

Behind The Scenes



page 16

lara donation



page 3

sizzlin' concert



page 8

Lhs sports

page 11

Health fair collects blood donations, offers fun activities and debuts Pink Arrow shirts for 2016

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The Pink Arrow Health Fair on the Riverwalk was the first chance to buy the new Pink Arrow Pride IX t-shirt and sales were booming. The event on Thursday, Aug. 18 also presented free food on the grill, ice cream from the CaBus, a bouncy slide, games, live music and a blood drive with four buses from Michigan Blood on hand.

The Health Fair was the first opportunity to purchase this year's "Arrow Force IX" t-shirt. Volunteers were able to personalize the shirts on site.

"We are putting the names of the people that they're honoring on the back of the shirts," said Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Donna Miller. "The names of people

who are survivors and others who have lost their battle. A lot of people put more than one name on because they know too many people who have had cancer."

Michigan Blood had four buses at the Pink Arrow Health Fair. Their goal was to extract 117 units of blood from attendees.

"We've got four buses, 20 staff and we're rocking and rolling," said Nate Stadt from Michigan Blood. "This

Saginaw location and two from Grand Rapids. All of this blood will be processed at our main center and go out to the hospitals for patients in need."

Out of the 125 people who attempted to donate blood, 100 were able. The great turnout, in turn, means Michigan Blood will be sending a check in the amount of \$1,250 to Gilda's Club of Lowell.

There was live music from bands comprised of students at the Luc James Music Studio in Ada, where they involve local youngsters in music lessons similar to the film "School of Rock."

Pink Arrow Health Fair, continued, page 9

"We're very, very pleased with the turnout."

~ Teresa Beachum

is my first time in Lowell. It's amazing. This is the only place we go to that has four buses. We have one bus from our Traverse City location, one from our



Michigan Blood had four vans and 20 phlebotomists at the event.

LEAD continues to work on correcting biodigester odor problems over the weekend

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The company that runs Lowell's biodigester said that odor problems were fixed last weekend. Lowell Energy AD, the company that owns and operates the facility, announced an end to odor problems

after a technician from Germany flew in and repairs were completed. The biodigester's neighbors have been complaining about rancid odors emanating from the facility since it opened at 615 Chatham St. in 2015. LEAD

and Lowell Light & Power have regularly reassured residents that there would not be an odor problem or that fixing such a problem would be easy.

"There is no odor outside, either from the burning or from any of the

waste that comes in there," former Lowell Light & Power general manager Greg Pierce said in Feb. 2015. "It does smell inside the facility, but you don't smell anything outside. And it's not even the manure that you smell inside the facility, it's the F.O.G. [fats, oils, greases]." [The Lowell Ledger Feb. 4, 2015]

"We knew we might have some odors, but the extent of how bad they would be or how significant they might be nobody could predict," LEAD principal Greg Northrup said in Sept. 2015. [The Lowell Ledger Sept. 16, 2015] "But we watched it and we were dealing with it in a way that we think is very responsible to what needs to be done to run a facility at the level that we want, in terms of the quality that we would expect. [...] We had a test done by Advance Environmental Services. They're a firm that does testing of indoor air quality by a certified industrial hygienist. We just got the

results yesterday and we're totally in compliance with OSHA standards. We're significantly below what the standard requires."

The issue came to a head at a two-hour long Lowell Light & Power board meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The board room at Light & Power headquarters was packed with local residents who said they were fed up with the excruciating stench they have to deal with every minute of every day. They wanted to know why it was taking so long to make the repairs, the technical details of the repairs and to air complaints and grievances. Tempers flared as residents engaged and challenged Northrup and the Light & Power board.

"Why are we not shutting this down until we have a better idea how to run this facility," one man said. "You [Northrup] clearly just said you're not an expert. You don't know how to run

Correcting the odor problem, continued, page 7



A technician from German company Baur Folien GmbH at work on the biodigester on Saturday, Aug. 20.

50 CENTS



Sizzlin' summer movie will wrap up summer season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, along with 29

community sponsors, invite the public to celebrate the close of the 2016 Lowell

Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Movie Night along the Riverwalk Saturday, Aug. 27. The annual Sizzlin' Summer

Debuting in 2014 the event has previously played both "Grease" and the animated gem "Up" on the giant air filled display screen in front of the historic Showboat.

is originally based on a 1993 children's book of the same name. The movie was the runner-up in last year's public vote, is rated PG and has a running time of 108 minutes.

The family comedy "Night at the Museum" will be the feature film for this year and will begin at dusk, roughly 8:45 pm. The free feature stars Ben Stiller as a night watchman at a history museum who discovers the exhibits come to life at night. Co-starring with Stiller are Owen Wilson, Dick Van Dyke and the late Robin Williams. The funny action fantasy, from 2006,

Bring chairs and blankets for comfortable lawn seating. Bleacher seating is also available. Members of The Lowell Area Historical Museum will be on site selling popcorn and refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, a rain date of August 28 has been selected at the same time and location.

July LPD Stats

According to recently released statistics, Lowell police department made 34 arrests during July. These arrests included three for drunk driving, nine for driving with a suspended license, seven for outstanding warrants and 13 that are described in the police department's information as "other arrests."

conduct calls, three dog complaints and 11 assaults. Lowell police issued 14 citations and notified 28 residents about ordinance violations. They were called to "assist" 72 times and were dispatched to ten accidents. Out of 67 traffic stops they let 56 drivers go with just a warning.

Lowell police installed interactive speed signs on Tuesday, July 26.



Lowell police responded to plenty of misdemeanors during July as well. There were 16 larceny calls, one breaking and entering complaint, two calls for malicious destruction, six disorderly

...
Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

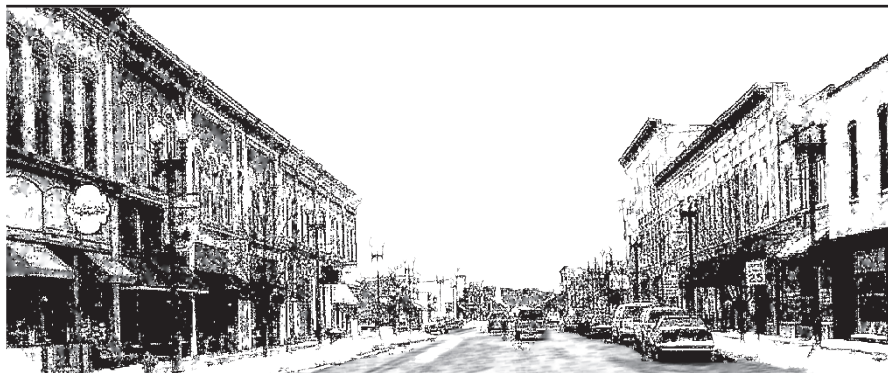
~ George S. Patton

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER

No restrictions. Available for everyone. Also vaccinations, tests and parasite control

Call 897-8865

www.spayneuterexpress.com



along main street

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!

OPEN TABLE

Lowell's Open Table is now serving free weekly meals to residents of the greater Lowell community. Join them on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a hearty, homemade meal. Located in the First Congregational Church of Lowell, UCC, 865 Lincoln Lake SE.

LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

Cancer Wellness Program for any cancer survivor. Free of charge. Monday and Wednesday's, 10:45 am - 12 pm. Class starts Mon., Sept. 12. Space is limited, call 855-9570.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

FLAT RIVER ELECTRIC, LLC

- * Residential
- * Multi-Family
- * Commercial

www.flatriverelectric.com

Email: Info@flatriverelectric.com

616.987-0596



Family Dentistry Since 1994

- Gentle Dentistry for Children & Adults
- Immediate Emergency Treatment
- Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening
- Preventive Care
- Extractions/Broken Tooth Repaired
- Dentures (Same Day Repair)
- Implants
- Insurance Plans Accepted

Accepting New Patients

"Gentle & Painless Dentistry Is Our Goal"

Hours:

Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Judd T. Carroll D.M.D.
103 East Main • Lowell, Michigan
(616) 897-7595
www.juddcarrolldentistry.com

A-1 MOBILE ROOF-OVER SYSTEM

Michigan's Oldest and Finest Roof Replacement System

FREE ESTIMATES

12x60 \$3280 **Installed** 14x70 \$3980

Conserves Energy • Made in Michigan

1-800-872-2089

www.mobilehomeroofs.com

WINDOWS/SIDING DOORS/INSULATION/GUTTERS

SAVE 50% OFF

HEATING/COOLING BILLS GUARANTEED!!!

SAVE 10% OFF WITH THIS COUPON

897-7380 www.allweatherseal.com

219 E. Main Lowell

All-Weather Seal



LEDGER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 5 pm
 P.O. Box 128
 Lowell, MI 49331
 897-9261

Friday: 8 am - Noon
 Closed Sat. & Sun.

the lowell ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$25 a year for zipcodes beginning with 483 or 495; \$38 a year any other zip code.

Deadline for display advertising is Friday at Noon
Deadline for classified advertising is Monday at 5 pm

Jon Jacobs Publisher
 Jeanne Boss Editor
 Tim McAlister Lead Reporter
 Kathryn Almond Contributing Reporter
 Tammy Janowiak Classified/Accounting
 Jon Jacobs Advertising Sales

(616) 897-9261

email: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday
 POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Lowell Ledger
 PO Box 128 - Lowell, MI 49331
www.thelowellledger.com

Lowell DDA donates \$35,00 to LARA for trail project

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority held a special meeting at noon on Thursday, Aug. 18. The purpose of the meeting was to correct a mistake made at their Aug. 4 meeting when they tabled a motion after DDA board member Dean Lonick requested changes to it. After some discussion

the DDA board donated \$35,000 to the Lowell Area Recreation Authority for a trail project.

The meeting lasted just under 14 minutes and was attended by about ten people, most of whom are involved with the city in some capacity. Those in attendance included DDA board members Cliff

Yankovich, Mike Larkin, Rita Reister and April McClure, Lowell mayor Jeff Altoft, police chief Steve Bukala; LARA board members Betsy Davidson and Mark Anderson; and interim city manager Dave Pasquale. DDA board members Mike Sprenger, Brian Doyle and Lonick were absent.

"I'm not an expert on Robert's Rules of Order but I know we left a motion and a second hanging there," said DDA board chair Jim Reagan. "Dean [Lonick] wanted to amend it and we didn't really vote on his amendment."

