott Bone; brother, Bob Bjornseth; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and he was preceded in death by sister, Jan Kemerling. To celebrate his life there will be a Memorial Brunch on Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 2 to 5 at Grand Volute in Lowell. Please RSVP by July 17, to Sheri at sbjornseth@comcast.net. Online condolences may be left at www.simplycremationservice.com



VAN OOSTEN

James "Jim" Phelps Van Oosten, age 73 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2016. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, sister Joyce and her husband Jack Van Blooys. He is survived by his wife Sue of 52 years; daughter Sue (Bruce) Doll; sons Jim (Heather) Van Oosten, Bill (fiancée Ann Oglivy) Van Oosten; grandchildren Nicole Loetz, Cody & Scott Van Oosten, Justin Everitt, Ken, Jordan & Kayala Van Oosten; sister Ruthann (Jack) Snyder; brothers and sisters-in-law Tom (BJ) Bustance, Bill (Robin) Bustance; friends Frank & Mary Kay Wright; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Asperger Associates of Michigan, 7027 - 10 Mile Rd. NE, Rockford MI 49341.



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PUBLICATION OF
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FILE NO. 16-215-GA

In the matter of TERRY ROGER HUMPHREY, an Alleged Incapacitated Individual.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 11, 2016 at 10:30 am at 100 W. Main St., #103, Ionia, MI 48846 before Judge Robert S. Sykes Jr. (P40465) for the following purpose: to request the appointment of full guardian.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Lula Mae Humphrey, spouse, and any other unknown or unlocated heirs whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LOWELL CHARTER
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The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance and Mineral Mining Licensing ordinance. The amendment would change the current noise limitation requirement regarding mineral mining operations in each ordinance from 70 decibels to 70 dBA.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI. 49331**

Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

The amendments may also be viewed on the Township web site at www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

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KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER WINSLOW COUNTY DRAIN NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 2016, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "WINSLOW COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT", and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. And also if drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

41-20-31-
300-003, -028; 400-004, -011, -013 thru -019;

41-20-32-
300-006, -008 thru -011, -018 thru -020; 501-001;

41-24-05-
100-006 thru -009; 300-007, -008;

41-24-06-
100-013, -015, -019, -023, -027, -039; 200-004, -006 thru -008, -010, -012, -013, -015, -018, -019; 301-002 thru -005; 326-001; 351-001, -004, -012; 376-009 thru -016; 400-013, -049, -054, -055;

Bowne Township and Lowell Charter Township at large, and the County of Kent on account of roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake – Clerk of Kent County, Randy Wilcox – Bowne Township Supervisor, Jerry Hale – Lowell Charter Township Supervisor, and Steve Warren – Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Winslow County Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2016.
William R. Byl,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

college news

AIS Construction Equipment takes pride in announcing that Matthew Anderson, of Lowell, has been selected to participate in the 2016 AIS Summer Technician Entrance Program (STEP). The AIS STEP is a nine-week program for high school graduates that plan on choosing the field of heavy equipment repair as their career. Matthew is a recent graduate of the Diesel and Heavy Equipment program at Kent Career Technical Center and is one of nine of the most elite graduates selected from all over Lower Michigan that will be trained and mentored at AIS's Lansing facility. This program will better prepare him/her for advanced training in this field.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

Listed are local students who have received this honor: from Ada: Isabel Hart, College of Letters and Science; and Olivia Rotelle, School of Education.

Jason Malling, of Lowell, was named to the dean's list at Alma College for achieving outstanding academic performance during the 2016 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Western Michigan University has announced the graduation list for

the 2016 spring session. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and honors, of Ada: Caroline Suzanne Aleck, Bachelor of Business Administration, food and consumer package goods marketing and Spanish, cum laude; James Ryan Burkhardt, Master of Business Administration, business administration; Cheryl L Cooper, Master of Arts, counselor education: marriage, couple and family; Mikaela J Harris, Bachelor of Science, English and psychology: general psychology, cum laude; Anthony Donald Saladino, Bachelor of Business Administration, telecommunication and information management: business; and David Mauro Van Haren, Master of Music, music performance; of Alto: Spencer Howard Plattner, Bachelor of Science, aviation flight science, cum laude; of Lowell: Joshua R Balfour, Bachelor of Business Administration, management; and Alexander David Bliss, Bachelor of Business Administration, management.

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- 9. Fields and Basinger
- 13. Donny's singing sister
- 14. *T.S. Eliot poem, "___ Wednesday"
- 15. Loosen laces
- 16. Glorify
- 17. *Theodor Geisel, ___ Dr. Seuss
- 18. Daughter of a sibling
- 19. *Wordsworth or Shakespeare
- 21. *He hears America singing
- 23. Pig's digs
- 24. Discharge
- 25. Exchange for money
- 28. Grey, of tea fame
- 30. Like oxen put together
- 35. Second-hand
- 37. Sainly glow
- 39. Theater play
- 40. Ancient Scandinavian symbol
- 41. Pinch to save
- 43. F.B.I. operative
- 44. Nathaniels, to their friends?
- 46. Fencing weapon
- 47. Fail to mention
- 48. Swell
- 50. Unforeseen obstacle
- 52. Pub offering
- 53. *Cyrano de Bergerac had a big one
- 55. Cathode-ray tube
- 57. *Famous Russian poet

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JUNE 15 - JUNE 21

- The Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Golden State Warriors 93-89 to become the first team to come back after being down three games at the beginning of the series and they overcame a 52-year championship drought for Cleveland.
- Donald Trump fired his campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, and it looks like Trump is making a business out of running for president. He uses his plane, his properties for campaigning and even serves Trump bottled water and wine. The Republican presidential nominee has been mixing his politics and business. He has reportedly funneled millions back into Trump corporate products and services and public documents indicate his income has risen along with his presidential hopes.



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- 61. *"The Canterbury Tales" poet
- 65. Ernest, to mommy
- 66. Tarzan's mom
- 68. Famous nurse Barton
- 69. Decorate
- 70. * ___ McKuen, poet and songwriter
- 71. *"The Waste Land" poet
- 72. Lubricant
- 73. ATM extra
- 74. Slow on the uptake
- 29. Garden ___
- 31. Jason's vessel
- 32. ABBA's " ___ Mia!"
- 33. Not your grandmother's mail
- 34. *"Divine Comedy" poet
- 36. Like Mariana Trench
- 38. Bad luck predictor
- 42. *"Do I dare to eat a ___?"
- 45. Like RMS Titanic
- 49. Person of interest, acr.
- 51. Honored with presence
- 54. Chow down voraciously
- 56. Ballerina's skirt fabric
- 57. Ring like a bell
- 58. Pakistani language
- 59. Prig or snoot
- 60. Engage for service
- 61. Surrender territory
- 62. Jealous biblical brother
- 63. *" ___ & Psyche" by Robert Bridges
- 64. Goes with interest
- 67. *"The Raven" poet

DOWN

- 1. Eurasian duck
- 2. It made Danny DeVitto a star
- 3. Word of mouth
- 4. Paper plants
- 5. The smallest, at the clothing store
- 6. "Howdy, ___!"
- 7. Pose a question
- 8. Medieval oboe
- 9. Make with needles
- 10. Individual unit
- 11. Flexible mineral
- 12. " ___ but not heard"
- 15. Like the States
- 20. Nursemaids in India
- 22. Battleship game success
- 24. Oval
- 25. *"Auld Lang Syne" poet
- 26. "Round up the ___ suspects!"
- 27. Yiddish shrew

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