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Artist creates mural for the Lowell Showboat

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

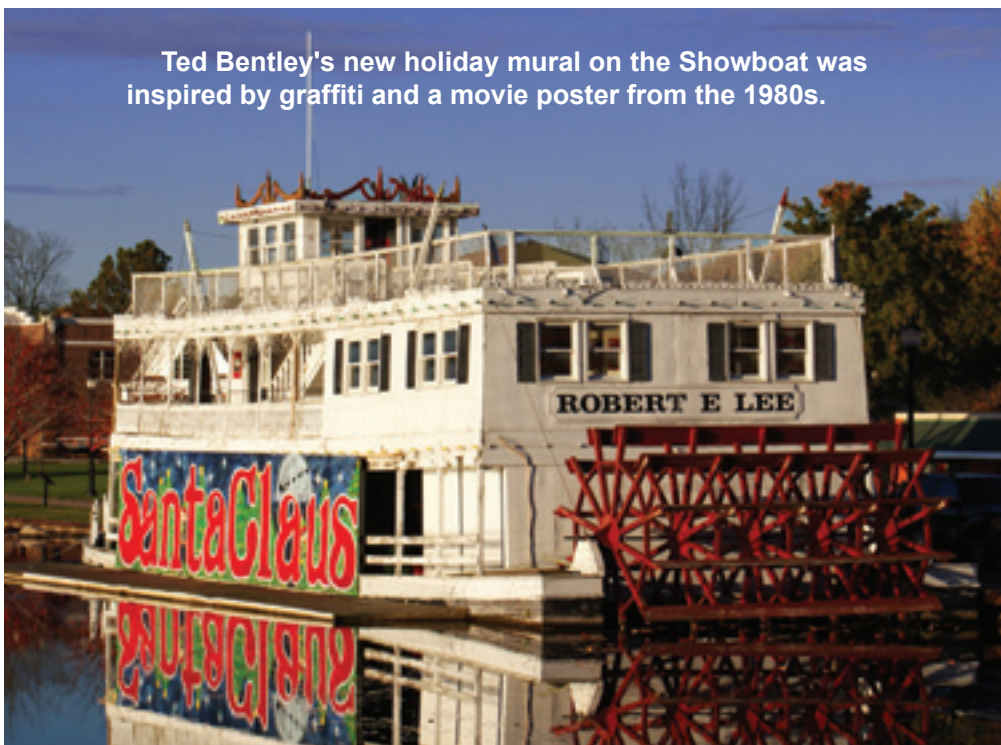
Lowell artist Ted Bentley recently completed a huge Santa Claus mural that has been placed on the west side of the Showboat. The mural was installed earlier this week and will remain up throughout the holiday season.

“We always put a wall on the back of the boat to block the wind, it makes it a little bit warmer when

people are on the boat for the Christmas festivities,” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. “During the last Riverwalk Festival Ted asked me if he could graffiti the side of our building with chalk. I thought we'd get in trouble if I let him graffiti the side of our building, but I said if you want to do something to do with the Riverwalk

Festival on the cement block area on the back of our building, you can do that. Recently we found that we had to replace the boards that we normally put up for Christmas. I remembered that Ted liked to do that kind of stuff so I called him and asked him if he would like to do something. He said he'd love to. He came

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Ted Bentley's new holiday mural on the Showboat was inspired by graffiti and a movie poster from the 1980s.

AT LAST! Election Day arrives!

The 2016 Presidential election has been one of the most contentious political contests in American history. Election Day was a big relief for everybody. Voters in line at Lowell city hall on Tuesday, Nov. 8 did not have to wait very long to cast their ballot, as volunteer poll workers kept the process running smooth, efficient and easy.

In next week's Lowell Ledger we will bring you all local election results, including the Lowell city council recall election, the 86th district Michigan House and all the rest.

For now the smell is gone for Lowell's odoriferous biodigester

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The LEAD biodigester seems to have met the November deadline to stop the stink. LEAD leader Greg Northrup invited the public to sniff the place out on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Lowell city council and the Lowell Light & Power board had several special meetings working out a

that should end the odors permanently.

“Today we've reached the point where we've put this comprehensive solution in to capture all the odor,” Northrup said. “This [tank] has been totally enclosed now. All of the odors from this whole system now are ducted into a carbon filter unit.”

Lowell mayor Greg Altoft and Light & Power chairman Greg Canfield are bitter rivals in a race for a seat on the city council, but they and their boards worked together to get LEAD to fix the stink.

“As long as there are no more complaints, they've met their deadline,” Altoft said. “They can never have any smell. As long as they keep things cleaned up and make sure that



Greg Northrup on Wednesday, Nov. 2 in front of the LEAD biodigester's new tank enclosure.

plan with LEAD to put an end to the disgusting odor problem that has been plaguing the city ever since the facility opened. The plan included a Nov. 1 deadline to build an enclosure for a stinky wastewater tank, a solution

everything is working, they won't have any problems with the city. All they have to do is maintain everything so it doesn't happen again. I'm happy

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along main street

October Students of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center

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.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., Nov. 17 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL LUNCHEON

The Lowell Women's Club would like you to join them for the annual Christmas Through Lowell luncheon at the chamber of commerce building, Fri., Nov. 18 and Sat., Nov. 19 from 11 am to 2 pm. Featuring homemade soups, pies, salads and sandwiches. Proceeds benefit Lowell senior girls scholarships. Contact June Dilly, 897-7492, for more information.

HOLIDAY MARKET

The annual LowellArts! Holiday Artists Market, featuring artwork by over 50 area artists, will be Nov. 18 – Dec. 24. Artwork and other handmade items by Michigan artists will be available for purchase during the gift-giving season. This will be the first showing held in the new LowellArts! gallery at 223 West Main St. Gallery hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 am – 6 pm.

MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOPS

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday of November and two weeks into December at the Franciscan Life Process Center we're bringing in artists and crafters to teach you a skill and help you bring home a Christmas gift. These are mini workshops teaching wreath decorating, fabric skills, felting, children's rocker painting, making rings and earrings, crocheting, and many more things in a half day or whole day setting. Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org and click on the Services tab, then the Art Program tab and then the Art Workshops tab; or call 897-7842, ext. 352. Leave a message if you do not get a response.

GILDA'S CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Nov. 15, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book. Feel free to stop by the Clubhouse to borrow a book.

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

Five Lowell High School students have been named Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center. Johanna Bem, 12th grade, is enrolled in the auto tech, engine repair and performance program; Cody McGee, 11th grade, is enrolled in the auto tech, brakes and manual drive train program; and Madison Stephens, 12th grade, is enrolled in the graphic 1 interactive design program. Trevor Bouman, 12th grade, is enrolled in the health-pharmacy program; Kodie Wilcox, 12th grade, is enrolled in the 3-D animation and game design program; Trevor Bouman,



Johanna Bem



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that the smell is gone. The citizens of Lowell got what they wanted.”

“I’m crossing my fingers and praying that it’s over,” Canfield said. “This has been awful for the community. I’m hopeful that this solves the problem. They spent a lot of money to do this and it’s a huge improvement. We’re just going to have to give it some time and see.”

On Nov. 3 Northrup released a brief statement addressed to the citizens of Lowell.

“Yesterday, the news stations reported that we achieved the goal of completing the odor control construction project in time to meet the city’s deadline,” Northrup’s statement read. “And, while that is true, I want to be clear with our neighbors and city leaders that we view this as the beginning, not the end. Yesterday was Day One of the biodigester operating the way it is meant to, without

odor escaping our site. I want to be clear that this is what we want our neighbors to expect every day going forward. The project is about creating local, sustainable energy. We will be continually monitoring the system in the coming weeks and months to ensure that energy is the only thing it produces. We are grateful to so many residents and leaders in Lowell for their forbearance, patience and

continued support as we have worked to get this waste to energy operation functioning properly. The credit for meeting the deadline is reflected in the commitment to the project by our West Michigan based subcontractors. LEAD owes them a special well deserved thanks. We will continue to issue periodic updates on our work. I encourage everyone to contact us with

your thoughts, questions or concerns.”

If citizens ever smell odors coming from the biodigester they are encouraged to call the Lowell Police Department at 616-897-7123 and report it. The police will go to the biodigester if there are multiple complaints.

“If there are any complaints filed, those should be filed with

the police department,” Canfield said. “When they get a second complaint, then they drive over and they judge it themselves if there is an odor or not, then they issue a violation.”

“We have a complaint-based system, that’s the only way we can do anything,” Altoft said. “If it doesn’t smell enough to make anybody upset, they can continue.”

Road rage assault now a homicide

by Julie Makarewicz and Joan Van Houten staff writers

William “Andy” McFarlan, 64, of Caledonia, died Oct. 31 from injuries he received during what police are calling a road rage incident Sept. 29 in the 6100 block of Whitneyville Avenue.

Witnesses told police McFarlan was assaulted by as many as three young men who fled the scene on a dirt bike and four-wheeler. McFarlan was left in the roadway after being beaten.

Kent County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Christian William Hillman, 18, from Ada. Initially Hillman was charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder. Those charges will be upgraded to second-degree murder.

Hillman graduated from Lake Michigan Academy last spring and was living with his parents at the time of the incident.

Witnesses told police Hillman dragged McFarlan out of his vehicle and began beating him, then left him in the roadway after reportedly asking witnesses to take photos of his bloody hands.

Hillman told investigators McFarlan grabbed him by the neck and that he was only defending himself.

Hillman’s friend was riding a quad and got separated from Hillman. When he caught up to him, he testified he saw Hillman standing over McFarlan in the road and then Hillman kicked McFarlan.

Two friends of Hillman testified Hillman seemed pleased and happy about the beating and not upset at all.

McFarlan suffered multiple injuries from the beating, including facial and rib fractures and severe head trauma.

Hillman is the only person facing charges in the case at this time.

The community has rallied support for the McFarlan family. Aron Bravata raised \$4,000 in a mud bog fundraiser at the Bravata farm.

“This is something I do every year to help people who are struggling. This year, I chose the McFarlan family because of what they’ve been suffering through,” said Bravata. “It’s senseless, you know, what this family has had to deal with.”

A check for the full amount raised was to be presented to the McFarlan family this week but may be postponed due to memorial and burial services.

A GoFundMe account has also been set up for the McFarlan family.

McFarlan served in the U.S. Army and worked for 30 years at General Motors before retiring. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, according to his obituary.

Playwrights encouraged to enter 10-minute play contest

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

The deadline for submissions to the LowellArts! Players Playwright Festival is Tuesday, Nov. 15. LowellArts! would like you to write a 10-minute play, about ten pages, on the “Family Matters” theme. The play can be drama or comedy. Judges will narrow the field down to a final eight, which will be performed at the new LowellArts! Theater, 223

W. Main, in February of 2017. The entry fee is \$15 and you must be at least 18 years old to enter.

“There are three judges and they judge on the following criteria,” said project director Janet Teunis. “Does the play fit the theme; does it speak to the audience; does it inspire good stagecraft; are the characters original, not a rehash from other plays, movies, etc.; [and]

how concisely is the story told?”

First place will receive a \$300 prize, second place will get \$150. There will also be a people’s choice award voted on by attendees of the plays. For instructions on how to enter, visit the event website lowellartsmi.org/10-minuteplaywrightfestival or call 616-897-8545.