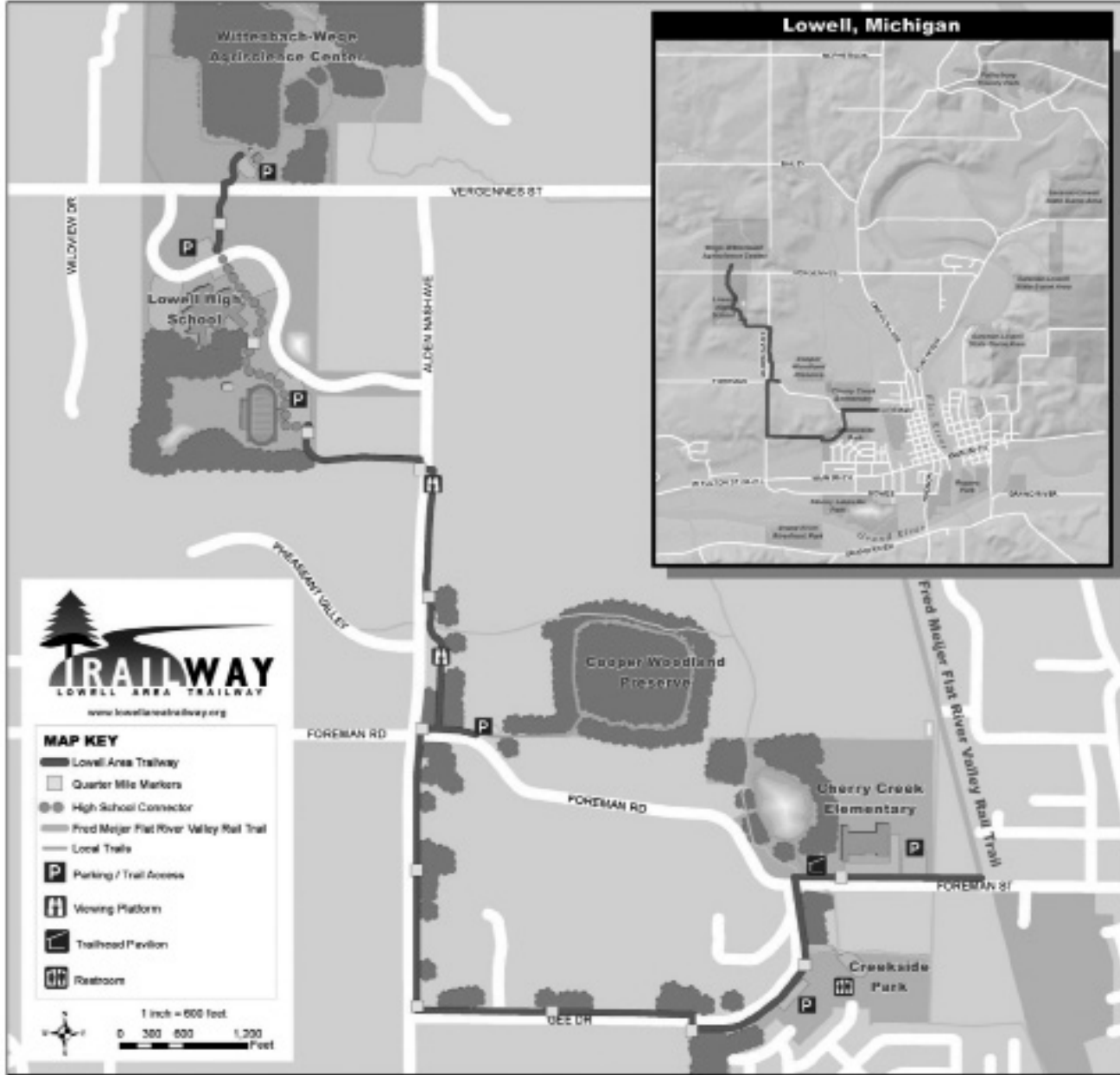
Back at the Aug. 4 DDA meeting, Lonick, owner of Michigan Wire,

1016 N. Monroe, placed a few conditions on his vote for donating the money. During that meeting the board tabled the motion when technically they were supposed to vote it down, create a new motion and table that one. The LARA board is going to use the \$35,000 donation to extend and connect local trails. These plans have been in the works since 2009. Trails are big in Lowell. The headquarters of the North Country Trail Association are at 229 E. Main St. in

downtown Lowell. The North Country Trail is 4,600 miles long and passes through seven states.

"We have made some modifications to the trail plan since 2009 and are in process of updating the plan," LARA board member Davidson said in an email to the Ledger.

The DDA board's next regular meeting will be at noon on Thursday, Sept. 8. The LARA board's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 6 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 14.



A map outlining the plans to expand and connect Lowell's extensive trail system.

WANTED

HOMES THAT NEED ROOFING™

A select number of homeowners in the area will be given the opportunity to have a lifetime Erie Metal Roofing System installed on their home at a reasonable cost.

Call today to see if you qualify. Not only will you receive the best price possible, but we will give you access to no money down bank financing with very attractive rates and terms.

Ask how an Erie Metal Roof will keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, saving on energy bills.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE.

Call Now!

1-800-952-3743

www.ErieMetalRoofs.com

Main Street BBQ hosts Pink Arrow competition

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Barbeque lovers and Pink Arrow supporters will converge on September 10 when Main Street BBQ hosts their first annual Pink Arrow barbeque competition which will double as the business' one year anniversary celebration.

Main Street BBQ will kick off the amateur competition at noon, behind their brick and mortar at 210 East Main Street, serving their own succulent BBQ and drinks. According to owner Erin VanEpps, "We will have a large tent in the new city parking lot. We

will have beer and wine and Main Street BBQ will have food. It is \$10 to enter the tent, which includes one food ticket. Additional beer, wine and food tickets will be available for purchase."

All proceeds from the admission fee will benefit Pink Arrow. VanEpps said she and the staff are pleased to continue their support of the flagship community cause. "We started supporting Pink Arrow from the day we opened. It is a great cause that touches so many. We love the sense of community it brings."

There are still a few openings available at this time for those wishing to enter into the amateur only competition. Applications and complete rules are available at the restaurant. Entries will be judged in the categories of brisket, pork shoulder, pork ribs and chicken by a panel of barbeque professionals in a blind taste test with cash prizes awarded in each. The event will also host a BBQ eating competition featuring Red Arrow football alumni.

...

We do not remember days, we remember moments.

~ Cesare Pavese

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

Elementary Open House Schedule • Fall 2016

ALTO ELEMENTARY
Alto Elementary "Meet Your Teacher" Open House
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
4:30-6:00 pm

BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY
Bushnell Elementary "Meet Your Teacher" Open House
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
5:00-6:30 pm

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY
Cherry Creek Elementary "Meet Your Teacher" Open House
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
5:00-6:30 pm

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY
Murray Lake Elementary "Meet Your Teacher" Open House
Tuesday, August 30, 2016
5:00-6:45 pm

business directory

another View

The Ledger's op-ed space provided to accommodate a variety of viewpoints, interests and articles submitted by our readers

How the North Grand River Riverfront Park came to be

submitted by
Maryalene LaPonsie
Lowell Leads the Way

Do you ever wonder how our local parks are created? It's a process that can take decades and involve dozens of people from government officials to local residents. The community is witnessing that process right now as Lowell Township puts the finishing touches on plans for its latest park.

Here's an inside look at the story of the North Grand River Riverfront Park.

Park more than a decade in the making

Jerry Hale, current supervisor for Lowell Township, credits former supervisor John Timpson with the idea of creating a park on the north side of the Grand River. "His dream was always to have a bridge across the river," he says.

In 2003, the township completed the South Grand River Riverfront Park which had been developed under the direction of Timpson. However, the prospect of connecting that park to the north side of the river seemed questionable, especially since the township didn't own the property there.

Or at least they didn't until an 11-acre parcel became available in a tax sale. "Municipalities have first choice [to purchase] at tax sales if it's for public use," Hale explains. And the township board jumped at the chance to buy it.

Local businesses and benefactors step up with funds

However, 11 acres doesn't make for much park space so Hale set out to find a way to expand the property.

Local businessman Sam Noon owned the adjoining property and after hearing about the township plans, he was agreeable to selling 20 acres at a price well below the market value.

Noon wasn't the only businessman onboard with the park. Hale found many local companies were happy to offer support, with one owner beckoning him to the backroom so he could write a check on the spot.

Beyond the business owners, others began to take notice of the township plans. Donations began to roll in from a number of private citizens, including a \$100,000 anonymous contribution from a township resident. Meanwhile, another resident heard about the park and promptly donated all the materials needed to build a gaga pit, an enclosure used to play a form of dodge ball.

State funding seals the deal

While money was coming in from local sources, it was only a drop in the bucket for the \$3.8 million total cost of the project. Of that, \$2.5 million was needed to pay for the bridge to connect the new park to the existing one south of the Grand River.

As the township grappled with how to cover this expense, news of the project traveled to Lansing. One day, Hale found himself surprised by a visit from Senator Dave Hildenbrand, who represents the township in the Michigan Senate. He had heard the bridge would be delayed to a later phase of construction until the money could be raised. "He stopped by and said, well maybe I can help you move that up," Hale remembers.

True to his word, Hildenbrand returned to Lansing and began working with the Michigan Department of Talent and Economic Development to determine whether any grant funds could be accessed for the bridge. He was able to secure a \$2.5 million grant which was announced earlier this year and Hale has since been invited to give a presentation to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board with the hope that perhaps more money will be earmarked for the project.

Still work to be done

Despite the state money and funds from local businesses, Hale says the township still needs to raise another \$300,000 in private donations. To raise money,

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Another View,
continued, page 6

FRY DADDY'S
808 West Main Street
Lowell, MI 49331
897-FISH Fish Served
Wine Beer
GARDEN STUMP
DAILY SPECIALS
NOW OPEN SUNDAY 3-8
SUNDAY/MONDAY SPECIAL:
FOLLOCK BASKET \$4.99!!!
Best Fish In Town!!!

Rich's Service Co.
In-Home Appliance Repair
Dryer Vent
Cleaning
INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARAGE DISHWASHERS • STOVES • DISHWASHERS
209 E. Main St. **RICH CURTIS**
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

KIRK COLLINS
Owner
Showboat
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.
Auto Value
1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
Hours: Mon - Fri 9-7, Sat 9-5:30, Sun 9-3

THE LAURELS
OF KENT
A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
• Rehab Services • Respite Stays
• Long Term Care • Palliative Care
Able to admit 24/7
350 North Center Street
Lowell, Michigan
616-897-8473 or
616.292.1031
www.laurelsokent.com

BILL WHEELER
Certified Public
Accountant
W.J. WHEELER MICHIGAN
103 Riverside Dr.
Lowell, Michigan 49331
616-897-7711

Arctic Inc.
Heating & Cooling
• Heating & air conditioning • All types boilers & water heaters
• Gas • Thermal systems • Forced air heat • Steam radiators
• Walk in coolers • Ductwork • Insulation
Sales, Service and Installation, Heating, Air Conditioning
616-897-4123

**Eckman Landscape
Construction**
Hard Scapes • Brick Pavings •
Boulder Walls • Retaining Walls •
Decks • Fences • Tractor Services •
Back • Mulch
Joe Eckman, owner
Lowell
810-892-2888
joe@eckman99@yahoo.com

**LAMPLIGHT
GRILL**
Steak Burgers
DOWNTOWN IONIA
lamplightionia.com
616-223-2233

**PRATT'S TREE
SERVICE LLC**
Licensed and Insured
616.821.9686
Services include:
Trimming • Tree Removal
Free Estimates

**WE SHIP
UPS**
The Buyers Guide
105 N. Broadway Lowell

TO ADVERTISE
in the
LEDGER
BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Call 616.897.9261

**TOWNSHIP OF
VERGENNES
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES,
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OF A PUBLIC
HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL
OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL
FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

To be held before the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes on September 19, 2016 at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671.

