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Final city council meeting for interim manager Pasquale; September 16 proclaimed special day

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council held their most recent regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Aug. 15. Among other business, the council declared Sept. 16 to be a very special day, spent a few million on bonds for water projects, donated to a trail project and heard concerns from local residents about the odoriferous Chatham St. biodigester. It was the final city council meeting for interim city manager Dave Pasquale, who has held that position since February. Pasquale's last day on the job will be Friday, Sept. 2.

"My wife and I have lived here for 29 years and we've enjoyed it," Pasquale

said. "I'm glad that it worked out this way, that I had an opportunity to serve you. [...] We really have some good people here."

"You're a wonderful man," said councilor Jeff Phillips. "I'm really glad to know you because you're a special person."

"You were a healing salve for our community," said councilor Alan Telander. "I'm honored to know you and so grateful for you."

"You've helped a lot," said mayor Jeff Altoft. "You helped me a lot and you've helped the community."

"It's been interesting," Pasquale said in an interview after the meeting.

"This is a good community. It's a pleasure to work for them. I'm very proud of this community. I will tell anybody how great this community is."

When asked for his predictions about Lowell's future, Pasquale simply said, "Just stay tuned."

New city manager Michael Burns will start on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The meeting was attended by 24 members of the public, several of whom spoke during citizen discussion. Greg Northrup, principal of LEAD, the company that owns and

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Interim city manager Dave Pasquale's last day on the job will be Sept. 2

Youth fair fun comes to a successful end after a particularly steamy week of weather

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's Kent County Youth Fair (KCYF) made its annual week-long appearance showcasing the youth of Kent County with fun, food and friendly competition.

"The 2016 KCYF was a great success," said KCYF president Jon Bieneman. "Our exhibitors did an outstanding job demonstrating all they have learned and all of the hard work they have done over the last year. We truly have a great group of youth that show at our fair and I could not be more proud of their efforts."

Plagued with hot and humid weather and a stormy Thursday afternoon, fairgoers were not deterred as thousands of visitors and hundreds of exhibitors endured the sweaty weather conditions.

According to Bieneman, "Our fair participants and animals handled the heat really well. Our exhibitors were at the top of their game all week regardless of the weather. Also, the exhibitors and their family did a remarkable job tending to their livestock to make sure they were as comfortable



The newly crowned 2016 Royal Court: Allie Ouendag, Brittney Perry, Makenna Church and Lexi Lameraux.



Owners cool and clean their horses at the washing station.

and healthy as possible. It was really impressive to see."

Several events occurred the previous weekend including Friday's dog showmanship and obedience rally at Klackle Orchards in Greenville and Saturday's still exhibit judging. Still exhibits include works ranging from cooking to

photography created by participating youth and judged by local volunteers. Hundreds of exhibits were displayed after judging in the Foreman Building during the duration of the fair.

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LAHM Summer Fest slated for August 26

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Area Historical Museum's second annual Summer Fest Fundraiser will take place on Friday, August 26 from 6 until 9 pm. All proceeds raised at the event will benefit the museum and its programs.

"The Summer Fest Fundraiser is a fun event for the museum," said the museum's executive director Lisa Plank. "We are giving people the opportunity to enjoy local food, drinks and music in the beautiful museum setting while exploring the museum's exhibits. The Easy Idle

String Band will be a new addition this year, playing in the museum garden."

Tickets include unlimited food and drink and you even get to keep the glass when you go home.

"We will have local restaurants and caterers showcasing food they have made with local ingredients," Plank said. "Grand Volute Ballrooms, Main St. BBQ, Flat River Grill, Heidi's Farm Stand, Red Barn and Miss P's

catering will provide the food. Larkin's will bartend craft beer from local breweries, including Ada's Gravel Bottom Brewery, Brewery Vivant, Bells, New Holland and Saugatuck Brewing."

Gravel Bottom Brewery is brewing a special beer for Summer Fest called "Lady LaFramboise," which was named after one of Lowell's early settlers, fur trader Madame LaFramboise.

"It is a raspberry wheat ale: light, with a lot of that raspberry sweetness and a little tartness to balance it out," said Gravel Bottom brewmaster Brett Langscheid. "We designed it specifically for the museum and the event."

"We are fortunate to live in a community that has a wonderful history as well as wonderful food and drinks all made locally," Plank said. "This event

is a chance to enjoy local history, food and drinks from the Lowell area. The proceeds of this event help to support the operations of the Lowell Area Historical Museum."

Tickets, which include admission, all food and drinks and a souvenir tasting glass, can be purchased at the museum, on the museum's website lowellmuseum.org or at brownpapertickets.com/event/2546456



Summer Fest at the Lowell Area Historical Museum will present local food, drinks and music.

Photo submitted by Lisa Plank



along main street

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., Aug. 18 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Lowell Rotary Club is accepting grant applications from local non-profit organizations seeking financial assistance with projects. Grant eligibility requirements and the application can be found at the website www.lowellrotary.org. If you have any questions email info@lowellrotary.org. The deadline for applying is August 24.

CALL FOR ACTORS

The LowellArts! Players are seeking actors for the Fall Dinner Theater production of The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie. The play will be performed at Larkin's Other Place in Lowell on Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Auditions are Sat., Aug. 27, 10 am-noon and Mon., Aug. 29, 7-9 pm at LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson St., Lowell. Casting will include five men and three women. Copies of the script are available at LowellArts!

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runs the biodigester, talked about the progress LEAD has made in putting an end to all of the nasty odors that continue to emanate from the facility. Northrup said

they found a methane leak coming from some vents on top of a large tank. He said LEAD is working with the tank's manufacturer to correct this latest problem.

"It's the odor coming off the top of the tank that's still giving us a serious problem," Northrup said. "I apologize to the community. I know that doesn't do much for the people that are having to deal with it, but it's definitely on our radar screen. We definitely plan to fix it."

Mayor Altoft and two members of the public aired their concerns about the biodigester but Northrup left the room immediately after making his remarks so he did not hear what they had to say.

"I've actually lost sleep because of the smell getting sucked into the house," said Lowell resident Chad Rosenzweig. "It's a daily occurrence. I can't even sit in my backyard."

"I was out in front of my house tonight and I thought I was going to throw up," said Lowell resident Joe Runstrom. "My concern is

there is a school just on the other side of the field. What is the intention before the kids start going to school? If that smell is going on when them young'uns are in school, somebody is going to get sick."

"My granddaughter goes there," Altoft said. "We are concerned about it. We're going to make sure it gets addressed."

The council passed resolutions declaring Sept. 16 "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day" and "Pink Arrow Pride Day - Arrow Force IX" in Lowell, as well as approving a request from Larkin's to close Broadway St. on Oct. 8 for their annual Chili Cook-Off, which will benefit LowellArts! this year. Then mayor Altoft asked the council to find \$10,000 in the city budget to donate to the Lowell Area Recreational Authority to help pay for a trail extension that is planned along Alden Nash north of Main St.

"As a council I wanted to recommend that we donate \$10,000 for this project," Altoft said.

"We'll make it work," said city treasurer Suzanne Olin.

"Obviously I'm supporting it," Pasquale said.

"I believe that would be legal and it would be all right since we're dealing with a public area," said councilor Jim Hodges. "[We] encourage the Downtown Development Authority to support it also."

The council approved a resolution, "expressing intent to issue bonds to finance various sewer and water projects not to exceed \$3,500,000." The projects encompass improvements and replacements to decades-old infrastructure, including a main lift station replacement and trunk sewer, Valley Vista Lift Station replacement, new sanitary sewer and water main on Broadway from Main St. to S. Water St., a new water main on Broadway from S. Water St. to Bowes Rd. and a new water main on Bowes Rd. from Broadway to west of Hudson St.