NEWS REGARDING TRASH-RECYCLING-YARD

Residents can now contract directly with a licensed provider in the City of Lowell for a trash service option that is most suitable to them beginning December 1, 2016. Those companies that are currently licensed in the City are the following:

- Red Creek - 616-682-2806
- Republic Services - 616-437-8014
- Green Valley Services - 616-647-1400
- Waste Management, Inc. - 1-800-796-9696

What does this mean to residents who have utilized the service by Red Creek after November 30, 2016?

Residents have the option to seek service from any licensed provider. Red Creek plans to sell the blue bags as they have previously. Please contact Red Creek for information pertaining to this and yard waste pick up.

Recycling

Residents who have utilized the recycling via the City of Lowell through Red Creek have the option of returning their recycling containers back to the City of Lowell. The City will then return the resident’s deposit, if done so before May 1, 2017. Residents can also keep the container, with no deposit returned to them. Please note if the resident chooses not to return the container, Red Creek will still not accept recycling from that container.

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up with a design and he's been working on it inside the Superior Furniture building."

Bentley, a 40-year-old bicycle mechanic who lives in Lowell, said he was inspired by graffiti and by a classic movie poster.

"Liz contacted me and asked me if I wanted to use spray paint and my graffiti skills to paint a mural and I said yes," Bentley said. "They had in mind something like the Santa Claus movie from 1985. I looked up the movie poster and instantly fell in love with the font. It's a nice, classic print font. I put together a few drawings, showed them to Liz and it went from there."

He has been drawing his entire life, but his interest in graffiti art was sparked last summer when a friend showed him some photographs. Bentley began photographing graffiti and even took a trip to Iceland to study the graffiti there.

"I would not consider the wall graffiti," Bentley said. "I didn't want it to have a traditional graffiti style, I wanted people to look at it and think it was beautiful instead of that it was cool. It was graffiti inspired, though. I used spray cans and then I applied some techniques that graffiti artists use."

Bentley said that he

uses graffiti techniques to teach art to his children.

"It's kind of fun and it's not super difficult for kids to draw block letters," Bentley said. "The more you do it, the easier it gets."

Bentley's mural is out there right now and will be displayed on the Showboat during all of the holiday activities that take place on the Riverwalk. Santa Claus himself will be on the Showboat on Saturday, Dec. 3. Check out the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website discoverlowell.org for a complete schedule of holiday events.

kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

I love to read, mostly fantasy books. But from what I've heard around school, it seems I'm in the minority. I decided to hit the hallways of my school to see what, if anything, people are reading. I interviewed six students in seventh and eighth grade. Most of them liked reading, five out of six to be exact.

For those who liked it, the majority preferred a good fantasy or sci-fi novel over a nonfiction text,

though when Winton was asked what his favorite book was, he replied, "Something that's nonfiction and not too long." However, when I asked Emma if she liked nonfiction she said, "No, because I get bored easily with them."

The students who preferred fantasy mostly singled out the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling as their favorite. When I asked eighth grader Logan why that is, she replied, "I like

that it transports you into a world that is nonexistent."

Eighth grader Bailey said she enjoyed fantasy because, "Sometimes it just makes you think that their world is so awesome."

As for the student who did not like reading, she said, "Would rather play board games and sports." And I guess I can't blame her for that. All in all, there is a wide range of opinions at my school about books and reading, but I can just hope that no one completely hates the learning and imagination reading can give you.

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to the editor

education grants

Dear Editor,

At the Lowell Education Foundation, grant season is coming to close. We are very excited to once again help fund more than \$20,000 worth of special projects within Lowell Area Schools! The mission of the LEF is to help provide funding for enhanced programs and innovation within Lowell Area Schools that are not funded through the normal school budget.

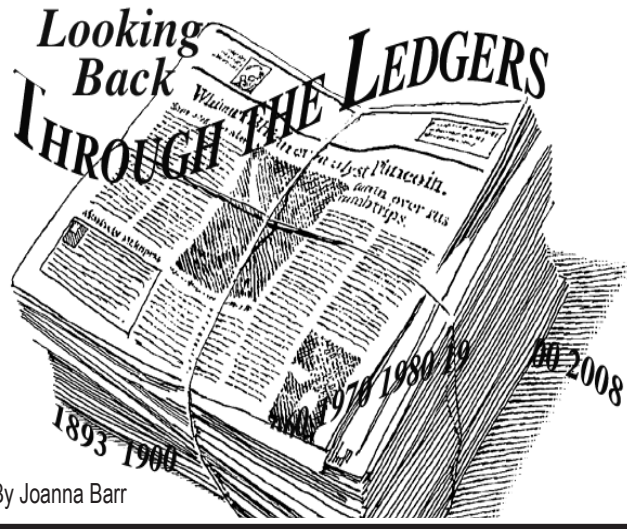
We are operated by a board of hard-working volunteers. Every Lowell teacher from kindergarten through 12th grade qualifies to apply for an LEF grant. It would be nearly impossible to find a student within our community that hasn't been positively impacted by an LEF grant in one way or another.

As the year comes to a close and our community considers their year-end giving options, I would like to encourage everyone to consider a donation to LEF.

Please visit our website at lowelleducationfoundation.org to learn more about LEF and the giving options that are available. You can also contact us via U.S. mail at 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

One thing is certain, in learning and in life, there are many ways to view the world and solve problems. There is no one size fits all. Our teachers at Lowell Area Schools are exceptional at reaching all their students despite multiple learning styles, levels and personalities. It's one more community characteristic that makes Lowell a great place to be. I hope those who live and work in Lowell will consider supporting the efforts of our teachers and students as they make their year-end giving plans.

Thank you,
Heather Cooper,
president
Lowell Education
Foundation



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Nov. 11, 1891

Senator Stanford's two year old colt, Arion, broke the world's record yesterday, trotting a mile in 2:10 $\frac{3}{4}$. It is the most remarkable performance in the history of the turf.