The hearing is on a request from Envision Engineering LLC, to approve an application for an industrial facilities exemption in accordance with Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended, on property located at 12650 Envision Dr. SE, Lowell MI, in the Township of Vergennes.

All aspects of the project and the approval of the application will be open for discussion at the public hearing and all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard. The Township Board will consider any written communication received on the request and shall provide full opportunity for expression of opinion, for arguments on the merits, and for the introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the request. Communication may also be made by calling the Township Hall at (616) 897-5671, mailing to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, or e-mail to clerk@vergennesswp.org. Information concerning the request may be reviewed weekdays on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the township offices.

viewpoint

to the editor

the whole story

To The Editor,

I'm writing in response to Tim VanderVeen's letter to the editor of two weeks ago. Mr. VanderVeen didn't feel that the article about the Alpha Family Center told the "whole story."

Mr. VanderVeen went on to talk about Planned Parenthood and its services. Perhaps he wasn't comprehending the fact that the article was about Alpha, not Planned Parenthood and in fact, was a complete "whole story." You see, Alpha is about sanctity of

life and assisting those in need.

I'm fairly certain that women wanting to terminate their unborn children are aware of Planned Parenthood and are free to choose that horrible decision.

This article does tell the whole story, just not Planned Parenthood's story. Alpha does what it does, Planned Parenthood the same. Some choose life, some do not.

Sincerely,
Nancy Stroosnyder
Lowell Township

still stinks

To The Editor,

The biodigester stunk horrible last night, seeping into my house again as well. Stinks again today and we can't enjoy this beautiful

cool day outside with our family or open the windows and get fresh air in our house to give the a/c a break.

Steve and Elizabeth Rottier
Lowell

war horse

Dear Editor,

In re: Republican primary, 86th House Dist., Ledger, 10 August, *instant*

Sergeant York was offered a political career if memory serves, but he just wanted to go down home to be with his girl.

Napoleon Bonaparte had a brilliant military record before overreaching into civilian politics and making a complete hash and for the really long run. He needed no showing off in

uniform because he had an emperor's crown.

Dwight Eisenhower was the workmanlike commander before becoming a fine, respected president of the United States. To the best of my knowledge there was no campaign picture of "Ike" in uniform.

John McCain, to whom I gave money in 2000, never ran for president in uniform,

archival news pictures notwithstanding.

John Kerry, a real war hero when considering his opponent in 2004, did not run adverts flaunting him in uniform.

"Semper fi" yourself. I am voting for and *working for* Mason to put a real war-horse in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
G. M. Ross
Lowell Township

outdoors

visitors

Dave Stegehuis

Camping in the woods is a good way to slow down and spend quite time in the solitude of the outback. Well, maybe not all that much solitude we just move in and live with the permanent residents who can be noisy and sometime troublesome. Most forest creatures are reclusive, and when they do appear are fun to watch as they go about their business. These observations are best when the creatures are in their natural habitat and unaware of your presence.

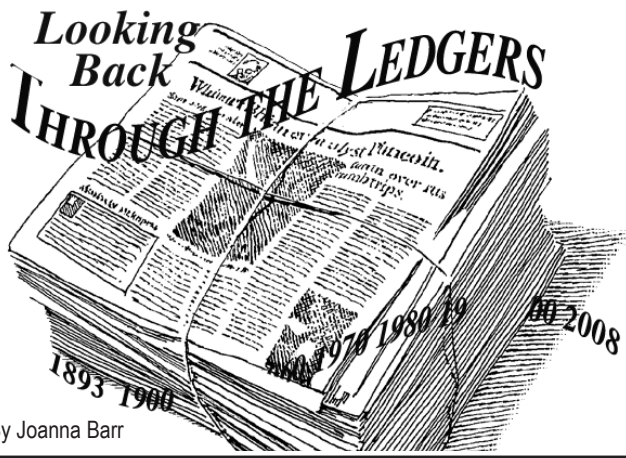
Problems occur when wildlife decides to share our personal space. That space could be a tent, travel trailer, or cabin. The extent of damage is related to the size and determination of the uninvited guest. Even the smallest teeth can chew through all but the most rigid material.

Food is almost always the reason animals get into mischief around human activity. Small rodents find their way into the tightest spaces. Squirrels and raccoons are famous for entering buildings in search of food or a cozy

nest. Bears specialize in easy to access birdfeeders. The best defense is to keep food sources cleaned-up or securely contained. Seal up potential entry points in buildings.

Currently Gwen and I have concerns about our travel trailer sitting on a secluded campsite up north. Walking the trails recently, we noticed a large rotted stump from a long ago logging operation ripped apart to below ground level. Later, we checked the pictures from a nearby trail camera and our suspensions were confirmed a very large black bear was sharing our woods. If the bruin hangs around, it will make the walk in the dark to our bow stands more interesting. We made sure there were no food sources in or around the trailer. I have seen windows and doors torn from log cabins by black bears.

Wildlife of all kinds have a short to-do list and finding the next meal and shelter are a big part of their day. We all have to make a living. If you want to avoid uninvited visitors don't provide accommodations.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Aug. 26, 1891

Notice. All consumers of water are notified that they must be more economical in the using of water. The rules prohibit using water for sprinkling purposes between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. By violating these rules you are endangering the town with severe conflagration and it is to your own interest to see the rules lived up to. Lowell Water Co.

Lon Patton, Ethelbert Grabil, and W. H. Brown, came down from Greenville to see their Tennis Club swipe the Lowell Club, but the swipe went the other way, and they returned home with sore heads.

Two barns belonging to Edwin Abhey, in Keene, were burned last Friday about noon, catching from sparks from the threshing engines at work there. Only a part of his farming tools were saved. Loss about \$1800. Insurance \$1300.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 24, 1916

"Happy Allen" buys Martin's ice cream and confectionary stand. Allen Lasby, a well known Lowell boy, but recently returned from a nine years' absence in the West, has bought the Martin ice cream parlor, confectionery and news-stand and will continue the business at the old stand. Before his sojourn in the West, where he was familiarly known as "Happy Allen," our new business man was employed here as

a delivery boy for Lowell grocers and in this capacity was known and welcomed in every home, and his old friends, glad to welcome him on his return, congratulate him on his entry into the business life of Lowell and wish him success.

Races Saturday, August 26. Lowell's fourth matinee for the 1916 season will be held at Recreation park Saturday, Aug. 26. A large number of entries and good racing are promised. Free-for-all, green race, trot or pace, a 2:30 trot and an exhibition by Sterling Hall prompted by a runner are features.

For the past six weeks, William Alden Smith's seat in the United States Senate has been vacant and since Senator Townsend was called home by sickness in his family, Michigan has not been represented in the upper house. Drawing pay for services not rendered, Mr. Smith seems likely to terminate his political career at the little end of the horn.

Looking Back, continued, page 12

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to the Editor.

Letters are required to bear the author's signature, phone number and address (for verification purposes only, not for publication). Letters will be published at the discretion of the publisher, duplicate comments/authors within a short period may be dismissed. Opinions expressed in "To The Editor" are not the views of the Ledger employees or the publisher. All letters are subject to editing. Thank you letters and advertising will not be printed.



Letters may be submitted via email to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line) or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331.

the lowell ledger

105 N. Broadway • Lowell, MI 49331

616.897.9261

Find us on Facebook

ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Another View, cont'd.

the township is offering the opportunity for businesses and individuals to sponsor baskets for the disc golf course planned at the park. Of course, those who don't want to sponsor a basket are welcome to donate as well.

Other amenities planned for the North Grand River Riverfront Park include a walking trail, a basketball and volleyball court and a replica of an early fur trading post to be used by the Lowell Area Historical Museum for school group visits and other educational activities. Construction is slated to take place next year.

Hale says there are

exciting possibilities presented by the park. Not only will it allow trailways on both sides of the river to connect, but it may also become a stop for those canoeing or kayaking down the Grand River. "If you have something you really believe in and you block out the naysayers, you can accomplish things even beyond your wildest dreams," Hale says.

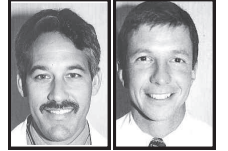
So what is the real story behind the creation of a local park? The real story is residents, businesses and government officials work together to make something amazing happen for the community.

college news

Western Michigan University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the summer 2016 semester. These students maintained a 3.5 grade point average and were enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Local students named to the dean's list are, of Alto: Emily Jacobs and Alex Kapral; of Ada: Lauren Donahue, Anna Mainero and Riley Karmon; and of Lowell: Jonathan Fox.

health



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

blood lipids

Cholesterol is a waxy material produced by the body and is found in saturated fats and in animal products. It has several uses in the body and is an important part of cells.

Triglycerides are another type of fat produced in the body. They are also found in food. High levels of triglycerides mainly result from life style choices, including a poor diet, smoking, alcohol use, and a lack of exercise, but sometimes genetics play a role.

High cholesterol can lead to the build-up of plaque on the walls of your blood vessels, which can block your arteries and cause high blood pressure, a stroke, heart disease or a heart attack. High triglycerides raise the risks of developing metabolic syndrome, which in turn increases your risk for heart

disease and other disorders, including diabetes.

Eating a healthy, low fat diet and getting more exercise are recommended for lowering both cholesterol and triglycerides. To lower the bad cholesterol (LDL) you should eat less red meat and eggs, eat less fried food and cook with healthy oils, eat more fiber and keep a healthy weight.

To lower triglycerides, you should lose weight, exercise more, stop smoking, reduce alcohol intake, eat foods that are low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol, avoid sugary sodas and juices.

If dietary discretion and lifestyle changes are not effective, your doctor will recommend prescription medication which will effectively treat your lipid disorder.

happy birthday

AUGUST 24

Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, April Barnes, Kelly Johnson, David Vankeulen, Nicholas Myers.

AUGUST 27

Virgil Roudabush.

AUGUST 28

Lee Miller, Terri Hoag, Kim Stager.

AUGUST 25

Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Misty McClure-Anderson.

AUGUST 29

Donna Jean Hathaway, Kenney Vickers.

AUGUST 26

Teresa Kimble, Regan Doyle, Dianne Gee, Brandie Barnes.


AUGUST 30

Jim Austin, Herb Swan, Jordan Cloud.




Host an Exchange Student Today!

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)



Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs. Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

Make a lifelong friend from abroad.
Enrich your family with another culture. Now you can host a high school exchange student (girl or boy) from France, Germany, Scandinavia, Spain, Australia, Japan, Brazil, Italy or other countries. Single parents, as well as couples with or without children, may host. Contact us ASAP for more information or to select your student.