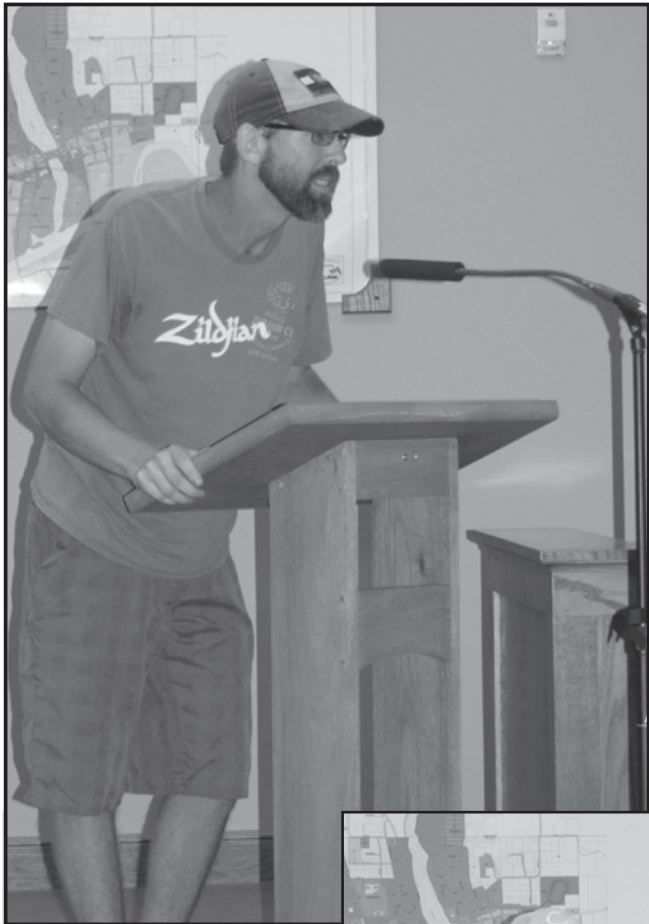
"You never know the day it's going to fail, but we know it's pre-1935 so

it's coming," said Brian Vilmont, an engineer with the Grand Rapids company Prein & Newhof. "This might make sense to do this now. That's what we're recommending."

The projects could result in a rate increase for water customers.

"It looks like it will be necessary to increase water rates at some point in the future," said city attorney Dick Wendt. "That will come back to you [the council] specifically for your specific approval at that time."

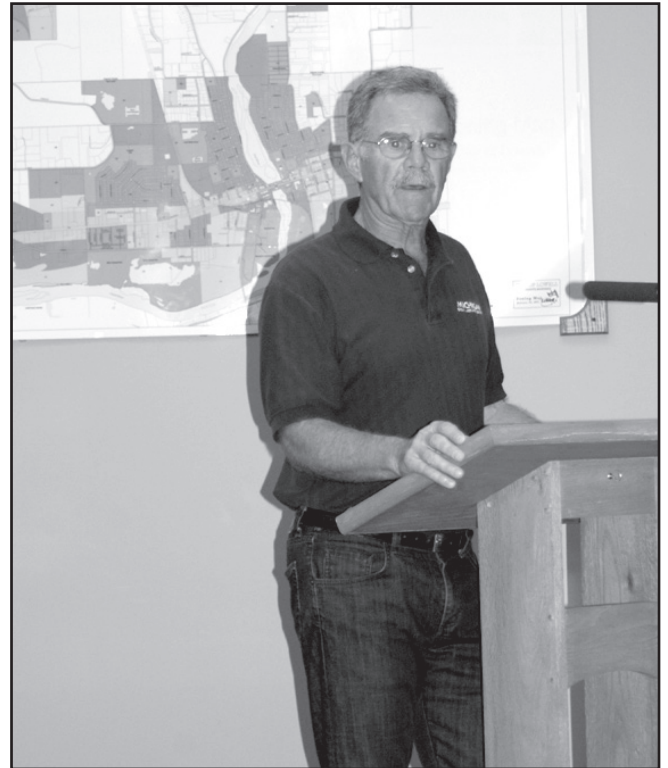
The council's next meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at city hall.



Chad Rosenzweig says he can't be in his yard because of the odor coming from the biodigester.



Lowell residents Chad Rosenzweig and Joe Runstrom said the biodigester has drastically lowered their quality of life.



Greg Northrup from LEAD said the biodigester continues to create odors.

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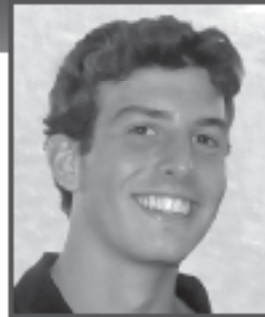


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Dear Editor:

Now that the primary elections are over, I would ask voters to consider voting for Lynn Mason for State Representative from the 86th District.

I have known Lynn for over 30 years.

She is a leader who served four terms on the Ionia County commission. In this role, she was a proven consensus builder with an ability to work with all sides on issues that came before the Commission. She has also served as chairperson of the Mid-West

Rail Trail Authority, as well as the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee.

Lynn understands the challenges of running a small business, as she and her husband operate Mason Apple Farms near Belding.

She is a mother, a grandmother and a retired educator who knows the needs of our students and our schools.

Lynn Mason is a person with the highest standards for honesty, integrity and fairness.

She is a hard worker. Although unsuccessful in her run for this office in 2014, by trying again, she is demonstrating her dedication to the residents of the 86th District by once again visiting with thousands of voters in the District, asking for their vote and listening to their concerns.

She will be an effective voice for all of her constituents in Lansing.

For all of the above reasons, please consider voting for Lynn Mason on November 8 for State Representative.

Tom Stahr
Ada

ballot is secret for a reason

To The Editor,

This is my second try as the Democratic candidate for the 86th State House seat. I hope you are not thinking, oh no, not another politician saying blah, blah, blah! I hope you find this letter meaningful, interesting and informative.

As my team and I knock doors everywhere in the 86th District (see map on my website @ LynnMasonWorks.com) we are frequently hearing frustration, disappointment and apprehension from the people we talk to.

Their frustration comes

from too much blah, blah, blah concerning the national election. It also stems from confusing ballots, false or misleading rhetoric and a sense that they are invisible to their elected representatives.

Their disappointment comes from candidates who aren't who they say they are and who make promises they don't keep, elected officials whom they never see and policies, laws and ordinances that make no sense and have no positive bearing on their day-to-day lives.

Their apprehension comes from being judged about which candidates they support, from not wanting family or neighbors to know whom they support and from feeling ignorant about the entire voting process.

This is a lot for a candidate to overcome. As I talk with people, I find they appreciate my background, my experience and my character. When they hear that I was an effective county commissioner for four consecutive terms, a middle school teacher, a small family farm owner, and a community service volunteer for decades, their apprehension diminishes.

It doesn't take long for people to discover that I say what I mean and mean what

I say, that I can work with people of various ideals and priorities, and that I know this district better than any other candidate who has ever run for this seat.

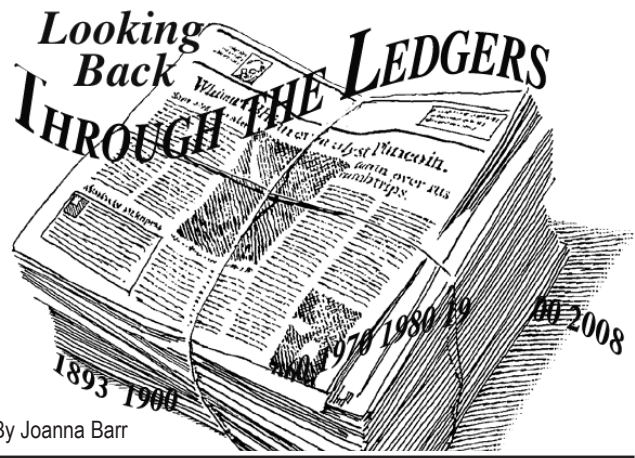
They learn from me that I want to do the work of a legislator and not simply hold a title and wave to them at parades. They learn that I will be accessible and approachable.

As this long, crazy and unpredictable campaign season goes on, I ask that you really get to know the candidates. Who are they? What motivates them? What are their real priorities?

As you learn all you can about each candidate, let me remind you of a simple, often forgotten concept. When we vote, it is a secret ballot. Secret for a reason. No one gets to judge you, no one gets to bully you and no one gets to choose for you. You get to decide.

I am the candidate who wants to be a part of good policy, no matter where the ideas come from. I want to build positive relationships with representatives on both sides of the aisle and with as many citizens as possible. And, like you, I want the quality of all of our lives to improve.

Lynn Mason
Belding



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Aug. 19, 1891

The first match game of Tennis ever played in Lowell will be played on Robt. Flanagan's lawn, Friday, between the Greenville and Lowell Tennis Clubs. A charge of 25 cents will be made for admission to the grounds, together with a comfortable chair. The proceeds, if any in excess of the expenses, will be given to the Lowell Band. Turn out and give the club a good crowd and see some fine games.