Little Dickey Dawson, who was so badly hurt by falling from his bicycle in front of the wheels of Hogan's dray, last week, is steadily improving. It was a narrow escape from death.

Dan' I Oliver has bought the Mrs Chapman place on Bridge St. and will again reside among us. Their many old time friends are glad to again count Mr and Mrs Oliver among Lowell's citizens.

There are 426 patrons who draw books from Lowell's Public Library, less than one in five of our population. It would seem that more would avail themselves of the opportunity to get first class reading.

At the silver medal contest, at Music Hall, last Friday night, Maud Boles was the successful contestant and secured the prize. After being rehashed so often as they have, the selections are becoming rather chestnutty. With a few new selections the interest in these contests would be kept up.

Don't forget. That the Ladies Sale of household articles will be held on Nov. 13 and 14, in the building opposite Music Hall, owned by A. P. Hunter, instead of the room on the bridge. The sale will open Friday noon and close Saturday evening. Chicken pie supper will be served on Saturday from five to eight o'clock. 20c for supper and fair prices for goods. The ladies hereby issue a special invitation to everybody and hope to sell every thing but their customers.

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Ralph Lochern, of Grandville, was struck Monday morning by a C. & W. M. train and instantly killed. He was drunk and paid no attention to the train.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 9, 1916

Presidency still in doubt. Closest contest in many years. Minnesota, Oregon and North Dakota probably Democratic, California follows suit. Wednesday night when news came that California was safe for Wilson his election was considered sure. But this Thursday morning The Herald is claiming Oregon, New Hampshire and one vote in Washington and states that Hughes' chances are improving. With 60 votes remaining in doubt, it claims 239 votes for

Hughes to 282 for Wilson. Necessary to elect 260. Hughes plurality in New Hampshire is but 161 and the Democrats will demand a recount. It looks as if the official count of more than one state would be needed to decide who will be the next president.

Prohibition—Yes 544, No 179. Home Rule—Yes 102, No 564. That's Lowell's splendid answer to its booze disgrace of many years. "Glad praise to The Highest, good will to all men!"

Now that the election is over, let's get down to business and be loyal to the president, no matter who he may be. Villification, knocking and mudslinging are unbecoming loyal American citizens.

Last Sunday the quietness of the afternoon was somewhat broken when two autoes driven beyond the speed limit came together on the good roads in front of Frank Fairchilds' residence. The Ford, owned and driven by Bert Douglas of Whitneyville, ran over the mail box and milk stand, turning the car with its occupants over three times throwing all out. Mr. Douglas sustained a broken leg and other bruises while Miles Graham was bruised about the head. The two little boys of Mr. Graham were bruised and the youngest had a rib broken. The little boy was taken from the car narrowly escaping death and what might have been a tragedy. Willing hands soon rescued the injured, carrying them into the house and a physician was hurried to the scene of the accident where the sufferers were made as comfortable as could be expected. Mr. Douglas was taken home that night but Mr. Graham and two boys could not be moved until next day. The machine that crowded Mr. Douglas in the ditch never stopped to learn how badly the occupants were injured but hurried away forgetting their duty to their fellowman, also forgetting that whisky and gasoline not run smoothly together. Mr. Douglas' car was badly damaged and had to be towed into the garage at Alto.

The person who committed the despicable depredations at the Congregational church should be punished and the punishment should fit the crime. Let him not think to escape unscathed. The consciousness of a foul deed will pursue him to his death bed and destroy his self respect and manhood. Let no one think to escape the consequences of an evil deed.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 13, 1941

By proclamations of the President of the U. S. and the Governor of Michigan, the annual Thanksgiving holiday will be held again this year on the third Thursday of November which falls on the 20th. Next year Thanksgiving Day will revert to the traditional last Thursday of November where it will doubtless remain for all time to come.

Lowell stores will remain open until 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, for the accommodation of Thanksgiving shoppers. Stores closed all day on Thanksgiving Day.

The heating plant at the City Hall cracked up the other day and the building is now without heat. Whether a new heating plant will be necessary or the old one repaired has not been determined at this writing.

Defense savings stamps are a good investment. When you have saved stamps to the amount of \$18.75 they can be exchanged for a defense bond worth \$25 at maturity. Say to your merchant, "I will take a defense stamp please, as part of my change."

A few weeks ago the Editor stuck his neck out by saying, "We claim that Lowell has the best band and the best football team." We now content ourselves by saying that Lowell has the best band.

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LWC announces officers and board

The Lowell Women's Club has announced their 2016-2017 officers and board members. The LWC has been busy volunteering with FROM for school backpack deliveries, lunch buddies, the pantry and thrift shop. They

have also served as hosts for Parade of Homes, provided their traditional Fallasburg Fall Festival food booth and are preparing for their homemade soup luncheon at the Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce during Christmas Through Lowell on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20.

New members are always welcomed on the second Wednesday of each month

from September through June at Schneider Manor beginning at 11:30 am.

Anyone with questions is asked to please call Jan Thompson at 897-2533.



LWC members picture, left to right: Jackie Tousley, Diane Sherlock, Lori Ingraham, president; Susan Stouffer, Ellen Lietzke, Marj Harding, Chris Parks, June Dilly, Teresa Hoffman, and Leah Vredenberg. Missing from photo: Ginny Weber.



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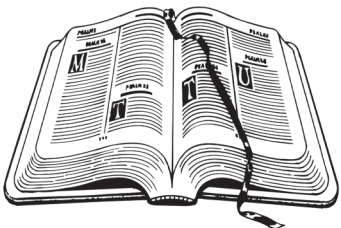
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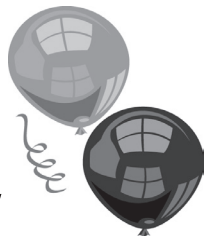
People with chronic hives can be at increased

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Blood tests and allergy testing are done to search for a cause, but often a cause is not found.