Call Whitney at (616) 889-7861 or Amy at 1-800-677-2773 (Toll Free)
hostasse.com or email info@asse.com

asse USA
Founded in 1976
ASSE International Student Exchange Program is a Public Benefit, Non-Profit Organization.
For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students.

the lowell ledger

Local News!

Area Events!

Subscribe Today!

CALL 616.897.9261

Public Notices

Michigan News

Festivals!

Classifieds

Puzzles

Lowell City Hall Coverage

Hometown Sports!

Art Shows!

Planning A Wedding?



We offer the Carlson Craft line of invitations.

LITHO

105 N. Broadway • Lowell
616.897.9261

WE SHIP UPS!

Our Prices Can't Be Beat!
Call Us for a Price Quote!
Weight, dimensions & Zip Code Required for a Quote



the lowell ledger
105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL

897-7060
Pastor Rod Gallardo
1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI
Morning Worship.....10:00 A. M.
Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Nursery available at both services
Barrier-Free

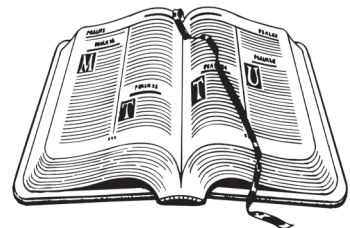
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-27
www.goodshepherdlowell.org
Worship Service.....Sunday -10:30 A.M.
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

402 Amity St. • 897-9820
www.stmarylowell.com
Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 10:30 AM
Saturday confessions: 3-4:30 PM
Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:00 AM - 8 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO HOLDS - CALL PREVIOUSLY 897-7945
SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 39, ENTH FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

area church



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

865 Lincoln Lake SE • 616.897.5906
Pastor Dick Sherlock
Worship Service - Sundays 10:00 A.M.
Lowell's Open Table - Thursdays 5 - 7 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES
2275 West Main Street - (Barrier Free)
897-7168 -www.fbclowell.org
Pastor Jon Pickens, Lead Pastor
Pastor Phil Severn • Youth Pastor
Christi Swain, Director of Children's Ministries
SUNDAY WORSHIP...9:30 am (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY School.....11:00 am (Nursery-Adult)
Awana (K-5 during school year) Wednesday, 6:15 PM
Middle & High School - Mon-school year*Wed,summer, 7 pm

LOWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

discover. grow. share
621 E. Main Street
897-5938
www.lowellumc.com • Barrier Free Entrance
WORSHIP
9 AM - Traditional • 11 AM - Contemporary
Kid's Crew 11:15 AM
Sr. Pastor - Brad Brillhart



Oak Meadow TREE SERVICE INC.

Got Sick Trees? We Can Help!

- Disease & Insect Treatment
- Deep Root Fertilization
- Pruning, Removal, Stump Grinding

Affordable & Locally Owned
Fully Insured

Call Today!
616-890-2348




CLASSIFIEDS

small ads **BIG** deals

Correcting the odor problem, continued

this facility. It shouldn't run until you have this figured out. You're experimenting on the community and we're tired of it."

"I've been around the community, I know what the odors are, okay," Northrup said.

"Oh yeah, try sleeping in it," somebody in the crowd said. "Eat in it."

"We just can't shut it down," Northrup said.

"You've been dragging this on for months and months and it keeps getting worse and worse," a voice in the audience said.

"You don't live here, you don't know what you're talking about," another audience member said.

"This has gone on and the neighbors and the community have been very patient about this," said Light & Power board chairman Greg Canfield. "This week there's not a lot we can do. The experts will be here on Saturday [Aug. 20]."

Neighbors within sniffing distance of the biodigester include St. Mary Church, Bushnell Elementary School and dozens of homes and businesses. Lowell mayor Jeff Altoft lives across the street from the facility. He has spearheaded efforts to get the biodigester's nauseating fumes under control.

"When this project started we were almost guaranteed that there would be no smell," Altoft said. "This has smelled since the day it started. It doesn't matter what smell it is, we didn't sign up to have to live next to this. I voted to let this in, but with the Light & Power board's assurance that it would not smell. We've been really patient. [...] You've covered up the complaints. You didn't address it. You knew it smelled. Everybody's complained about it and it's time to shut it down. Fix it. You can start it back up, but if it smells it should be shut down permanently."

After that meeting was adjourned the Light & Power board had a closed session meeting with the Lowell city council, interim city manager Dave Pasquale and city attorney Dick Wendt "to discuss an opinion of legal counsel related to the biogas facility."

Meanwhile, repairs to the biodigester began on Thursday, Aug. 18, with the arrival of a technician from German company Baur Folien GmbH. This work was completed on Saturday, Aug. 20 and the biodigester is supposed to be odor free from now on. Each day

LEAD released a "Neighbor Update" detailing the work in progress.

These documents were authored by Northrup:

Thursday, Aug. 18:

"Tomorrow, in advance of the arrival of the German tank company technician on Saturday, we will dismantle and clean and repair, if necessary, with guidance from the company, the excess/low pressure unit responsible for the air between the double membrane roof on the reflow tank.

Prior to removing the unit, we will flare off up to 90 percent of the methane gas stored in the top of the reflow tank. Once the pressure unit is removed we will seal the opening to prevent any release of odor or methane. Once the unit is serviced, we will flare off any accumulated methane prior to removing the seal and replacing the unit. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of the day on Friday.

When the technician from Bauer Foilien GmbH arrives on Saturday, it is our understanding he will confirm the proper functioning of the pressure unit and inspect the inner membrane for any leaks. There may be other actions he will take once he is on site to identify and address other potential sources of odor. The technician will stay engaged with the site as long as needed to eliminate odors from the reflow tank.

Though the fogging system seems to be handling the odor coming from the outdoor wastewater tank, as a further commitment to controlling odors we have engaged Progressive AE to prepare engineering drawings required to obtain a building permit to cover the outside wastewater tank. They are working with two tank cover manufacturers to obtain the required drawings and secure a final quote. We expect receipt of the quote and specifications on Monday."

Friday, Aug. 19:

"This morning after flaring the methane from the gas storage, Veolia removed the excess/low pressure unit (pictured) from the top of the Reflow tank.

The unit contained a waste slurry and as result was not functioning properly. If the operating limits for the pressure unit are exceeded, odors can escape. As long as the valve is seated properly no odor can be released from vents high on the reflow tank. With the help of the German technician,

we will investigate the cause of this malfunction and put procedures in place to ensure it does not happen again.

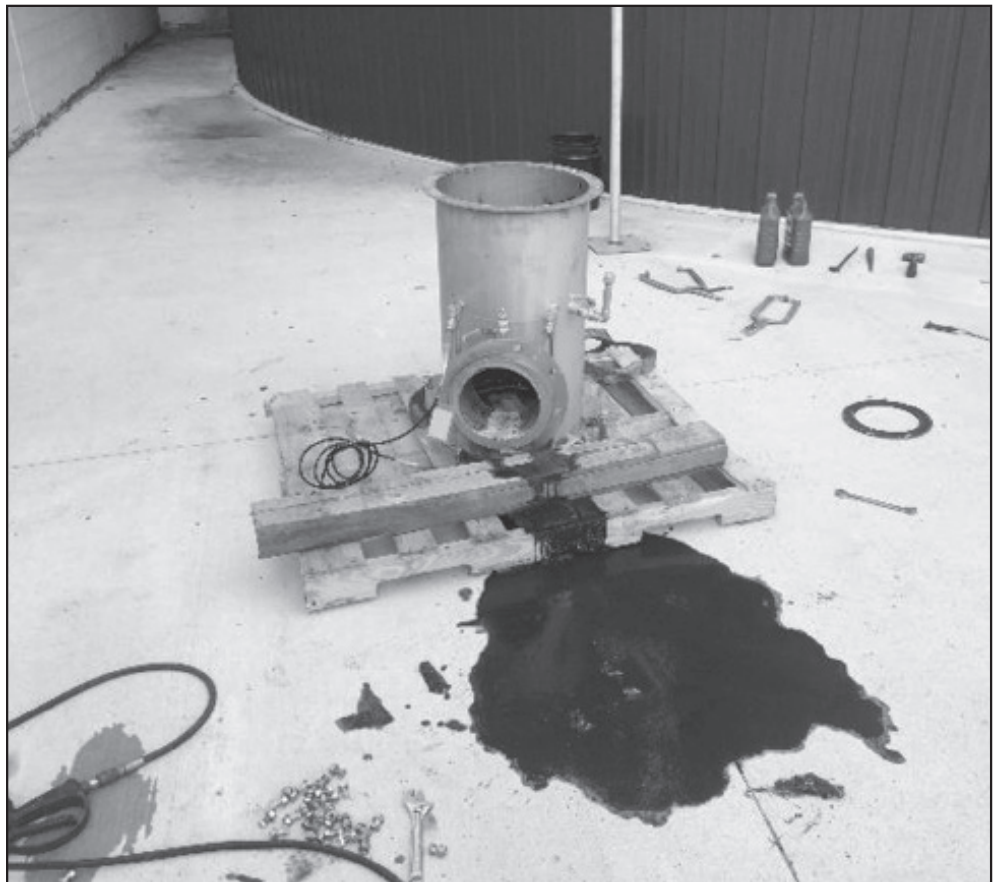
The excess/low pressure unit has been cleaned and reinstalled. The German manufacturer will be onsite tomorrow to confirm proper operation. We will be reviewing maintenance and observation procedures to verify the water levels in the pressure unit that prevent the out flow odor. The technician will also inspect the membranes covering the top of the reflow tank. There may be other actions be taken, as well, once he is here at the site.

Earlier today, we heard from one neighbor who was concerned with the gas being flared off. Flaring the methane is a standard practice for handling excess gas when the engine is not consuming it. Burning the methane in the flare or the engine has the same effect. The methane gas is made up of Carbon and Hydrogen (CH4). By burning it, the molecules are converted to CO2 (carbon dioxide like humans exhale) and H2O (water). It's the same practice used at landfills where the methane is captured and flared. For the safety of the technicians while they work on the pressure unit and the tank membranes, it is necessary to reduce the amount of methane in storage."

Saturday, Aug. 20:

"The technician from Baur Folien GmbH arrived on the site to evaluate and ensure that the anaerobic digester's reflow tank is properly containing methane gas and related odors. Following a detailed analysis of the excess/low pressure unit we replaced the original two piece low pressure immersion cup with a one piece cup that the technician had shipped to the U.S. in advance of his arrival. This one piece cup is standard for new installations.

The equipment malfunction, combined with the introduction of the waste slurry referred to in yesterday's communication was, regrettably, allowing odors from the Reflow tank to be released. These actions will allow the value to be seated properly so that no odor can be released. He also inspected the membranes covering the top of the tank where biogas is stored. There were no leaks coming from the inner membrane cover, or any of the piping connections leading from the reflow tank, which is critical to



A photo from the second day of biodigester repairs shows an "excess/low pressure unit" that "contained a waste slurry and as result was not functioning properly."

containing odor. We tested the vents at the top of reflow tank on multiple occasions today with no detection of odor.