Lowell is rather improving. There were not many drunken men on the streets last Saturday evening and it was perfectly safe for a lady to be on the street unattended and later it was almost quiet, when compared with some other Saturday nights.

H. R. Whiteman, of the Grand Rapids Bicycle Club, led a blind run which ended in Lowell Friday night. The party was composed of C. S. Harman, A. H. Apsted, R. B. Hain, F. N. Hyman, C. Richmond and C. W. Jones.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 17, 1916

The races last Thursday were well attended, considering the busy time among the farmers. The races were well contested and passed off without special incident, except that a drunken jockey fell from his horse in the running and some people were sorry the poor simp didn't break his neck.

The Ledger is informed that three veterans of

the war of 1812 are buried in South Boston. Stories regarding them would be gladly received of anyone able to give them. Salsbury Negus, another veteran of the same war, is said to have been buried in East Lowell near the town line and the grave of still another, _____ Alcott is in the oldest part of Oakwood cemetery, Lowell. Let us have the facts concerning these and give "Honor to whom honor is due."

A renewal of Auld Lang Syne. An especially pleasant social event took place here this week Tuesday and Wednesday when Mrs. J. P. Mosher entertained fourteen ladies at a house party at her home on South Normal avenue. They were all former schoolmates at Lowell, Mich., and it is needless to say that it was an occasion that will be long remembered by all of them. The guests were Mrs. Blanche Schaffer of Detroit, Mrs. Geo. Tester of Toledo, Mrs. Charlie French of Stanton, Mrs. N. G. King of Lakeview, Mrs. Jake Schroder, Mrs. Bert Merriman, Mrs. Charlie Perkins, all of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Rudolph Van Dyke, Mrs. R. D. Stocking, Mrs. E. D. McQueen, Miss Cora Howe, Miss Annie Mayard and Miss Kathrine Mason, all of Lowell.—Mt. Pleasant Times.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 21, 1941

Whenever anything happens to a pet dog the entire neighborhood shows not only interest but real concern as well. The pet pooch at the Rutherford home on Hudson St. came up missing last Saturday night and was marked absent throughout all of Sunday, several of the neighbors joining the family in the search but with no luck until Monday morning when the missing dog was found in a car in the family garage. What happened to the interior of that car during the dog's imprisonment cannot be mentioned here. Suffice it to say Master Dickie Rutherford is rejoicing over having his pet back.

Did you ever stop to think of the many interesting things you could learn by chatting with the old timers? For instance, the other day we visited for a few minutes with Jay Carter and learned that he has been a resident of this community for his entire lifetime of 71 years. In his youth, Jay helped to lay the first rails on the P. M. between Lowell and Belding. His parents came to Lowell from York state in a covered wagon and that was before this town had a railroad.

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Flagpole installed as part of Eagle Scout project

submitted by Nancy Stroosnyder

Daniel Kane, of Boy Scout Troop #202 Caledonia, needed to come up with an idea for his Eagle Scout project. He and his father Robert approached Earl King, Squadron Commander of the Alto Sons of the American Legion, with his idea. They worked to put the details together as Kane then needed approval from the Boy Scouts of America, which was granted. The Sons agreed to fund the project, but also requested a grant from the Alto Downtown Development Authority which was approved. Kane's plan was to install a 20' flagpole with landscaping in the northeast corner of Veteran's Park in downtown Alto.

This past Saturday during periods of rain, Kane, along with six to eight scouts from his troop and half a dozen parents, got to work. Three inches of sod was removed and the ground leveled. The hole was dug and the pole support was sunk and cemented into the ground. Reynhout Landscaping donated the extra strength, heavy duty landscape mat. Earthworm Excavating donated their Bobcat and a load of stone to backfill the area. Butch and Sheila Nordhof donated the decorative concrete edging. The scouts finished the area with daylily plantings. The flagpole, complete with solar lighting, was installed on Sunday along with a silhouette of a kneeling

soldier that was donated by the Sons of the American Legion.

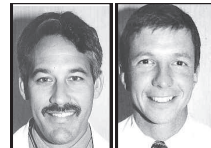
The final installation will be a memorial marker, with brass plaques for each

of the five military service branches, donated by the American Legion Auxiliary. A dedication ceremony will be held during Alto's Fall Festival on September 17.



Back row, left to right: Joey Shuster, Hans Chelesvig, Zack Snyder, Jacob Snyder, Will Shuster, Mary Frances Snyder, and Nathan Snyder; front row, left to right: Tyler Sheldon, Jacob Dunwoody, Colin Thomasma, Jared Gootjes, Daniel Kane, Ethan Gootjes, and Kevin Thomasma.

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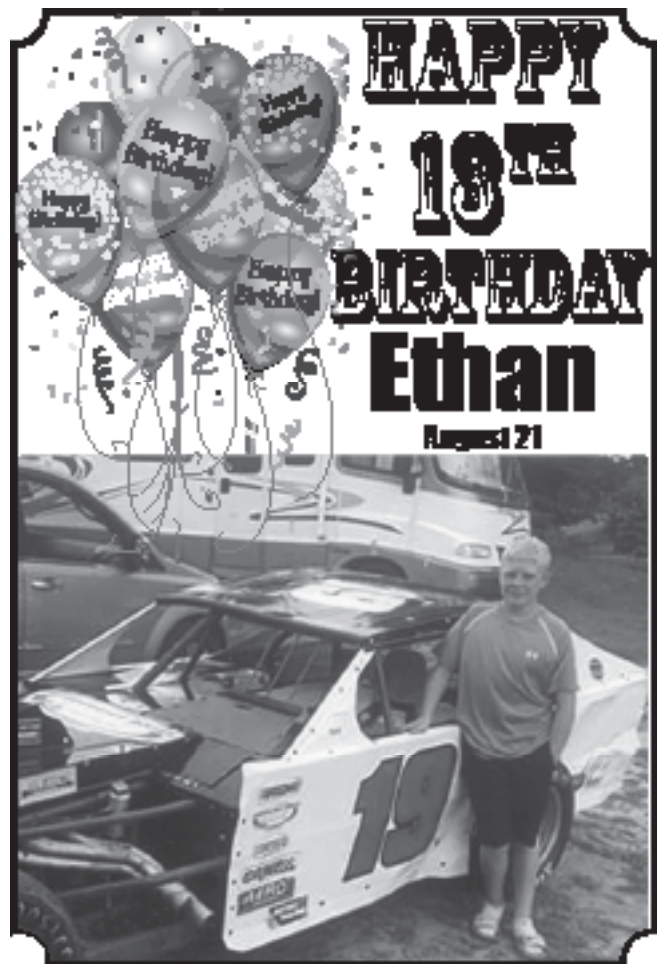
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The kidneys function as blood filters that drain waste products while retaining other valuable blood contents like protein. If these filters are damaged, they may initially become "leaky," and substances like protein seep from blood into the urine. At later stages, these filters slowly shut down and lose their ability to filter. When kidney impairment lasts for more than three months, it is called chronic kidney disease (CKD). This process ultimately results in decreased urine production and kidney failure.

Risk factors for development of CKD include high blood pressure, diabetes, age over 60 years, female sex, African

American ethnicity, obesity, high cholesterol, smoking and excessive salt intake.

CKD develops slowly with few symptoms. It is usually detected with a blood or urine test. For patients with diabetes, tight control of blood sugar is crucial. For people with high blood pressure, medical treatment with a goal of 120/80 or lower is recommended. Smokers need to quit smoking. Obese people need to exercise and lose weight. Dietary discretion is important: low salt diet, lower intake of cholesterol and saturated fats, and switching to better oils such as olive or canola. Patients who go on to develop severe CKD will be given the option of dialysis.



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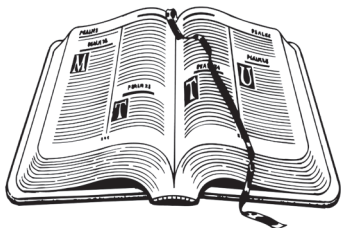
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college news

Grant Lardieri, of Ada, has been recognized for achieving academic distinction at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Lardieri, majoring in chemistry, was named to the dean's list at UMass Lowell for the spring 2016 semester.