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Council approves sale of improvement bonds and seven-day notice for biodigester odors

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council discussed the LEAD biodigester and approved the sale of \$3.5 millions worth of "general obligation limited tax capital improvement bonds." The cash generated from this sale will be used to fund a list of infrastructure improvements. The meeting lasted just under an hour and was attended by about 25 people.

During public comment allegations flew between Greg Canfield and John and Heidi Ogle over a long-standing disagreement.

City manager Mike Burns offered an update on progress to the LEAD biodigester, which apparently still stinks despite the recent construction that was supposed to fix

it. LEAD principal Greg Northrup was not on hand at the meeting to answer charges that the rotten stench at the facility persists despite LEAD's efforts to fix the issue.

"I thought we were going to shut it down and they would have to clean it up and restart it. Wasn't that what we agreed on," mayor Jeff Altoft said.

"The corrective action agreement that was signed does provide that if in fact after the Nov. 1 date there is an obnoxious odor that you have the right to provide seven days notice for them to correct that problem," said city attorney Dick Wendt. "If they don't correct that problem within seven days it shuts down."

The council voted to



A confrontation between two contractors became quite heated while Heidi Ogle was speaking at this week's city council meeting.

give LEAD seven days notice to fix the problem, after which the biodigester must be shut down.

The council voted to approve the sale of \$3.5 million in bonds to make various infrastructure improvements. The projects the sale will fund include replacement of the main lift station and construction of a related gravity trunk sewer, replacement of the

Valley Vista lift station, construction of a water main on S. Broadway south of E. Main and Bowes, construction of a sanitary sewer in the alley south of E. Main and a sanitary sewer along N. Broadway and S. Broadway to S. Water and east along S. Water, construction of a water main

along S. Broadway from S. Water to Bowes and west on Bowes to Maple and construction of a water main on N. Broadway across E. Main.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 pm.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of
ROSETTA ANDERSON
Guardianship File No. 16-199,991-GA
Conservatorship File No. 16-199,990-CA

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

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on DECEMBER 27, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian and Conservator.

Dated:
November 1, 2016

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 16-200164-DE

Estate of MARGARET P. POLAKOWSKI, deceased. Date of birth: July 10, 1920.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret P. Polakowski, died 09/10/16.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bret L. Polakowski, personal representative, or to both the probate

court at 1499 House St., Belmont, MI 49306 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

November 1, 2016

John T. Conroy (P43709)
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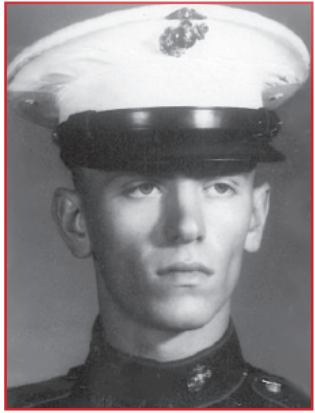
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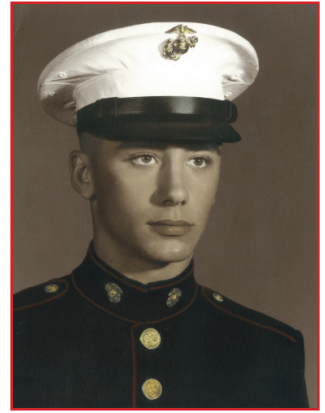
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1969-1972



Berwyn L. Kloosterman
Navy
Dec. 1950 – Oct. 1954



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Ed Meyers, Sonny Gumser,
Burt Hawk**
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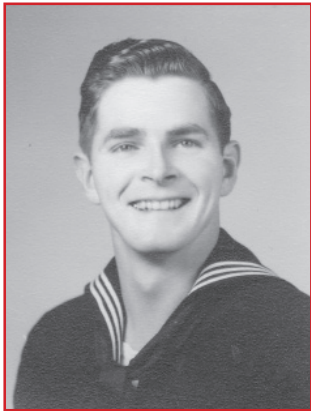
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Casey Brown
U.S. Army
1994-97



Cecilia Bibler Best
U.S. Navy
1953-1955



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Navy
Jan. 1951 – Nov. 1954



CDR Dave Thompson
Navy
1955-1957



Dave Fehlig
USMC
1964-1970



David Lee Neubecker
Army
1977-1980



David S. Harding
Army
1956-1957



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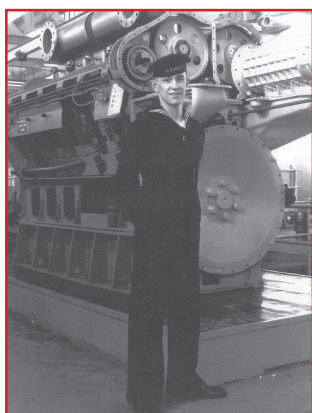
Chief Herb Rice
Navy 1952-1977
24 years of service



Herman Weststrate
Army
1966-1969



Jacob Clayton Callier
Army
1971-1974



W. James 'Jim' Sowle
U.S. Navy 1953-1955
Fireman on a harbor tug



James Stinchcomb
USCG
1941-1945



Jerry Vredevelt
Navy
1949-1953



Joe Rinard
U.S. Army
1973-1975



Joel Uzarski,
Commander U.S. Navy
2000-Present



John K. Erickson
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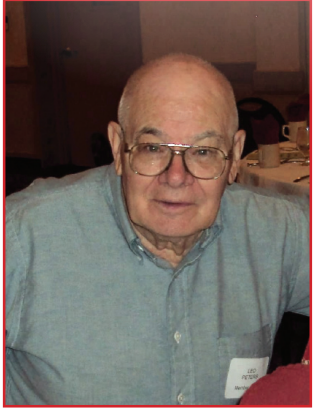
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2011 - present