The technician reviewed proper maintenance procedures and standard observations for the water levels in the excess/low pressure unit. This addition technical training for the Veolia operations personnel is intended to prevent this malfunction from reoccurring.

While the interim action for treating odor from the wastewater tank seems to be effective, we anticipate selection of an enclosure option for the IFAS tank next week.

We will continue to monitor progress. Please

let us know if you do, or do not, experience any improvement."

On Monday, Aug. 22 Lowell police issued the biodigester yet another nuisance citation for violating section 12.3 of the city charter. The facility has received 14 of these citations, totaling \$3,900 in fines. The first citation was a \$100 fine, the second a \$200 fine and the rest a \$300 fine. "We don't just go up there and cite them," said Lowell police officer Scott VanSolkema. "When somebody complains, then we go up there."

The city of Lowell and Lowell Light & Power sent official letters to LEAD with the ultimatum to either fix

the odor problem or shut the biodigester down.

"You are required to cure such default [odors] within 30 business days of this notice," the letter from the city to LEAD reads. "If not cured, the city has all of those remedies set forth in section 23 of the lease, including the right to terminate the lease."

"The letter speaks for itself," said Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. "Lowell Light & Power has nothing to hide."

The Lowell Light & Power board's next regular meeting will be upstairs at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6 pm.

"Give me odorous at sunrise a garden of beautiful flowers where I can walk undisturbed."

~ Walt Whitman

Kristin Johnson and Mark Johnson
protect all your moments

Crops



FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

616-940-8181 | 6095 28th St. SE, Ste. 4, Grand Rapids

FarmBureauInsurance.com

Roosevelt Diggs performs a melting pot of music

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Roosevelt Diggs brought a melting pot of original American music to downtown Lowell for their first ever appearance at the Lowell Sizzlin' concert series.

It was another packed show for the event. LowellArts! executive director Lorain Smalligan helps to coordinate the series. "It's the quality of the musicians. The enthusiasm the musicians show with the warm Lowell welcome. Also the beautiful location with the Flat River, Lowell Showboat and the people visiting the concerts on their boats."

Roosevelt Diggs did not disappoint the tradition of top-notch, high energy, musical talent, blending country, bluegrass, folk, blues and rockabilly. Led by the guitar wielding vocalist duo of brothers, Logan and Levi Duddles

and accompanied by upright bassist and washboard player Jon Shears along with percussionist Jared Behl, the foursome provided an experience that transcended the audience to a simpler time.

Next week Thursday will be the last act of the summer when The Adams Family makes their appearance on stage. "We always want to support our local musicians when they fit what we are looking for that year's series," said Smalligan of the Lowell based favorite. "They are Lowell High School alumni, so many in this community know them. Their songs are recognized and people like to sing along and dance. Their friends from Alive & Well will also perform with them."

The final concert on Thursday, Aug. 25 begins at 7 pm at the Riverwalk.



Another packed concert at the Showboat for the ninth week of the concert series.

PINK ARROW SHIRTS AVAILABLE AT PEP TALK & SPRINGROVE VARIETY

SPRINGROVE VARIETY
OPEN from Monday - Saturday 9 AM TO 6 PM
Cash - Check - Debit & Credit @ all locations

T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

August 23 - September 2:

At Pep Talk 11:00AM - 5:00PM
207 East Main St. - 897-7200

September 2:

At the Varsity Football Game
Lowell vs. Rockford

September 6, 7 & 8:

At Pep Talk 9:00AM - 6:00PM
207 East Main St. - 897-7200

September 9:

At Pep Talk 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
207 East Main St. - 897-7200

SEPTEMBER 12 - 15:

At Pep Talk 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
207 East Main St. - 897-7200

T-Shirts are sold at all school open houses

Available at all schools during lunch
SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

SEPTEMBER 16:

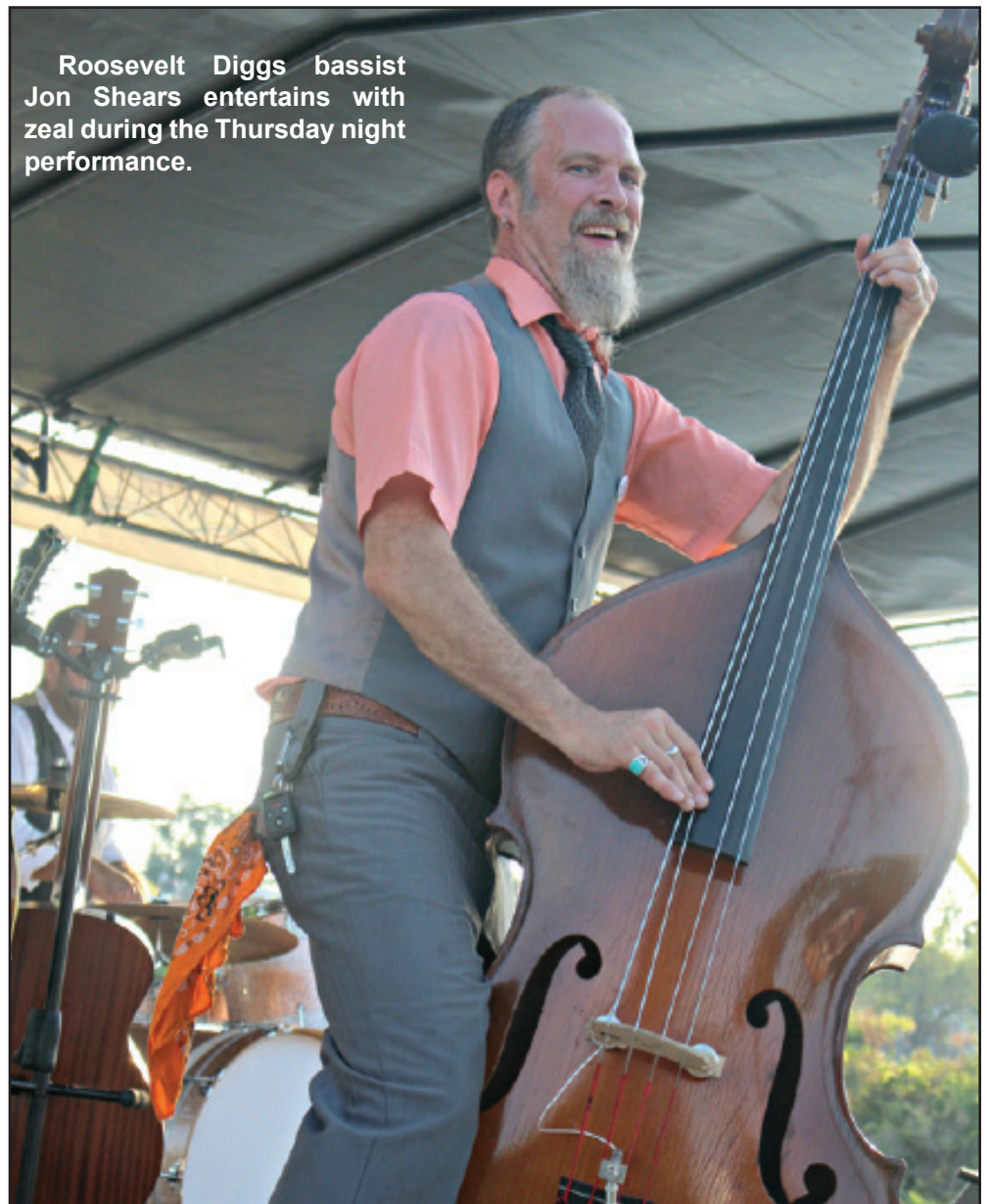
T-Shirt Sales At Pep Talk 8:00 - Noon
T-Shirt sales ending in limited-quantity.com



Pink Arrow Bead
for necklace or bracelet
available at
Chimera Design
208 E. Main - 897-8480



Roosevelt Diggs bassist Jon Shears entertains with zeal during the Thursday night performance.



dimensional NOW HIRING CLASS A CDL DRIVERS!

dimensional is currently looking for Class A CDL drivers. Our company has 20 trucks and we are continuing to grow. We run 2012 or newer equipment. We are looking to add several drivers over the next week-two weeks. We are extremely busy and our work is very consistent. This is an OTR position Monday-Friday with weekends off.



What do we offer?
Dependable equipment, Good Pay (42+cents per mile) Average 41-46-54 cents per mile in 2015 Average annual pay of \$57,000 in 2015, Consistent work, 401k plan, Various Bonus Programs, \$1,000 sign-on bonus, Holidays off, Honest and straight forward dispatches, Driving empty almost 90% of the time, No layovers. If you are interested in an excellent driving job contact us asap!!

Lance (HR Manager)
231-937-6772 • Lance@dimensionaltrucks.com

TICKET

The Classifieds:

Your Ticket to Local Finds!

Call or go online to **browse, buy,** or **sell!**

the lowell **ledger**

105 N. Broadway
Lowell • 897-9261
classifieds@
lowellbuyersguide.com

TICKET

Pink Arrow Health Fair, continued

“I teach kid rock band,” James said. “We put five or six kids together in a group. They pick the songs they like and they play them. The kids are having so much fun, especially with a big crowd like this.”

All Weather Seal was on hand with a game where people could throw a dart at a board covered with balloons full of money. All Weather Seal also donated \$1 for every Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt sold at the event.

“We’re doing a fun balloon game where we filled all of the balloons with play money and every time they’re popped we’re tallying it up and we’re going to be donating at the end of the day,” said Nick Moulds from All Weather Seal. “We also have fun carnival games

for prizes and stuff. It’s a fun way to get kids involved.”

“We’re very, very pleased with the turnout,” said Pink Arrow Pride organizer Teresa Beachum. “Lunch on the grill is going terrifically, t-shirt sales are good, everybody seems very thrilled with the day. The Riverwalk is a new venue for us. It’s a beautiful, scenic location. Lowell is blessed to have all this green space.”

The big Pink Arrow Pride football, volleyball and soccer event will be at Bob Perry Stadium, 11700 Vergennes, on Friday, Sept. 16. Lowell’s teams will face Ottawa Hills. Admission is free if you are wearing 2016 Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt. The shirts and other Pink Arrow merchandise are now for sale at Pep Talk, 207 E. Main.



This event was the first time Pink Arrow Pride t-shirts were available.



There was a huge bouncy slide for kids to play on.



There was live music from Luc James studio’s talented kid rock bands.



The first 300 customers got free ice cream from the CaBus.



There were free balloon animals for the kids.



Free hot dogs and sausages on the grill were among the food choices at the Pink Arrow Health Fair.