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Youth fair livestock auction raises nearly \$608,000

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The livestock auction, an annual highlight of the Kent County Youth Fair, raised about \$608,000.

Getting underway at noon inside the Reath Barn in sultry weather conditions, auctioneers Jason Lamoreaux, Tim Zandbergen and Ryan Hanson led the auction well into the evening. When the sale officially closed at 8:30 pm buyers were treated to a dinner provided by fair sponsors Pinckney Hill Meat Company and prepared on site by The Smoking Pit.

Though the grand total this year failed to surpass last year's record-breaking total, KCYF President Jon Bieneman said the yearly outpouring of support for the young sellers is always overwhelming and appreciated. "I think the major story with the auction is simply the amazing support our exhibitors receive from so many businesses and individuals that come out and purchase animals. Each year the investment in the youth our buyers provide is really outstanding."

Some changes were necessary due to the sweltering 90-degree temperatures, according to Bieneman, who said they made the decision with the welfare of the animals in mind.

"Animal welfare and overall health is a major point of focus for us and we decided that it was in the best interest to not have any pigs

moved on the day of the sale due to the heat," explained Bieneman. "We heard many positive comments from our buyers regarding this change. Also, our exhibitors handled it well and even got creative in the sale ring."

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~ Jon Bieneman

The auction featured small animals first, including rabbits, poultry and goats. The second phase featured large animals, including pigs, sheep, feeder calves,

fresh gallons of milk and finally steers. Prize-winning animals were reserved for last in the "Sales of Champions" portion.

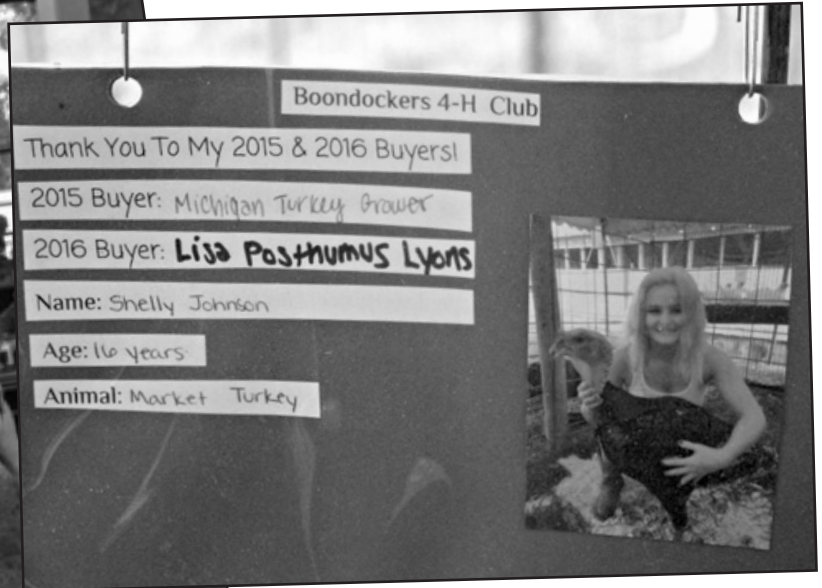


The Reath Barn was the site of this year's huge livestock auction.

Photo by Bruce Doll



Sellers eagerly line up behind the auctioneer for the chance to be rewarded for their efforts.



The barns at the KCYF were lined with thank you notes from sellers to buyers following the auction.



Position:	Owner, J&K Roadside Service
Residence:	4.5 acres in Lowell, land that belonged to his grandparents
Education:	Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa, Mich.
Experience:	Over 10 years towing experience
Family:	Married to Kristy Cupp; they have five children: Justice, Jason, Jennah, Devin, and Danica
Hobbies:	Movies (especially zombie movies), camping, auto racing
Pets:	Two pit bulls, two Yorkies, several cats and 31 chickens
Fun Fact:	Jason's grandparents, Earl and Bertena Cilley, owned "Earl's Train World" in Lowell

Flexibility and variety keeps the job interesting

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Jason Cupp is the owner of J&K Roadside Service, Lowell's most reliable towing service. Cupp has been in the towing game for over a decade. He worked for somebody else for a few years and finally went into business for himself.

"I've been towing for about 10 years in total," Cupp said. "I towed for R2C Towing for eight years. Before that, when I was about 18 years old, I towed for a friend of mine for a couple years. When R2C shut down I started doing tire changes, lockouts, everything but towing. I started J&K Roadside Service in March of 2012 and I started the towing portion of my company last August. There just wasn't enough business without adding tow trucks. I plan on hiring somebody in roughly September or October and I'm looking at buying another flatbed right now. Then I'll have two flatbeds on the road all the time and then the wrecker will be a backup truck. Winter is usually the busiest season."

J&K Roadside Service is a one man show, at this point he is the only employee. Cupp and the two trucks he owns are always on call for situations such as lockouts, jump starts, tire changes, fuel deliveries and, of course, towing.

"There is no other job that gives me the flexibility I am used to and need," Cupp said. "I love the rush. Going to accident scenes, working in the pouring rain, bitter cold, brutal heat, and then those beautiful perfect Michigan sunny days. Helping people is great also. A lot of people I know would say I'm not a people person, yet others would say I'm great. When I roll up on an accident, usually the customer is thinking, 'What am I going to do now?' The vehicle is a person's life, they can't live without it. I can 99 percent of the time calm them and reassure them of how the whole process is going to be handled. Some will get to deal with an insurance company, others will deal with just me. I will always suggest the best option for the customer if they only have basic PLPD insurance and work with them on the cost of the bill. No one needs to get ripped off. I figure it's also a good way to make a loyal customer. I'm only looking to make a comfortable living for myself and hopefully my employees."

People have car trouble and get into accidents every day, even on holidays. Cupp said most holiday calls come when the fun is over anyway, so it isn't a



big problem for him or his family.

"I'm on call constantly, 24 hours a day, even Christmas," Cupp said. "My family is used to it. It's usually not that bad on Christmas and Thanksgiving. You usually don't get calls until the evening. It's usually dead on Black Friday, even though everybody is out there on the road. I don't get it. You would think there would be something."

J&K Roadside Service is doing so well, Cupp said he plans to hire a second driver in the coming months.

"I'll be looking for another driver soon," Cupp said. "Definitely by fall. If they've never driven a tow truck before I have to teach them how before the snow flies. Paperwork is the hardest part to learn, making sure everything is correct and you haven't forgotten anything. Towing is the easy part. Once you get a little routine going with the truck, it's a cakewalk. Learning how to roll vehicles over or pull them out of a ditch at accident scenes, those take a little more finesse but you learn. If the person I hire is mechanically inclined, that will help out. My wife asked me if I would hire a woman. I have no problem with it. As long as she can do the job and handle what we

see, then yeah, no problem. I never want people to get into accidents, but that's where the money is. I had 12 fatal accidents last year. You have to be able to handle that aspect of the job."

When he isn't helping stranded people, Cupp spends as much time as possible relaxing with his wife and five children.

"Family is a huge piece of life to me," Cupp said. "My wife and kids are top priority. One of my other hobbies is movies. We watch a lot of movies. We just painted a semi trailer white, it's in our backyard. And we bought a projector. Last night was our second outdoor movie night. Granted, we are not playing what is currently in theaters. Heck, the first movie was 'World War Z.' Yeah, that's another thing, we're a zombie family. We love 'The Walking Dead!'"

Cupp is also apparently some kind of chicken savant. He has managed to keep a huge number of chickens alive and said soon he'll have "eggs coming out of [his] ears."

"We have 31 chickens," Cupp said. "We didn't think they'd all live. Normally they don't. You buy a bunch of them and you usually lose a bunch of them. We lost one. We bought 32 and lost one. I don't know how

we did it; I've never owned chickens before."

When he hops out of the tow truck, the very first thing one will notice about Cupp are the elaborate tribal tattoos that cover both of his arms. Cupp's tattoos are totally unique; the artist threw away the art after Cupp was inked.

"My first tattoo was part of the tribal tattoo on my arm when I was about 18 years old," Cupp said. "It's got circles and swirls in it, normal tribal tattoos don't look like that. I like being different. There isn't another tattoo like it, they destroyed the design."

J&K's company logo is based on Cupp's tattoos.