Keith A. Neubecker
Marines 2009-2012
Kyle M. Neubecker
Marines 2006-2011



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Leo Peters
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Army
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1948-1952



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USMC
1976-1982



Phil Covert
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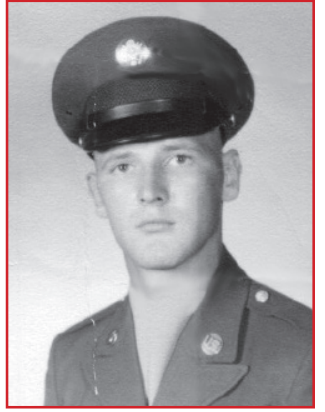
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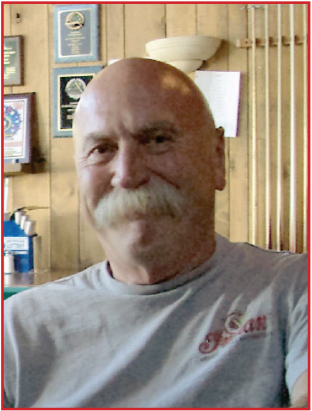
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Robert Ellis
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Robert Moyer
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Roger L. Kropf
Army National Guard
1960-1966



Lawrence Mikulski
Navy
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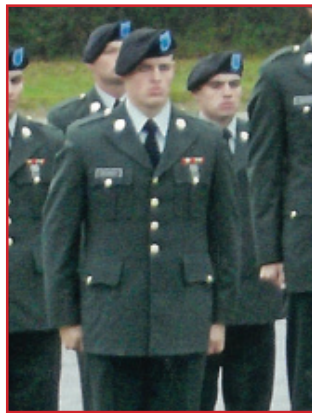
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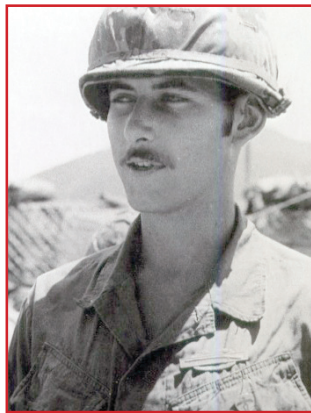
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Air Force
20 years



Sgt Scott C. Cooper
United States Air Force
2007 - present



Scott Devroy
Army
2009-Present



Stephen L. Bibbler
101st Airborn
1972-1974



V Don Souser
Submarine Service
1943-1946
Max Souser
USN 1909-1944



William Bibbler
82nd Airborne
1960-1962



Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

Arrows wrap up phenomenal volleyball season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity volleyball wrapped up a phenomenal 25-15-1 season with a trio of Class A finals match ups at home and on the road.

The action began at Lowell High School on Monday night when they earned a 3-0 victory over fellow OK White competitor Cedar Springs. Shannon Hoekstra and Abi Mangus teamed up for a combined total of six aces in the match which the Arrows

won in a 3-0 shutout. Cedar Springs fell far behind in the first two sets losing to the Arrows 25-10 and 25-9 before attempting a surge in the third that the Arrows thwarted by a tally of 25-18. Teammates aiming well for the Arrows were Jill Fidler who logged 17 digs and Sydney Powell with 21 assists. Hoekstra and Mangus also added three blocks and 11 kills respectively.

Having earned their spot in the district semifinal the ladies next faced regular season nemesis Forest Hills Central on Ranger home turf. Having already lost to the team twice 3-0 and 3-2 Lowell went in knowing they faced an uphill battle, but made it to the top of the mountain winning the match after five sets 3-2 after climbing back from a 2-0 deficit. The Arrows dropped the first two sets 25-19 and 25-17 and battled back for slim margin 25-22, 25-22 and 16-14 wins in the competition.

The win propelled them into the championship round showing the tremendous progress made

by the Arrow program this season. "Defeating FHC in the district semifinal demonstrated our team's growth and mental toughness. Working together as a team to win the tough points and finish with the win," said head coach Julie Quist.

A packed student section witnessed the widespread effort that included a big performance from Sydney Powell who produced two aces, 21 digs and 34 assists in the win. Other top stat grabbers were Fidler who matched Powell's ace and dig numbers, Hoekstra who provided four blocks and Mangus with 21 kills.

Back at FHC for the district finals on Thursday, Lowell faced the Rams from Rockford and settled for a runner-up finish to their remarkable season after losing the contest 25-18, 25-16 and 25-12. Mangus, Hoekstra and Powell grabbed all the stat leads in the season ender and along with their teammates left with the pride of their coach, "We were able to compete with a talented team," said Quist following the loss, "As their coach, I could not be prouder of their dedication, determination and grit. Every day they came into the gym ready to work and get better."

The team looks forward to a promising future coming off of one the best seasons on record for the program and retaining all but three members next season. Hoekstra, Maria DeCator and Kendra Wroten will graduate in the spring.

"We had such a fun and successful season. This team has inspired so many future Red Arrows to love the sport of volleyball," said Quist, adding words for her outgoing seniors, "To Shannon, Kendra and Maria - thank you for your commitment to this team and program. Our gym will always be open to you and you will be missed."

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter of
BARBARA ENSLEY
Guardianship File No.
14-195,487-GA
Conservatorship File
No. 14-195,486-CA

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

TAKE NOTICE: A
hearing will be held
on **JANUARY 11, 2017**,
at 10:00 a.m. at Kent
Co. Probate Court,
180 Ottawa NW, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
the following purpose:
Modification of
a Guardian and
Conservator.