EARTH TALK



Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Where do the VP choices for the upcoming Presidential election (Tim Kaine and Mike

Pence) stand in terms of environmental track record and commitment?-- Mitchell Finan, Butte, MT

Not surprisingly given the current political climate, the respective Vice Presidential candidates differ on most of the issues, including their policies on the environment and energy.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton's VP choice Tim Kaine has opposed big oil companies since his career as Virginia State Senator. He first endorsed a "25 percent renewables by 2025" goal back in 2007, and has continued his staunch support ever since. He has been a champion of diversifying America's energy portfolio. "We're not going to drill our way out of the long-term energy crisis facing this nation and the world... we can't keep relying oil," said Kaine back in 2008. He reinforced this position again in his 2012 Senate race by arguing against tax subsidies for major oil companies.

As far as environmental protection, he has not shown much of a track record in support or against. In May of 2013, he did vote affirmatively on a bill to protect ocean, coastal and Great Lakes ecosystems. The League of Conservation Voters (LCV), which puts out an annual national environmental scorecard for politicians, has attributed a 91 percent lifetime score to Kaine, clearly naming him as one of our nation's leading politicians. More recently, in late 2015, Kaine voted against a bill that attacked Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carbon pollution limits. Of course, a Republican dominated Congress passed the bill anyway, although President

Obama quickly vetoed it to maintain stricter limits on carbon pollution.

Across the aisle, Donald Trump's VP selection, Mike Pence, lacks any sort of environmental agenda in his political career. The LCV gives him a lifetime score of only four percent, meaning he is no friend of the environment. Pence, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001-2013 when he assumed the Indiana governorship, voted against a "Cash for Clunkers" recycling program in 2009 and also voted no on a bill improving public transportation in 2008. Meanwhile, he voted affirmatively for deauthorizing critical habitat zones and approving forest thinning projects in 2005 and 2003, respectively.

As for energy policy, Pence supported the "25% renewable energy..." goal in 2007 like his opponent Kaine. However, since then, he has supported offshore drilling, opposed EPA regulation of greenhouse gases and voted without any environmental conscience. He also voted against incentives for alternative fuels, for the construction of new oil refineries, and against criminalizing oil cartels such as OPEC.

"I think the science is very mixed on the subject of global warming," Pence stated in 2009. His record of the environment since then reflects his continued skepticism toward environmental protection efforts.

For environmentalists, Kaine is the obvious choice over Pence, which is no surprise given the Presidential candidates who selected each of them as running mates. While Hillary Clinton may have focused more attention on other political issues over her career, she has continuously supported environmental protection and the transition away from fossil fuels, while Donald Trump has fought environmental restrictions on his ability to operate his real estate empire and recently told reporters he would consider reneging on U.S. commitments to reduce greenhouse gases made at the recent Paris climate summit.

CONTACT: League of Conservation Voters, www.lcv.org. EarthTalk® is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss and is a registered trademark of the nonprofit Earth Action Network. To donate, visit www.earthtalk.org. Send questions to: question@earthtalk.org.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having received petitions to make certain public improvements to Round Lake consisting of the application of herbicide treatments for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants, from record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district described below, has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefited by the improvements and which together comprise the following special assessment district:

ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

The lots included within the proposed special assessment district are permanent parcel numbers:

41-12-21-400-003, 41-12-21-400-007, 41-12-21-400-008, 41-12-21-400-011, 41-12-21-400-012, 41-12-21-400-013, 41-12-21-400-014, 41-12-21-400-016, 41-12-21-326-002, 41-12-21-326-006, 41-12-21-326-012, 41-12-21-326-013, 41-12-21-326-014, 41-12-21-326-015, 41-12-21-326-018, 41-12-21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020, 41-12-21-326-021, 41-12-21-200-005, 41-12-21-200-008, 41-12-21-200-011

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Grattan Township will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said improvements.

TAKE NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 10% ABOVE PROPOSED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Periodic redetermination of the cost of the improvements may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 188.

This Notice was authorized by the Grattan Township Board.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Kessie Brummel at 616-691-8450. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Kessie Brummel at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809, at least seven days prior to the hearings to be attended.

Dated: August 18, 2016

Kessie Brummel, Clerk
Township of Grattan

Agencies participate in stepped up enforcement

This election year, selecting a designated driver is a vote to get home safe as police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan State Police (MSP) in West Michigan

will be conducting extra drunk driving patrols across the state to locate and arrest drunk drivers.

The stepped up enforcement is part of the national "Drive Sober

or Get Pulled Over" campaign Aug. 18-Sept. 5. The initiative includes the Labor Day holiday period, a popular Michigan travel time.

According to information released by the MSP Criminal Justice Information Center this spring, alcohol-involved fatalities were up 28 percent, from 236 in 2014 to 303 in 2015. Drug-involved fatal crashes spiked 19 percent, up from 150 in 2014 to 179 in 2015.

During last year's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement, officers arrested 351 drunk drivers and issued 2,630 seat belt and child restraint citations. Fifteen people died in 12 traffic crashes during the 2015 Labor Day holiday period, a significant increase from six fatalities during the 2014 Labor Day holiday. Nearly two-thirds of the 2015 Labor Day holiday crashes involved alcohol.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired. Motorists face enhanced penalties if arrested for a first-time drunk driving offense with a .17 BAC or higher.

Grant-funded drunk driving enforcement is part of Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2013.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

A	W	A	R	E		R	A	F		L	O	B	O					
L	I	N	E	N		O	D	E		M	O	N	E	T				
E	L	E	C	T		T	O	R		O	C	T	E	T				
						D	W	A	R	F	S		M	I	N	I	O	N
							P	E	A		S	I	L	O				
P	A	M				E	U	R	O		O	D	D	J	O	B		
A	C	E	S			N	I	C	K		Y	O	U	V	E			
N	O	D	E			A	L	I	E	N		S	K	U	A			
D	R	E	A	R		L	A	N	E		E	E	L	S				
A	N	A	L	O	G		L	O	R	E		S	E	T				
						S	A	S			V	O	X					
						K	A	R	A	T	E		S	E	C	R	E	T
S	O	L	A	R		P	T	A			E	A	T	I	N			
H	O	O	D	Y			I	O	N		N	Y	A	L	A			
E	K	E	S				A	Y	E		E	S	S	E	N			

8	9	7	5	2	4	3	1	6
3	4	1	8	6	9	2	7	5
5	2	6	7	1	3	9	8	4
6	3	2	1	4	7	5	9	8
1	8	4	2	9	5	7	6	3
7	5	9	6	3	8	4	2	1
9	7	8	3	5	6	1	4	2
2	6	3	4	7	1	8	5	9
4	1	5	9	8	2	6	3	7

Red Arrow SPORTS

Sports Summaries

GIRLS GOLF

Varsity girls golf officially ushered in the fall Red Arrow athletic season last Wednesday at the Kent County Classic where they placed second among Division I competitors and sixth overall with a combined score of 411. Paige Fosburg led the team carding an 85 that earned her a top three spot at the tournament. Teammates Morgan Allison and MaryJo Buechler both scored a 107 and Tristin Thomas came in at 112.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

After fielding dozens of offers, talented Lowell basketball player Matt Beachler recently announced his commitment to further his athletic and academic career at Central Michigan University. The senior has set several school records on the court and helped lead the team to its first district championship since 1984 last season. Phenomenal four-year teammate Austin Branagan recently received his first offer to play at the collegiate level from Goshen College in Indiana.

BOYS TENNIS

Red Arrow Andrew de Voest scored the sole point for the Lowell varsity boys tennis team in their season debut at West Catholic High School last Wednesday where they fell by a margin of 7-1. The talented senior picked up his win in the first singles position with scores of 4-6, 6-2 and 10-3.

BOYS SOCCER

Lowell varsity soccer kicked off their season with an opening day victory against Forest Hills Eastern (FHE) and a weekend win over Portage Northern. Jay Stadt and Logan Landman scored for the Arrows in the first half at FHE with an assist from Colin Bowers and the team was able to stave off a late comeback run for a 2-1 win. Saturday at the Justin Bailey Shootout in Portage, Bowers and Jonah Epema each found the back of the net for a 2-0 shutout before inclement weather cancelled the remainder of the tournament.

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday at Grand Haven High School Lowell varsity volleyball took to the court for the first time this season in tournament play picking up wins over both Jenison (26-24, 25-15) and Kenowa Hills (25-9 25-18) to place second in their pool before falling to North Branch (25-16, 12-25, 8-15) in the final round of play. Stat leaders included Emily Stump who served up five aces, Shannon Hoekstra who put up the block 17 times and Abi Mangus who racked up 27 kills.



We want to be your Other Family Doctor.

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-offs & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL

Call 897-8484
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

A healthy, radiant smile can be yours.

Call our office today!

Family Dentistry Of Lowell
Dr. Wilson & Dr. Byrd

PHILIPS ZOOM!

(616)897-4835

Ask us how to receive \$50 Visa gift card!

Services We Offer...

- UPS & FedEx Shipping
- Copy Service (black & color)
- FAX Service
- Laminating
- & much more

MON. - THUR. 8 - 5 • FRI. 8 - 12
CLOSED SAT. & SUN.

Buyers Guide 897-9555
Just say "I saw it advertised in the Buyers Guide!"

the lowell ledger 897-9261

105 N. BROADWAY • LOWELL, MI

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY!

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)

Marco from Italy, 17 yrs. Loves soccer and would like to learn to play baseball. Marco is a top swimmer and enjoys the outdoors.

Julie from Denmark, 16 yrs. Enjoys gymnastics, swimming and photography. She's positive, fun loving and easy to get along with.

Make this year the most exciting, exciting year ever for you and your family. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from Italy, France, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Germany, Russia, Thailand or China as part of your family for a school year (or less) and make an overseas friend for life.

For more information or to select your own exchange student please call:

Semone at 651-246-0673 or Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 (toll free) or e-mail us at info@world-heritage.org

For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students

www.whhosts.com

World Heritage is a public benefit, non-profit organization based in Laguna Beach, CA.

Looking Back, continued

In these times of high taxes, it behooves the people to look well to the men they select as public officials. Look to the nominees. Attend the primaries and there select the best men for your party ticket. Don't trust this duty to your neighbors. Get out and vote yourself, Tuesday, August 29, is the day.

Frank Willette had all of his cows poisoned from eating paint, which some one dumped with rubbish into an old gravel pit on his farm. It is a severe loss for Frank who has just nicely started farming on his own farm.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 28, 1941

According to tradition the straw hat reason will end next Sunday night, Aug. 31. Well, three months of mileage for the old straw, from Decoration Day to Labor Day, has meant a heap of comfortable service. In spite of national defense, all will be able to wear a brand new felt on Labor Day.

Forrest Buck and family are about to vacate the Fred Gramer residence on High Street where they have lived the last couple of years. Dame Rumor is wondering why Fred wants his house back.