"I went to United Sign in Saranac," Cupp said. "I asked that lady for a design for my company. She saw my tattoos, came up with the design, showed it to me and I liked it."

Cupp strives to do good, honest work because word of mouth is very important when doing business in a small town. He isn't averse to doing simple roadside repairs or to drive somebody to the store to buy a battery and then deposit them back at their stalled vehicle, where he will then install the new battery.

"Lowell is a great place to do business," Cupp said. "I love Lowell. The people are good."



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Quilter finds distinct way of beautifying barren wall

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Local quilter Denice Barker brought her passion for the art outdoors in a unique way by converting a barren eyesore into an ArtPrize worthy masterpiece in her own front yard.

About a year ago, she and her husband Bruce moved into her hillside home on the east side of Lowell. Apart from the large retaining wall outside, Barker was pleased with her new address. Gray and oddly shaped, the wall couldn't go but she thought it needed a makeover.

According to Barker, "I had about three different ideas brewing and then I saw a picture of a quilt on Pinterest made to look like it was on a line."

She was drawn to the idea immediately as it tied in her passion for working with fabric. Working with artist friend Barb Schippa on the design, Barker sourced ideas and soon began making her idea a reality. Step one was selecting the patterns to be mimicked in paint. "I searched through my patterns, searched through my books and looked on the

internet for design and color ideas," said Barker.

After painting the entire wall a sky blue color Barker utilized the existing seams of the wall to paint the black lines that represent the clothesline of the mural. Barker, who works exclusively with hand-stitched applique, took the opportunity to paint quilting methods she doesn't do in cloth.

"I hate piecing. I only hand applique. I don't use a machine. I like to do it by hand. It's much more calming for me, so I thought this is where I get my points, this is where I do some geometric."

The result was a variety of painted quilts utilizing both types of process, including an Amish-style quilt, several quilts drawn using an overhead projector and several classic geometric designs.

Barker's favorite quilt has a black and white checkered pattern with a flower filled vase. "I love gingham. I just absolutely love gingham check. I picked that spot because I can see it from my bedroom window. I just love that one," said the local artist.



The transformed retainer wall boasts 18 individual hand-painted quilts.



Artist Denice Barker.

Another piece is fashioned after a quilt she made for her first grandson based on the Louie Armstrong standard "What a Wonderful World." The personal quilt also marked the first time she had worked without a pattern according to Barker, "I was just flying by the seat of my pants."

Painting birds on the lines took a long time, according to Barker, whose

pursuit of perfection had her erasing completed panels four times and starting over. She guessed that the project took 70 hours in total to complete, measuring that time in a peculiar way.

"I listened to four audio books, spent several Saturday mornings listening to my shows on NPR and went through about eight rolls of painter tape," she said laughing.

Barker said she is pleased with the finished product, "I love it! My husband even said the other night, 'This is just gorgeous!' I am glad to share it."

One panel has been left intentionally blank to help pass on her love of creating quilts to the next generation in her family. "I am saving that for my granddaughters," said Barker with pride.



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Youth talent highlighted during contest at the fair

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Saugatuck Center for the Arts (SCA) sponsored the 2016 Youth Talent Contest under the entertainment tent at the Kent County Youth Fair (KCYF) last week Monday, highlighting the dance, vocal, instrumental, tumbling and improvisational skills of fair exhibitors and the public age 19 and under.

Participants were divided into three age categories, ten and under, 11-13 and 14-19, prior to the competition which was emceed by local radio personality Aly Mac from B93.7. Nearly three dozen adolescents and teens took part in the competition,

judged by a panel of three, including SCA sales and marketing manager Angela Peavey who said the talent is always impressive at the popular annual event. "The talent show is always a must-see event at the fair every year."

Using a point system based on skill, stage presence, material, originality and technique, the judges assigned three winners in each age category awarding both ribbons and cash prizes. "We have a robust tally sheet with qualifications for points," explained Peavey. "Those with a higher score win."

The show began in the ten and under category

with a vocal performance from eventual second-place finisher Angela Oudbier who charmed audiences with her sweet voice and demeanor. Third-place honors were given to third-grade Cherry Creek Elementary student Jami Dilliner who made her singing debut on the KCYF stage. First-place was awarded to fellow vocalist Veronica Wendt who bravely fought stage fright before taking the stage for her performance.

In the talented 11-13 category, Pogo Stick trick master Mason Meadows wowed the audience and the judges jumping his way to a perfect score and a first-place finish. Competition



Aleiha Gates, Lindsey Garcia and Danielle Newell claimed the top spots in the 14-19 age group.



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Make Chicken the Centerpiece

Center your home-cooked meal around a hearty dish such as Pan Roasted Maple Dijon Chicken with Butternut Squash and Brussels Sprouts to ensure that some of your guests leave the table hungry. To find more main dish ideas for entertaining, visit ent.chickden.com.

Pan Roasted Maple Dijon Chicken with Butternut Squash and Brussels Sprouts

- Servings: 4
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 4 chicken thighs
 - 4 chicken drumsticks
 - 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 24 Brussels sprouts (about 8 ounces), bottom trimmed, outer leaves removed and halved

- 2 cups dried (1/2 inch) butternut squash
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

In a large pan large enough to hold chicken in single layer, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add chicken to pan, skin side down, and sauté about 4-5 minutes per side, or until chicken is browned. Remove chicken from pan and reserve. In same pan, add butter. Melt butter in melt cover medium heat. Add sprouts and sauté to pan and sauté, turning occasionally, until outside are golden brown, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from pan and hold separately from chicken.

Turn heat to high and add stock, syrup and mustard. Stir and bring to boil, stirring to scrape up brown bits on bottom of pan. Add chicken back to pan, cover and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook over medium-low heat 20-25 minutes, or until chicken registers 170 F with instant read thermometer. Add vegetables back to pan, cover again and cook another 10-15 minutes until vegetables are tender. Move chicken and vegetables to serving platter, placing vegetables around chicken. Turn heat to high and boil sauce until it is reduced and slightly thickened, about 1-3 minutes. Spoon sauce over chicken and serve.



Potatoes Perfect for a Party

Perfect as a crowd-pleasing appetizer or side dish at any festive party, simply grill or bake Wisconsin potatoes and top them with your favorite flavors, like bruschetta or a combination of ingredients such as Greek yogurt, cheese, herbs, olives and tomatoes. Find more potato recipes at www.wisconsinpotatoes.com.

Festive Potato Toppings

- Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6
- 3-4 medium Wisconsin russet or gold potatoes
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- Heat grill or oven to 400 F. Thinly slice potatoes lengthwise to 1/4-inch thick, discarding ends. Toss with olive oil, salt and pepper. Place on grill or preheated baking sheet in single layer. Cook 30 minutes on each side. Add toppings.

Topping Ideas

- Bruschetta:** In bowl, mix together 2 medium tomatoes diced, 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves, 2 slices minced garlic and 1 tablespoon olive oil and spoon on top of potatoes.
- Baked Potato:** In bowl, mix together 1/2 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt, 1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese, 2 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped, and spoon on top of potatoes. Garnish with 1 tablespoon chives.
- Mediterranean:** In bowl, mix together 1 container (6 ounces) feta cheese, 1 can (1/4 ounce) sliced olives, drained, 1 medium tomato sliced, salt and pepper, to taste, and spoon on top of potatoes.
- Creamy Greek Yogurt with Lemon and Herbs:** In bowl, mix together 1/2 cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, juice from 1/2 lemon, salt and pepper, to taste, and spoon on top of potatoes. Garnish with dill sprigs.



Better with Berries

When dinner settles, and you're gathering on a high note with Mixed Berry Shortcakes. These palate-pleasing pastries combine sweet strawberries and blackberries, fluffy biscuits and a dollop of ice cream. For more delicious dessert ideas, visit ent.chickden.com/entire-4-10.html.