Dated: November 2,
2016

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

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

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for
the County of Kent

In the matter
of **ELIZABETH
RACZKOWSKI**
Guardianship
File No. 16-200,132-DD

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including
father's relatives
of **ELIZABETH
RACZKOWSKI**,
whose address(es)
is/are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred
or affected by the
following:

TAKE NOTICE: A
hearing will be held on
DECEMBER 21, 2016,
at 8:45 a.m. at Kent
Co. Probate Court,
180 Ottawa NW, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
the following purpose:
Appointment of a
Guardian of a person
with a developmental
disability.

Dated:
November 3, 2016

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Petitioner
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Grand Rapids, MI 49507
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- SWIMMING

Conference championship for swim /dive team

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

In their rookie season as a team co-op the Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian girls swim and dive team swam their way to the top of the OK Rainbow conference claiming the Tier II conference championship last weekend in Hastings in a down to the wire half-point win.

Tallying a total score of 354.5 the group of aquatic enthusiasts topped the hosting Delton/Thornapple Kellogg/Hastings team by that half point and third-place finisher Calvin/Northpointe Christian by just a point and a half in the extremely close margin finish.

Leading the team to victory in their inaugural year was first-year head coach Stephanie Huyser who had nothing but accolades for her team. "The whole team worked so hard the whole season and the same goes for this past weekend. I am so proud of each and every one of them. This was the closest meet I have ever heard of for swimming. Winning only by half a point is nearly impossible in the sport and having the third place team be only 1.5 points behind us is insane. Every single swim counted and we came out on top."

Three Lowell swimmers and two Lowell divers were

among the arm linked group of 24 members standing in a circle awaiting the results after the meet's final event. Sophia Hornik, Annelise Kolp, Peyton Jankowski, Leanna Rose and Erin Smithee represented the Red Arrows this season. Smithee said the win was incredibly special, "It was a very, very close meet and I was shocked to hear that we had won by only half a point. The close score made winning even more amazing. I was so proud of all the hard work the girls put in throughout the season and the victory was well deserved."

Teammate Rose concurred saying that even

though the team went in on top she had some moments of doubt. "Walking into the meet I was expecting to win, but watching all of the other teams made me doubt that. When I heard that we won I was super happy. I remember Sophia and Annelise hugging me with the biggest smiles on their faces. Seeing all of my team together and happy for one last time was the best feeling of all and winning was like the icing on the cake."

Coach Huyser celebrated as well, jumping into the pool fully clothed and relishing a debut season worthy of the record books.

Swimming and diving champs,
continued, page 11



The girls swim and dive team with their Tier II championship trophy last Saturday.

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Red Arrows win Division II championship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After a first drive interception and an early 10-0 deficit Red Arrow varsity football earned a fourth consecutive Division II district championship with the 42-17 toppling of the Traverse City Central Trojans last Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.

Nate Stephens, David Kruse and Addison Buckius found their way into the end zone a combined total of six times after allowing the lead to begin with TCC in the first. The ever solid Arrow defense stopped the opposing offense like midtown traffic allowing only one additional third quarter score from the Trojans. Lowell maintained control of the ball throughout the game more than doubling the Trojans' possession time while earning twice the yards and earning three times as many first downs as their opponents.

Stephens put the Arrows on the board first picking up six late in the first capping off a 68-yard drive with a ten-yard touchdown run. He complemented the effort in

the third with an additional pair of scores earned off 14- and 40-yard runs. His efforts made him the night's leading rusher on both sides of the line with 145 yards earned over 20 carries. He was also the Arrows' second best receiver picking up 25 yards in two catches received from quarterback Kruse.

Kruse earned back to back touchdowns in the second quarter leading the Arrows to a 21-10 halftime lead in the two successful leaps across the scoring line. He also completed eight of 13 pass attempts for a 62 percent completion rate and 91 yards. Buckius topped off the win with a fourth quarter touchdown picked up on a one-yard pass from Kruse into the end zone to complete the 42-17 victory.

Other Arrows moving the ball included Grady McDonald who carried 10 times for 33 yards, as well as Sage Solomonson, Brady Douma, Brendan Milligan and Ethan Kaminski on the ground. Hayden Barry caught the ball four times good for 65 yards through



Quarterback David Kruse makes a hand-off to Sophomore Brendan Milligan during Lowell's Division II district championship win over Traverse City Central.

the air. Kickers George Gonzales and Saige Saldivar both had perfect nights going 5/5 and 1/1 respectively.

Already armed with a

conference title and a district championship, the team will next face the challenge of regional competition in their third straight post-season home game. The challenger:

OK White rival Forest Hills Central, who the Arrows beat in a come from behind 41-37 victory during the regular season. This is the

Rangers first appearance in the regional round since 1995 when they won the title against East Lansing.

The Arrows, still sporting a perfect 11-0 record, will welcome fans to the special MHSAA regional tournament game this Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium with the action scheduled to start at 7 pm. No passes will be accepted and early arrival is recommended.



Traverse City Central v Lowell		
Score	17	42
First Downs	7	24
Rushing Attempts	20	62
Yards Rushing	114	337
Yards Passing	98	91
Net Yards	212	428
Passes Attempted	18	13
Passes Completed	4	8
Interceptions	1	1
Offensive Plays	38	75
Average Gain	5.6	5.7
Fumbles: Number/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	7/48	3/16
Number of Punts/Yards	1/26	0/0
Average Per Punt	26.0	0
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	4/132	7/355
Average Per Kickoff	33.0	50.7
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	7/178	4/23
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/47	1/0
Possession Time	14:04	33:56
Third-Down Conversions	3/9	11/16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1/2	1/3