In renewing his subscription to the Ledger for another year George M. Winegar, formerly of Lowell, now of San Jose, Calif., makes interesting comments as follows: "Enclosed please find check to continue the Ledger for another year. Our flying visit to the old town this June did not give us time to visit the Ledger but Lowell looked fine, well kept and prosperous. We regret not seeing many whom we wanted to see, but two weeks in which to drive about 6,000 miles does not give much time for visiting. It was a splendid trip, however, and not much like our first overland drive made in 1919. The roads are decidedly different." Mr. Winegar was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Winegar, whose maiden name was Florence McDannell,

daughter of the late Dr. O. C. McDannell, and their son Roger. Mr. Winegar will be remembered as the proprietor of the Winegar Manufacturing Company, which was located on the corner now occupied by the Ford garage. Lowell people are always glad to hear from old friends.

The F. P. MacFarlane Company, which has conducted a fuel and feed business here for many years, will continue under the same firm name. Frank C. MacFarlane has taken over the interest of his father, the late Frank P. MacFarlane, and S. D. Wingeier, who has been a member of the company for the past few years, will continue in direct charge of the store.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Aug. 25, 1966

The removal of hundreds of trees from the curb sides of city streets left a lot of stumps, but they have all been removed during the past two weeks. The city employed Pat Gallagher of Lake Odessa to remove 148 stumps in the city's right-of-ways. According to City Manager Olson all the stumps have now been removed, and is a real help to the appearance of the city.

Petitions out to change zoning for super market. Petitions were put in circulation this week to call for a vote by Lowell citizens to rezone the 7½ acre block on West Main Street for a shopping center. The petition proper asks to amend the zoning ordinance to permit general business in the area of the Valley Vista plat now zoned residential. The area indicated extends from the west line of Calvary Church to Valley Vista Drive the next street to the west. Local citizens circulating the petitions revealed that they need 180 signatures of registered voters to put this amendment to the zoning ordinance on the November 1 election ballot. The effort to change the zoning in this area being requested for an 18,000 square foot super

market by L. V. Eberhard under the initiative section of the City Charter. The charter says that 15 percent of the registered voters must sign the petition. It also says that the council must act within 30 days to put the question on the ballot at the next election held in the city for any purpose.

The Clark-Ellis Post American Legion presented the Lowell Showboat Corp. with a check for \$595 this week, representing the profit the post made operating the concessions at Showboat this year. The post as their contribution for the past two years operated the concessions and has given all the profits to Showboat.

Vandals took the gear shift knobs from nine school buses over the weekend, and the door handles off another. Two air rifle holes have been found in a large window at the high school. Neighbors, who observe any youth hanging around the buildings are asked to call the police.

A display window in Christiansen's Drug Store on Main Street was broken Monday night, police reported. It was revealed that attempts have been made on several nights recently, to break into the store.

Lowell Police had a busy evening on Saturday. Four family trouble calls kept them going from one neighborhood to another in a three hour period. It appears that Saturday night is popular for family fights.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 28, 1991

Kathy Paroff recognized for her lifesaving CPR application on husband. Friends of Kathy Paroff from the ambulance and rescue units of the Lowell Area Fire Department refer lovingly to her husband, John, as the heavenly reject. As many have read and heard, John Paroff suffered a heart attack on June 3 in his home. There were a few times after the heart attack where John did not have a heart beat. John was able to attend a special recognition meeting in honor of Kathy and the Rescue and Ambulance personnel because Kathy remained alert enough to contact the Emergency Medical Service (911) and then calm enough to start and continue C.P.R. on John until members of Lowell Ambulance and Rescue Units from the Lowell Area Fire Department arrived to start defibrillation. "I will admit I called 911 before John passed out, I wasn't that calm after he passed out," Kath said. John Krohmer, Medical Director of the Kent County EMS said, "Not often do we find that it is a EMS provider involved in the saving of a spouse's life," he said. Krohmer was in attendance at the Look Memorial Fire Station on Saturday to present certificates of recognition to Lowell's ambulance and rescue personnel and to Kathy Paroff for their work in such a traumatic situation.

Ruesink races to victory at Berlin Raceway-Marne. He had a pretty successful summer running the oval track each Saturday night at Berlin Raceway-Marne, in his number 52. Placing second and third numerous times and running third in points for Sportsman A, Randy Ruesink, age 29, came home with a double win on Aug. 24.

Whitney's jury selection process set for Oct. 2. The notice of a jury trial has been set in the case involving the June shooting of a 19-year old Lowell man. James Russell Whitney, 25, of Grand Rapids, was arraigned on Monday, June 24th on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a felony firearm after shooting Pete Gerkin in the abdomen. The process of selecting a jury for the case has been set for Wednesday, Oct 2. The pre-trial conference for the case was scheduled for Friday, Aug. 23. The shooting occurred at a graduation party. An argument over the loudness of Whitney and his friends' music ensued. The argument led to a fistfight between Whitney and other guests at the party. According to Bob Start, Kent County Sheriff's Department Detective, during the fight Whitney produced a handgun and fired it into the air. As he tried to get back into his car, Whitney felt the need to fire the gun once more, the second shot hitting Gerkin. Whitney waived his right to go to court for an arraignment and pleaded not guilty.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES COUNTY OF KENT, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice of Public hearing to Consider
Establishment of an Industrial
Development District
(Under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan,
1974, as Amended)

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes has been requested by Envision Engineering, LLC, to establish an Industrial Development District on land commonly known as 12650 Envision Dr., Lowell MI, also described as Permanent Parcel 41-16-34-451-001, within the Township of Vergennes, Kent County, Michigan, as authorized by the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended. Such lands and such request are more fully described and set forth in documents on file with the offices of the Vergennes Township Clerk, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan, on September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing the owners of said land and any other resident or taxpayer of the Township with respect to the establishment of said Industrial Development District.

Dated: August 22, 2016

Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on August 15, 2016, Ordinance No. 04-2016 – an amendment to the Lowell Charter Zoning Ordinance and Ordinance No. 05-2016 – an amendment to Lowell Charter Township Ordinance No. 05-2011 were adopted, summaries of which follow:

Ordinance 04-2016 - The ordinance amendment will amend Section 22.06 (e) (6) (ii) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, being mineral mining regulations, to change the noise limitation from 70 decibels to 70 dBA. This ordinance shall become effective 7 days after publication.

Ordinance 05-2016 - The ordinance amendment will amend Section 19 of Lowell Charter Township Ordinance No. 5-2011 to change the noise limitation for Mineral Mining Operations from 70 decibels to 70 dBA. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication.

A copy of the complete text of the ordinances can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 291D Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during regular office hours or viewed on our website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township



Treasury warns of fraudulent phone calls

In an effort to combat potential income tax fraud The Michigan Department of Treasury is cautioning taxpayers of fraudulent phone calls being made demanding taxpayers pay an immediate amount of money or face actions from the department. Calls are being received from a legitimate Grand Rapids-area Treasury phone number, which has apparently been cloned by the scammers. Victims are told they owe money to the Department of Treasury and if not paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer the caller will face arrest, legal action or suspension of business.



Please be advised

The Department of Treasury will not:

- Demand immediate payment without first mailing you a letter
- Require you to pay your taxes a certain way (for instance require you pay over the phone with a prepaid debit card)
- Threaten to call the police or other law enforcement agencies to arrest you for not paying
- Ask for a PIN, passwords, access codes to your bank accounts, or credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Michigan Department of Treasury, but you suspect he/she is not a Treasury employee...

- If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do, do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- If you believe you may owe taxes or that the Department of Treasury may need to legitimately contact you, please record the employee's names, call back number and caller ID available then call the Department of Treasury at (517) 636-5265 to determine if the caller is a Treasury employee with a legitimate need to contact you.

Please use caution and never provide personal information unless you are sure the situation is legitimate.

National study praises Michigan elections

LANSING, Mich. — The Pew Center, a nationally recognized research organization, today praised Michigan's elections systems as a "high performer" based on multiple objective measures of election performance, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced.

"It's no secret that Michigan has an excellent elections system and that's thanks to all of the hard work of our state's county, city and township election officials," Johnson said. "But this national praise shouldn't be a reason to stop improving. We can make Michigan the best by passing full online voter registration and secure absentee voting in the Legislature."

Michigan would have scored even higher if two key reforms proposed by Johnson gained the support of the Legislature. Johnson continues to work with lawmakers to approve expanded secure online voter registration and allowing voters to cast an absentee ballot without having to mark a reason if they show identification at the clerk's office.

Michigan received partial credit for online voter registration because already residents who are registered to vote in the state can update their voter registration address online at www.ExpressSOS.com.

Johnson thanked lawmakers for approving

post-election audits, which boosted Michigan's score. She called for the audits shortly after taking office in 2011 as a way to ensure local election officials are following state law and best practices when administering local elections. More than 1,000 audits have taken place.

Pew election researchers in particular complimented Michigan for data completeness, reducing the number of reported absentee ballot issues and for having more ballots from military and overseas voters returned and accepted.

The Pew study calculated and averaged a state's overall performance by measuring more than a

dozen separate indicators that make up the overall score. The indicators include absentee ballots rejected or unreturned; data completeness; disability- or illness-related voting problems; military and overseas ballots rejected or unreturned; online registration availability; post-election audit required; provisional ballots cast; provisional ballots rejected; registration or absentee ballot problems; voting information look-up tools; and voting technology accuracy.

Similar Pew Center reports for the 2008, 2010 and 2012 election cycles also called Michigan a "high-performer."

Peak season for rabies

The Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Health and Human Services and Natural Resources today urged Michiganders to adopt practices to protect their families, pets and livestock from rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease transmitted by the bite of an infected animal. Once symptoms begin, there is no treatment for rabies.

Rabies is fatal to humans if proper treatment is not received. Preventive treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal. Treatment is not necessary if an animal tests negative for rabies.

Mammals can be infected with rabies and several species of wild animals serve as rabies carriers, including bats and skunks. Bats are the species most frequently found with rabies in Michigan.

"If you discover a bat in your home, carefully confine the bat and get in touch with your local health department to determine if you could have been exposed to rabies," said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Save any bat for testing if there is even the slightest question of exposure, especially

if the bat was found in a sleeping area."

As of August 8, 2016, 21 animals in Michigan have been confirmed as rabies infected. Four skunks and 17 bats were found in the counties of Alpena, Antrim, Calhoun, Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kent, Kalamazoo, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oakland, Saginaw and Washtenaw. An up-to-date rabies map can be found at www.michigan.gov/rabies.

"It is never a good idea to handle wild animals," said Dr. Dan O'Brien, acting DNR state wildlife veterinarian. "It's also important to teach children never to touch wild animals, no matter how cute or tame they seem."

"Normally, wild animals have a healthy fear of humans. If they aren't acting afraid, it's often because they're sick. If someone has been handling a wild animal or is bitten by a wild animal, that animal may have to be euthanized in order to be tested for rabies."

Anyone bitten by an animal should seek medical care immediately. If possible, collect the animal and consult with local health authorities to determine if rabies testing or an animal confinement period is necessary.