Mixed Berry Shortcakes

- Recipe courtesy of Nestlé
- 2 pounds fresh strawberries, sliced (about 8 cups total)
 - 2 containers (6 ounces each) fresh blueberries (about 2 1/2 cups total)
 - 7 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
 - 2/3 cup buttermilk
 - 1/4 cup buttermilk Greek yogurt or sour cream
 - sparkling sugar (optional)

3-cup light Vanilla Dreyer's or Lily's Slow Churned Light Ice Cream

In large bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, stir gently. Let stand, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Heat oven to 425 F. Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, whisk flour, remaining granulated sugar, baking powder and salt, cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk and yogurt; stir just until moist dough forms. Turn dough onto floured work surface. With floured hands, knead 6-8 times until dough is smooth. With rolling pin, roll dough into 9-by-9-inch rectangle, or about 1/2-inch thick. Cut into six 2 1/2-inch squares. Transfer to prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with sparkling sugar. Bake 10-12 minutes, or just until golden. Transfer biscuits to individual plates; split open. Top each with about 1 cup berry mixture and 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream.



Angela Oudbier opened the show and claimed second in the 10 and under category.



Multiple year winner Aleiha Gates claimed first place in the 14-19 division.

Michigan remains above population rank on national sports participation list

For the eighth straight year, Michigan ranked seventh nationally in high school sports participation, according to statistics for the 2015-16 school year released recently by the National Federation of State High School Associations. That level of participation continued to best Michigan's national ranking for total number of residents of high school age, which remained ninth for the fourth consecutive year. Michigan also again ranked ninth or higher in participation in 26 of 28 sports in which the Michigan High School Athletic Association conducts a postseason tournament.

Michigan's participation ranking was based on a number of 295,436 with 126,160 girls and 169,276 boys taking part and included sports in which the MHSAA does not conduct postseason tournaments. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

The state's girls participation remained seventh nationally for the fifth consecutive year, while the boys participation figure continued to rank sixth. According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures from 2015, Michigan ranks ninth in both females and males ages 14 through 17.

For the second straight year, 13 sports bested the state's overall national participation ranking of seventh by placing sixth or higher on their respective lists. Six Michigan sports improved in national ranking during 2015-16, while three sports dropped one position.

Michigan girls bowling, girls tennis and girls and boys skiing all improved from fourth to third in national participation ranking, while wrestling improved to seventh and gymnastics one

spot to 11th. Michigan also moved up to eighth, from 11th, for 8-player football participation — significant because the state's 11-player football participation ranking didn't fall with that increase, remaining at sixth nationally.

The three sports that fell in national rankings in 2015-16 still remained above population rank — competitive cheer from fifth to sixth nationally, girls track & field one spot to eighth and baseball also from seventh to eighth on its list.

The other Michigan sports that ranked sixth or higher all equaled their national rankings from 2014-15 and included boys basketball at sixth, boys bowling third, boys golf and girls golf both sixth, ice hockey fourth, boys tennis fifth and girls volleyball fourth. Other Michigan sports that equaled their 2014-15 national rankings were girls basketball at seventh, boys and girls cross country both also seventh, boys lacrosse eighth, girls lacrosse 13th, boys and girls soccer both ninth, softball seventh, boys swimming & diving ninth, girls swimming & diving 10th and boys track & field also seventh.

National participation in high school sports in 2015-16 set a record for the 27th consecutive year with 7,868,900 participants — an increase of 61,853

from the year before. After a decline the previous year, boys participation increased about 25,000 to an all-time high of 4,544,574, while girls participation increased for the 27th consecutive year with an additional 36,591 participants and set an all-time high of 3,324,326.

Track and field registered the largest increase in participants nationally for both boys and girls, with an additional 12,501 boys and 7,243 girls. Track and field ranked second to football in boys participants with 591,133 and remained the most popular sport for girls with 485,969 participants. In addition to track and field, six other top 10 girls sports registered increases nationally in 2015-16, including volleyball, soccer, softball, cross country, tennis and lacrosse. After track and field among the top 10 boys sports, soccer registered the largest gain with an additional 7,753 participants, followed by cross country (up 6,710), basketball (up 4,949) and baseball (up 2,248).

Football (1,083,308) remained the most-played high school sport overall and enjoyed an encouraging development. After a decline of nearly 10,000 participants in football the previous year, the number of boys playing 11-player football nationally in 2015 was almost identical to 2014 with a drop of just 309 from the 2014 total of 1,083,617.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,400 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools

which enforce these rules which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments,

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.02, "USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT," OF CHAPTER 12A, "I-L LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-03 amending Section 12.02, "Uses permitted by right," of Chapter 12A, "I-L Light Industrial District," of Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on August 1, 2016. Ordinance No. 16-03 adds commercial kennels as a use permitted by right in the I-L Light Industrial Zone District. A copy of Ordinance No. 16-03 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 16-03 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Susan Ulery
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN SECURED BY THE LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL (the "City") intends to issue capital improvement bonds in a maximum amount of not to exceed \$3,500,000.

The bonds shall be used for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of (i) replacement of the main lift station and construction of a related gravity trunk sewer; (ii) construction of a watermain on South Broadway Street south of East Main Street to Bowes Street; (iii) construction of a sanitary sewer in alley south of East Main Street, a sanitary sewer along North and South Broadway Street to South Water Street and east along South Water Street; (iv) construction of a watermain along South Broadway Street from South Water Street to Bowes Street and west on Bowes Street to Maple Street; (v) replacement of Valley Vista lift station; and (vi) construction of watermain on North Broadway Street across East Main Street (collectively, the "Public Improvements"), all of which shall be located in the City.

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended ("Act 34").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on the bonds shall be payable from the general revenues of the City and shall be secured by the full faith and credit pledge of the City within applicable constitution, statutory and charter limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors of the City unless within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the limits of the City, shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34.

Susan Ulery
City Clerk

obituaries

ANDERSON

Florence A. "Fooz" Anderson, 84, of Elkhart, died Friday, July 8, 2016 at Hubbard Hill Estates. Fooz was born on February 10, 1932, in Lowell to Gerrit and Alice (Hirdes) Schreur. On February 20, 1953, she married Gordon J. Anderson. He survives. She is also survived by sons, Bruce M. Anderson (Debra), Erie, PA, and Mark B. Anderson (Marla), Goshen; grandchildren, Marcie, Kevin, Katie, Jonathan, Ellen, Samuel, and Grace; great-grandchildren, Aundrea and Adelle; sisters, Jean Wilterink, of Grand Rapids, and Gracia Veldman (James), of Byron Center. Fooz was preceded in death by a sister, Alfreda Small and brothers, Gerald and Bill Schreur. Fooz grew up in a large loving family which prepared her for a life of giving to others. She was a loving, faithful wife and supportive mother and grandmother. She was a capable homemaker and excellent cook. She used her talent and resources to help others in need and was quick to reach out to neighbors, friends, relatives, and fellow church members. She valued the people God put in her life and worked to nurture relationships. She was a committed Bible Study Fellowship teaching leader for many years. She loved hymns and took great comfort in these even in her last month. Most important was her relationship with God through Jesus Christ in whom she found salvation. Early in life she committed to reading and studying the Bible and particularly enjoyed the Psalms. The grass withers and the flowers fall: But the word of God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8 A memorial service took place on July 12, 2016. Memorial contributions may be sent to McCoy Memorial Baptist Church, Bible Study Fellowship, 19001 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78258-4019, the Ribbon of Hope at Elkhart General Hospital, 600 East Boulevard, Elkhart, IN 46516.



BLANDING

John William Blanding, age 88 of Lowell, finished his service here on earth Saturday, August 13, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice (2010). He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Christine Myers, David Blanding, Mark (Glenna) Blanding, and Kevin (Lori) Blanding; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Carolyn Brown; brother, Thomas Blanding; sister-in-laws, Sybil Robertson and Pudge Blanding; as well as nieces and nephews; and countless others whose lives were touched by his. A man of service, John Blanding spent close to sixty years serving as a church leader at Snow United Methodist Church. He was a member of the District Board of Missions in the Grand Rapids area for 20 years, eventually as president. Closer to home, he helped his children and grandchildren with any building or repair project that came along. He was happiest when he was working and helping others. The family will receive relatives and friends at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, on Friday, August 19, 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. John's life will be celebrated through a service on Saturday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell, Rev. Dan Duncan officiating. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783; Clark Retirement Community, 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506; or his beloved church, Snow United Methodist.



HANSHUE

Anita "Joyce" Hanshue (Griffeth, Limbacher), age 84 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, August 4, 2016. She was born on November 19, 1931 to Carl and Bertha Limbacher of Grand Rapids, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Hanshue; and her identical twin sister, Donna "Jean" Luce (Limbacher). Joyce graduated from South High School in Grand Rapids, MI, Class of 1950. She raised and showed German Shepherds and Dalmatians under the kennel name "Newsprint Dalmatians", winning top honors in the show ring as a professional handler for her dogs and others. Throughout her life, she served as Vice President of Grand Rapids Kennel Club, was on the Board of Directors and an Inspector of "Pony of Americas" (POA), and assisted in bringing the first POA into Michigan. She was a past member of the Michigan Cloverleaf Barrel Racers Assoc., and enjoyed rodeos. She volunteered her time at the Grand Rapids Republican Headquarters during the Reagan/Bush Campaigns. Joyce assisted her elderly friends to doctors appointments and on errands. She also volunteered as a "Cub Scout Mom" and 4-H Mom. Joyce worked as a Kelly Girl doing secretarial work, CNA, Antique shops and Birchwood Floral in Lowell. She enjoyed time with her friends of Kentree Polo Club, and was an assistant time-keeper for polo matches. She is survived and will be missed by her six children, Barton J. Griffeth, Curtis L. Griffeth, Byron "Ross"



(Tami) Griffeth, Dee Ann (Randy) Wilcox, Kerry L. Pry and Paula K. Griffeth; grandchildren, Scott A. Koster, Matthew J. Koster, Cara D. (Ryan) Wilcox-Green, Rachelle L. Wilcox, Cody J. Pry, Austin T. Pry, Frederick C. Griffeth, Margaret E. Griffeth; great-grandchildren Shane Koster, Wyatt Koster and Isabella Wilcox. She dearly loved her friends & family. Per her request, a private family service was held August 7, 2016. Joyce enjoyed animals of all kinds. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Humane Society of your choice.



LAMBERT

4/15/1970 – 8/7/2016
Stacie Sue (Story) Lambert passed away unexpectedly on August 7, 2016. The family will have a private memorial.

MCLAUGHLIN

Eileen Anna Gumser was born in Holland on September 2, 1928, to Arthur and Ester (VanOosterhaut) Gumser. Her early years were spent in Holland, where her favorite summer activity was swimming in Black Lake and people would pay her a nickel to watch her dive off the high board. She came to Lowell in 1939 to live with her uncle and aunt, Walter and Viola Gumser. She graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1946. Shortly before graduation, she met Darroll Edward McLaughlin at a school dance and on January 3, 1947, they were married. They were true partners in all they did for 34 years. For a few years she and Darroll tried farming north of Lowell but the economic growth in post WWII America presented other avenues. They moved into a small house in Lowell where she stayed from 1950 until 2012. Over those years she and Darroll took great pleasure in improving the house and making it a place that they could call home. Eileen prepared many great holiday meals for family and friends in this home, giving her the opportunity to express her joy for cooking. Throughout their lives together she and Darroll traveled across much of the United States. After Darroll's death in 1981, she continued to travel with charter tour groups and her son. From an early age Eileen loved reading, particularly historical and biographical subjects. In her home she surrounded herself with books and she served as a volunteer librarian in the Lowell Runciman Elementary School library. This love of books was recognized by the school librarian, Mrs. Hahn, and as the school district expanded Eileen was offered a position as the librarian in the Runciman building. This was a natural fit and from 1963 to 1990 she encouraged children to appreciate good books. One of her favorite activities as the librarian was reading to the kindergarteners and watching their reactions as she stirred their excitement in the stories she presented. At her retirement, several high school seniors wrote her notes expressing how much they enjoyed listening to her read to them. She always had fond memories of the children who passed through her library. On August 6, 2016, Eileen Anna McLaughlin, age 87, a lover of books, travel and learning, left this earth to join her husband. She was a loving, caring, and nurturing mother and grandmother who encouraged her son and grandson to explore possibilities and pursue opportunities. Eileen was preceded in death by her husband, Darroll; sisters, Lee Rankin of Hopkins and Hilda Schgarudas of Holland; and her aunt and uncle Viola and Walter Gumser of Lowell. She is survived by her son, Tim McLaughlin (Yeon Hong Min); and grandson, Wesley McLaughlin.



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Looking Back, continued

Kroger sells defense stamps. Initiating the sale of Defense Stamps in approximately 3,700 Kroger stores throughout the Middle West and South, Albert H. Morrill, president of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., purchases a stamp from Miss Ruth Yenke, Kroger clerk, who demonstrates how the stamps are to be pasted in albums which also are available in the stores. Ten and 25-cent stamps will be sold by the retail stores.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Aug. 18, 1966

The Monday night storm and threat of tornados caused only minor damage in Lowell. Several citizens along with police observed a tornado cloud formation headed this way, and youth at the 4-H Fair sought shelter at the King Milling Co. The cloud formation broke up before it got to this community and the threat disappeared.

Starting Tuesday, September 6, members of the Lowell Police Department will start issuing tickets to motorists and pedestrians who are caught doing an act of "courtsey." This Courtsey and Safety Week, September 4 through 19, is being sponsored by the Moose Civic Affairs Committee, in cooperation with the Lowell Police Department and the City Council. The tickets given out will be redeemable at the Lowell Moose Lodge for \$2.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 21, 1991

Lowell's American Cancer Society Lock-Up raises \$6,500 toward research and education. Its goal was to lockup cancer forever, without giving it a chance for parole.

Lowell hosted its second American Lock-Up on Aug. 13-15. This year the event raised \$6,500 toward the services available for those suffering from the disease, and toward cancer research and education. "I was very happy with the final results," said Lowell's Cancer Society lockup chairman, Terri Robinson. The American Cancer Society's Great American LockUp allowed for anyone to be arrested. All a person had to

do was give the Cancer Society the name and location of the person they wished to have "locked-up" and the Cancer Society came and arrested that individual and took that person before a judge. The "judge," a local resident, then set bail for the person. The person was then asked to solicit help from friends and family to raise bail. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. The money is used for research and education to help patients suffering from this disease advance. "For every dollar donated, 40 cents goes to the national office for research," said Tami Ellenbaas, Director of the Kent County Great American Lock-Up.

The looong wait is over. Fun Street upgrading work to start in the fall. After years of politicking, the monies are finally in place to widen, grade and pave over all the concerns and bumps of Fun Street. The governmental units, while agreeing with residents that something needed to be done with Fun Street, differed as to how the work should be paid for. Last week, the final chapter in this never-ending saga was written, when the Kent County Road Commission managing director, Jim Porritt, agreed to the City's demand that the County pay for 72.5 percent of the pavement cost. In actuality, to pay for the 27.5 percent it relieved Lowell Township from. "No! I'm not surprised by the County's decision. In the long run it saves the County money to pave Fun Street. It would have been much more expensive to upkeep a gravel road," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasqaule said. He added that work on Fun Street should start in the fall. After relieving Lowell Township of any further financial responsibility after it agreed to pay 27.5 percent for Fun Street's widening and graveling, the County asked the City to split the cost of asphaltting with the Road Commission. The City said "no" it would not pay the Township's share, it wasn't the one who relieved the Township of its responsibility. The estimated cost for paving the road was \$10,800. The City will only pay 27.5 percent of that. The estimated cost to widen and gravel Fun Street was \$41,802. The City and Lowell Township will each pay \$11,495.55, leaving the Road Commission with \$18,810 to pay. Fun Street serves residents in the City of Lowell, Lowell Township and one home in Vergennes Township.

Lowell's Ford and Raymor place at Danish Festival. Becky Raymor and Kristen Ford performed at the Danish festival Annual Talent Show in Greenville on Thursday, August 15, 1991. In the 9 and under Solo, Becky, 8, daughter of Terry and Nancy Raymor, took 1st place with a baton routine to "Hot, Hot, Hot". Kristen, 8, daughter of Bob and Mary Ford took 2nd place with a tap and jazz routine to "Just Like Romeo & Juliet". Both were presented with Ribbons and T-Shirts.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of
RITA GOZZI
Guardianship File No.
16-199,642-GA,
Conservatorship File
No. 16-199,641-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including children of RITA GOZZI, 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 AUGUST 31, 2016, at 1:30 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: August 13, 2016

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

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

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of
PEDRO MATEO
Guardianship File No.
16-199,636-GA
Conservatorship File
No. 16-199,638-CA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including children of PEDRO MATEO, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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- The Deputy City Clerk is responsible for assisting the City Clerk in the day to day operations for the City of Lowell which includes both statutory and non-statutory duties, including record retention, preparing agendas, minutes and other materials for meetings, planning and zoning administration, conducting elections, social media and website administration. The work is performed under the supervision of the City Clerk. The employee is expected to demonstrate considerable independent judgment and knowledge in performance of assigned duties.
- Possession of an associate's degree in public or business administration or three years of relevant experience is required.