If pet or livestock owners suspect their animals may have had contact with a potentially rabid animal or has been bitten, they need

to contact their veterinarian for the appropriate course of action, even if the pet or livestock animal is currently vaccinated against rabies.

"Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating dogs, cats, ferrets, horses and select livestock," said Dr. James Averill, MDARD state veterinarian. "It's crucial animal owners work with their veterinarian to ensure their animals are protected from rabies."

For information about rabies in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/rabies.

Anyone who finds a wild animal suspected of potentially having rabies should contact their Local Health Department and DNR office.



Stabenow announces \$1 million to support land and water conservation across Michigan

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, announced that the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will receive \$1 million from the Natural Resource Conservation

Service Wetland Mitigation Banking Program. The funding will help the state of Michigan work with farmers and local partners to use public and private lands to restore wetlands, which will help protect water quality and wildlife habitats.

"Michigan farmers play a vital role when it

comes to protecting our land and water," said Senator Stabenow. "This is yet another important investment that will give local farmers across our state new resources to restore wetlands, improve water quality and conserve wildlife habitats."

Senator Stabenow

authored the bipartisan 2014 Farm Bill which created the Natural Resource Conservation Service Wetland Mitigation Banking Program. This program supports efforts in Michigan and across the country to expand conservation options for agricultural producers and restore critical wetlands.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: CHILDREN'S MOVIES

ACROSS

1. Savvy
6. Churchill's "so few"
9. Wolf in Mexico
13. Type of closet
14. "____ to Joy"
15. Giverny Impressionist
16. Select by a vote
17. Craggy peak
18. Eight voices
19. *Snow White's posse
21. *Kevin, Stuart or Bob
23. **Mr. ____ body & Sherman"
24. Fodder holder
25. Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
28. Maastricht Treaty (1992) currency
30. Goldfinger's henchman
35. They're hidden up a sleeve?
37. TV's ____ at Night
39. ** ____ Got a Friend in Me" from "Toy Story"
40. Lymph ____
41. *E.T., e.g.
43. Arctic jaeger
44. Dismal
46. Muffin Man's Drury

CROSSWORD													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
13					14			15					
16					17			18					
	19				20		21	22					
			23			24							
25	26	27		28		29		30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39			
40					41			42		43			
44				45		46				47			
48					49		50			51		52	
				53		54		55		56			
	57	58	59				60				61	62	
63						64	65			66			67
68						69				70			
71						72				73			



AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 23

- Gold medal swimmer, Ryan Lochte literally made a mountain out of a mole hill when he embellished a story about getting robbed in Rio. Now that he has changed his story to include the fact that he was drinking and was not robbed as previously stated, he is losing endorsements from Nike and a few other big name companies costing him millions.
- "I don't know if I'm getting old or something but theres [sic] no way I would buy these for any little girl in my family. I don't know how or why Big W would sell these!" commented a woman on Facebook about the Kardashians children's clothing line. Her post quickly garnered support from other moms about the sequined shorts and crop tops offered for young girls.

dish TV AND INTERNET

OVER 190 CHANNELS

\$49.94 (per month)

- FREE SAME DAY INSTALLATION (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)
- 3 MONTHS OF PREMIUM CHANNELS (OVER 50 CHANNELS: HBO, ESPN, SHOWTIME, etc.)
- ASK ABOUT OUR 3 YEAR PRICE GUARANTEE AND GET NETFLIX INCLUDED FOR A YEAR
- BUNDLE HIGH SPEED INTERNET

CALL TODAY & SAVE UP TO 50%! 800-318-5121

© StatePoint Media

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 57. *Mr. Miyagi's forte 60. ** ____ Life of Pets" 63. Type of renewable energy 64. Parental involvement org. 66. Have dinner at home | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 68. Type of sweatshirt 69. H+, e.g. 70. Spiral-horned antelope 71. Augments 72. *Jack Sparrow's "yes" 73. Ruhr's industrial center | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Parties 25. *Kung Fu-practicing animated mammal 26. Squirrel's stash 27. Mythological princess of Colchis 29. Small stream 31. 2 aspirin, e.g. 32. Football move, pl. 33. Immature ovum 34. *Beauty's true love 36. Finned mammal 38. Bingo-like game 42. Impulse transmitter 45. Prayer beads 49. Gangster's pistol 51. Between Paleocene and Oligocene 54. Old photo color 56. R^ntgen beams 57. Crazy one 58. Medicinal succulent 59. Unit of angular measure, pl. 60. Like spirit in sane body 61. Estimated arrivals 62. Bathroom flooring 63. Female pronoun 65. *Buzz or Woody 67. A Bobbsey twin |
|--|---|---|

DOWN

1. Steinfeld
2. **Where the ____ Things Are"
3. All over again
4. Summary
5. Dinner's main attraction
6. Decomposes
7. Big fuss
8. Manhattan Project physicist
9. Locus, pl.
10. On top of
11. " ____ there, done that"
12. Mel ____, Giant Hall-of-Famer
15. Accompanied solo song
20. The animals of a region
22. International Labor Organization

Puzzle solutions on page 10

SUDOKU

GOT KNEE PAIN?

Get a Pain-Relieving Knee Brace At Little or No Cost to You You May Qualify for Free Shipping We Do All The Paperwork Shoulder Braces, Ankle Braces, Back Braces Also Available

Medicare Patients Call Us Right Now
1-800-984-0360

		7		2	4		1	
3		1					2	
			7					8
		2		4	7			
	8							6
			6	3		4		
	7					6		
		3					8	9
	1		9	8		6		

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

CLASSIFIEDS
small ads **BIG** deals

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Have you been watching the coverage on the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio?

- YES - 80%
- NO - 20%
- Off and On - 0%

WWW.

thelowellledger.com

WE SHIP UPS!

Our Prices Can't Be Beat! Call Us for a Price Quote! Weight, dimensions & Zip Code Required for a Quote

the lowell ledger

105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

Jacob Lemoine

Behind
The Scenes

Name: Jacob Lemoine
Position: Owner, Sunshine Meadery
Residence: Lives in Lowell, originally from Whitehall
Education: Home-schooled, bachelor's degree in business from Grand Valley State University
Experience: Sergeant in the Army Reserves, construction
Hobbies: Blacksmithing, volunteering at horse stables
Website: sunshinemead.com

Hobby grows into thriving meadery business

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Sunshine Meadery is the only business in town that makes mead, a traditional honey wine. The company was started two years ago by Jacob Lemoine, but he has been making mead as a hobby for several years. He now has five employees and sells his product all over West Michigan.

"I have been making mead for about seven years," Lemoine said. "Literally, one day I woke up and decided I wanted to make some alcohol. So many people do beer that you

"The basic concept of mead is honey, yeast and water, that's it," Lemoine said. "The process is, I put it in the fermenter and let it ferment away, which usually takes four to eight weeks depending on what type it is. At that point we put it in a barrel and we age it anywhere between six and nine months. This accomplishes two things. It smooths it out so a lot of the harsh flavors go away and it clarifies it so it is clear rather than cloudy. At that point we bottle. It's between

"With mead I can make something for almost any palate out there," Lemoine said. "It's very versatile. It's a crowd pleaser."

~ Jacob Lemoine

really have to do something unique and different if you want to make beer. Wine is very specialized. I had heard about mead, it's popular all over the world, so I started Googling and found out that there are so many more options of what you can do with mead. After I graduated from GVSU my hobby was getting popular enough that I couldn't keep up with it without having to charge for it, so I decided to go commercial with it."

It can take over a year to make a batch of mead and it is not a type of wine that gets better with age. Lemoine said you should try to drink it within six months to a year after purchasing a bottle.

ten months and a year-and-a-half old then. It hits its peak anywhere between a year and two years, that's when it's ideal. Anything after that is not a problem, you can still drink it, but it starts slowly losing flavor. The standard, traditional honey wine is very similar to a Riesling or a Moscato."

The types of mead Lemoine offers change throughout the year. Currently he is bringing four types to the farmers market, Strait, Snow Cherries, Hakuna Matata and Mayan Fire. Strait is a basic, plain honey wine. Hakuna Matata is flavored with rooibos tea from South Africa and vanilla from Madagascar.



The Mayan Fire mead has blood orange and chipotle peppers in it and it packs quite a spicy kick. Lemoine got the idea for Snow Cherries mead when he was in Europe researching his family's heritage.

"When I was in Paris doing some genealogical research I had this stuff they call 'snow cherries,'" Lemoine said. "Basically, they take a cherry, put vanilla frosting on it and then sprinkle cinnamon over it. I was eating that while thinking, 'I bet I could make a honey wine out of this.'

Snow Cherries is the result. It's honey wine with cherry, cinnamon and vanilla. My ancestry is French and I was trying to research where my ancestors came from in France. One of the things I found out was my family has always been in gardening and beekeeping, that sort of thing."

Sunshine's Strait mead changes seasonally depending on what type of honey Lemoine uses when he brews the wine. The current batch of Strait is made from Michigan apple blossom honey. In the fall he plans to use a honey from Vermont, which Lemoine said will have a flavor reminiscent of maple.

"Mead is kind of like wine in that you can use different types of honey to produce different flavors," Lemoine said. "I used to keep bees, but I realized that, because I use anywhere from two to three pounds of honey per gallon of mead, I go through thousands of pounds of honey per year. Trying to keep up with that amount of production is impossible and it limits

me to the types of honey that I can produce around here, which is a version of wildflower honey, just whatever the bees come across. When I outsource the honey production I can get more selective with my honey choices. I can get apple blossom honey from Ludington, clover honey from out in the Dakotas, orange blossom honey..."

In his spare time Lemoine has built himself a blacksmith shop that looks like a castle.

"If I'm going to build a blacksmith shop, I'm going to make sure it's as fireproof as possible," Lemoine said. "And if I'm going to build a brick building anyway, I might as well make it look cool, which turned into building a tiny castle. It's only going to be about 500 square feet, but it's a castle-style blacksmith shop. I have a drawbridge at this point and when it's finally done I'll have a castle-warming party with mead."

Lemoine said that doing business in Lowell is a piece of cake thanks to the positive environment here.

"What attracted me to Lowell was the community," Lemoine said. "The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and police chief Steve Bukala have been incredibly helpful. When you're dealing with alcohol it's difficult enough as it is. They have made the process so much easier. The Lowell community has been very receptive to what I'm doing."

Lemoine can be found offering samples and selling bottles of his mead at the Lowell Area Farmers' Market every Thursday. His products are also available in Lowell at Pauly's. Several specialty liquor stores in Grand Rapids carry Sunshine Mead, including Rishi's International Beverage, Siciliano's Market, Smitty's Specialty Beverage and The Crushed Grape. It's also available at stores in Grandville, Wayland, Wyoming and Holland.

"With mead I can make something for almost any palate out there," Lemoine said. "It's very versatile. It's a crowd pleaser."

Behind
The Scenes

Do you know of someone who has an interesting story "Behind The Scenes"?

Send your suggestion to:

ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Subject line: Scenes