This is a full-time position (33 hours) with a salary range of \$16.60 - \$21.58 per hour. Please send cover letter and resume by email to lgerard@ci.lowellmi.us or submit documentation by mail or in person to City of Lowell, Attn: Lori Gerard, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331. Selected candidates must undergo a criminal background check and testing prior to start date.

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15. Beautiful, in Spanish
16. Overthrow an argument
17. It comes with or without seeds
18. "____ for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost"
19. *Ingalls' homestead setting
21. *a.k.a. American bison
23. Junior
24. Tom, not Tabby
25. Cathode-ray tube
28. Deity, in Sanskrit
30. Belonging to Cree, e.g.
35. Cambodia's neighbor
37. *An outlaw does it to his horse
39. Zzzz
40. Miners' passage
41. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' guitarist Benmont
43. "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
44. Angers
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AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 16

- At the time of publishing, the 2016 Rio Olympics three front runners in gold medals are USA 82, China 48 and Great Britain 44.
- Amusement rides are seemingly becoming riskier. In Kansas City, the 12-year-old son of a Kansas state lawmaker died on a water slide that is billed as the world's largest. Then, a week later, in Tennessee three children fell 40 ft. from a faulty ferris wheel.
- Republican Donald Trump to receive national security briefings customarily provided to presidential nominees, this week from intelligence officials.
- Flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, claims its ninth victim and records more than 20,000 rescues. Also in Kalamazoo, Michigan, heavy rainfall causes street closures.

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50. Display displeasure
52. Word for a nod
53. Oration station
55. Type or kind
57. *____ Murrieta, a.k.a. the Robin Hood of El Dorado
61. *Cowboy's biannual trip
65. Loathing
66. Flying saucer
68. Oceanic trenches
69. Caffeine-containing nut tree, pl.
70. Hard to escape routine
71. Hanukkah coins
72. At one time, formerly
73. "____ he drove out of sight..."
74. "The Waste Land" poet
25. *Corps of Discovery explorer
26. Half of diameters
27. Works hard
29. Whoopi Goldberg's opinion, e.g.
31. Pac Man's blue ghost
32. 1970s disco band "____ M."
33. Mountain ridge
34. *Corps of Discovery explorer
36. Kind of cell
38. Shade of beige
42. Sunny prefix
45. Stonecrops
49. Chi forerunner
51. Programmer's clumsy solution
54. Accustom
56. Strike a pose, in church
57. "Knock-Knock," e.g.
58. O in b.o.
59. Pains
60. African tea
61. Memorization by repetition
62. Kosher establishment
63. "If it were ____ me..."
64. Attention-getting sound
67. *Trading post ware

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1. *Wyatt or Virgil
2. Tennis serving whiz
3. Lowest brass instrument
4. Lady's pocketbook
5. Retread, past tense
6. *Homesteader's purchase, sing.
7. *Hudson's ____ Company
8. Naked protozoa
9. State of irritation
10. Karenina or Kournikova
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Fair comes to an end, continued

The 2016 KCYF Royal Court was selected by process of written and oral presentations. The crowning took place Sunday evening as part of the opening ceremony. The 2016 royal court members included: Allie Ouendag, Brittney Perry, Makenna Church and Lexi Lameraux.

The carnival midway and food court opened on Monday as well as daily activities including the newly expanded Ag Adventure area.

“This year we increased our Ag Adventure area and it was a great success that drew a lot of attention. There was so many fun educational and interactive displays. Visitors could milk our replica cow, watch chicks hatching, pick apples in our interactive orchard and learn so much about the agricultural world in and around Kent County,” according to Bieneman.

Another popular daily event was the brand new “Ninjas on the Move” course on Burch Field. Sponsored by Branch Adventures, Impact Church and Lowell

Kids Games and operated by American Ninja Warrior protege Drew Struckmeyer, the course saw hundreds of eager visitors ready to take on iconic obstacles like the quintuple steps and the warped wall. “The participation was fantastic! It was awesome to see 300 kids, teens and adults go through a brand new experience. While some completed the obstacles and others needed help, they all became Ninjas,” said Struckmeyer, who said he hopes to continue the event in 2017 so he can share the emerging sport with even more people.

Under the entertainment tent fairgoers gathered to watch a variety of performances, including live music from Midwest Dueling Pianos, Bob Marshall Band and Steam Powered Bluegrass. It was also the site of judged performance arts competitions, a youth fashion show and the popular youth talent contest, featuring dancing, singing, instrumentals and improv.

Over in the Reath

Barn fairgoers were able to participate in the livestock auction, livestock competitions and judging, line and square dancing. The country karaoke with Diva Productions was won by vocalist and Lowell High School student Archer Pina who sang Josh Turner’s “Your Man.”

Pina said he got involved in the fair this year performing on three separate occasions because he loves to bring and feel joy through his performances. “I always jump at any chance I can to be able to play music for people. I love the feeling of being able to play and maybe get the chance to brighten people’s days with my music.”

Other events included Knockerball, Chase’s Racing and Swimming Pigs, the antique tractor pull, the Meijer children’s barnyard, the Liberty Trailer Project and the Princess Tea Party, featuring the KCYF Royal Court. Fair exhibitors also participated in daily showmanship and skill demonstrations with their animals. The top exhibitors participated in the sweepstakes competition where the top 22 entrants compete in a



Fair rides continue to run as storms loom on Friday afternoon.

point-based evaluation to be named the best of the best. Sweepstakes winners for 2016 were Paige Vanderwey and Tess Reagan, both from the Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club.

With so many highlights KCYF vice president Bruce Doll said it was difficult to choose just one, but shared a touching moment from the fair’s “Handi-Capable day” sponsored by Cathy Hesche and family, featuring an exclusive carnival experience and lunch for special needs individuals. “We served 350+ friends

lunch on handi-capable day. We met Gabe there, a little baby boy with a fatal very rare disease, a group of us prayed over this little boy and his mother, not a dry eye in the bunch,” related Doll.

For Bieneman, the highlight remains the same year after year.

“For me, the highlight was watching all of the comradery, friendships and memories being made all week long. Whether it was exhibitors hanging out in the barn, kids running

around the carnival or a little kid petting an animal, the joy and fun is always what sticks out to me. There is something for everyone to do all week long and it is such a positive environment. Our fantastic group of volunteers made sure that everyone who visited us at the fair could have a great time. While the weather did not always cooperate, there were a whole lot of great memories made at the 2016 KCYF.”



“Knockerball” drew players for some soccer like orb fun on Burch Field.



Kids enjoy the corn box inside the newly expanded informational barnyard “Ag Adventure.”



Fairgoers learn to square dance inside the Reath Barn Saturday night.



Prospective ninjas took to the “Ninjas on the Move” course on the fairgrounds.



The best of the best fair exhibitors in the junior (jr) and senior (sr) divisions, first row: senior champion Paige Vanderwey and junior champion Tess Reagan of Alto Active Achievers; second row: sr Rachel Yonker (Happy Hoppers), sr Courtney Ford (Alto Active Achievers), jr Melody Hawkins (Cherry Valley Livestock), jr Ivan Reynolds (South Boston), jr Stephanie Vickers (Happy Hoppers), jr Natalie Perrin (Lowell Livestock), jr Clarissa Hirsch (Byron Center Busy Workers), jr Emma Brady (A Canterring Commotion), jr Ellery Droog (South Kent), sr Kristen Blasher (Lowell Livestock) and sr Kristen Burkhardt (Milky Way 4H); third row: jr Christiana Heikoop (Dog Sports), jr Anna Wehler (Denim N Dust), sr Elizabeth Diemer (Country Cowboys), sr Nicole Schruer (Byron Center Busy Workers), jr Trent Dutcher (Lowell Livestock), sr Marc Langlois (Working Paws), sr Kimberly Pant (Sparta Livestock), sr Cassie Perrin (Lowell Livestock) and sr Jacqueline DeBlaay (Showcase Riders).