The voice of Red Arrow football

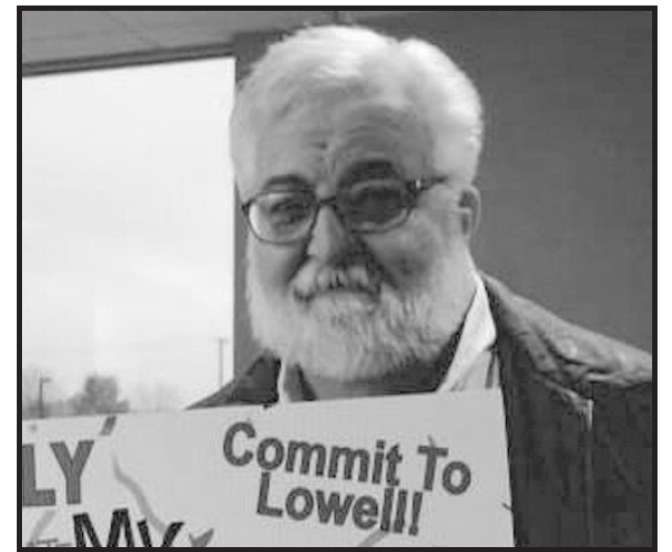
by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Over the past 27 years at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium many things have changed. Players have graduated and moved on, the teams have gone from mediocre to meteoric and from football championships to community rallying cancer support. And the voice of the Red Arrows' Tony Stencel has been there for it all.

A Lowell resident since 1972, a Farmington Hills native, Stencel was smitten with the Lowell football program from the beginning, attending games

and eventually coaching and announcing for the middle school team until 1989 when he was asked to take the best seat in the house announcing from the press box at Lowell High School. "While announcing for the 78ers I was asked by former athletic director Tom Star to announce for the varsity, freshman and junior varsity football teams. I am thankful to Mr. Star for giving me the opportunity to do the job," said Stencel.

The voice of football, continued, page 14



Tony Stencel, inside the press box at Red Arrow stadium.

Swimming and diving champs, continued

"Myself and my assistant coach, Andrew Vanderlei, are incredibly proud of our girls for the win. It honestly took me a few minutes to catch on to the excitement that the girls had. As a first-year coach and a first-year team a win is an amazing feeling," said Huyser. "The upperclassman of Caledonia and South Christian won conference last year when they were a part of Byron Center's team, so I know

they were thrilled to win a second conference title and it was so cool to have the freshman and Lowell girls be a part of this victory. The three schools have really bonded as one during this season and this victory and their reactions showed that."

Lowell swimmers made excellent improvements this season. Huyser reports that Hornik took four seconds off her 50-yard and five

from her 100-yard freestyle swims, while Rose did the same in her same race efforts. "Peyton Jankowski had the most significant and shocking time drops of the whole season. She dropped 24 seconds in her 200-yard freestyle race which brought her back to swim in the finals on Saturday where she placed 16th and scored a point for our team," added Huyser.

Swimmers Sid Schering, Madeline Schmeling, Lexi Singstock and Alyssa DeShane of Caledonia were awarded All-Conference honors at the meet as well. This weekend the girls will head back into action in the regional competition with time and location yet to be announced.

Looking Back, continued

Horse is shot by vandal in Keene Twp. A news item dated from Ionia on Tuesday morning is quoted as follows: "Difficulty he had experienced earlier in trying to catch a frisky, eight-year-old horse that he had permitted to run loose on his farm was ended Monday for Godfrey Oesch, Keene Twp. farmer. "When he went out for the animal a second time during the weekend, he found it had been shot twice in the side. It died later despite the administrations of a veterinarian. "Sheriff's officers are hunting the gunner. They believe he aimed deliberately at the horse and think he may be the same who shot at the horse of another farmer in the vicinity not long ago. That animal was not killed."

On Friday, Nov. 14, all persons who made mattresses on the Extension project will be given the material and cotton necessary for comforters has been announced by Miss Eleanor Densmore, Kent County Extension Agent. The necessary materials will be given out at the Ada Kent County Road Commission garage from one o'clock at noon until eight in the evening.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Nov. 10, 1966

Clear snow from football gridiron. Fifty boys on the junior varsity and freshman football teams with the help of some tractors and loaders, cleared 8 inches of wet snow off the football gridiron Friday. By game time, the field was clear and in good shape. In fact, the field was in too good shape, as a fast Comstock Park team whipped Lowell 51-21.

Lowell Chamber of Commerce was given permission by the City Council Monday to plant a large pine tree in the new parking lot on Main Street. The tree will be decorated during the Christmas season.

New sewer treatment plant ready early in December. The city council was notified that the new sewer treatment plant now under construction is 85 percent complete and will go into operation by the middle of December. The Erhart Construction Company that is building the plant at a cost of \$327,400 expect to beat

the January 1st deadline for completion. Total cost of the plant with engineering, financing and other expense was estimated to be over \$400,000 but some savings in construction costs and a much smaller contingency expense than estimated, will bring the cost down. City Manager Bernard Olson told the council that at one time he thought the city would have to put up \$65,000 from general funds to complete the project. With the plant nearly complete the manager now estimates the amount necessary from general funds to be around \$30,000.

Order street signs. The council on Monday night authorized the manager to order new metal street signs for the entire city. Cost is expected to be around \$5,000. Bids were also authorized to be taken for a new police cruiser to replace the Dodge now being used as an extra car. The council also asked the manager to negotiate a contract with Paul Jones to act as city Urban Renewal Consultant. He will make the preliminary studies necessary to submit application for federal funds. Mr. Jones estimated his fee for the first two steps at \$4,500.

Investigate Two Projects. Preliminary studies are being made on a land-fill of Flat River north of Main Street and west of Lafayette Street. The manager said that an estimate of \$30,000 to \$40,000 would be necessary to fill 10 acres in this part of the river. Test borings were ordered to decide the feasibility of using river bottom earth for the fill. The second project was to divert Lincoln Lake Avenue just north of the city limits so traffic would come in on Hudson Street. The manager reported that about 2,200 feet of 66 feet right-of-way would be necessary to make this diversion of traffic. The manager will be discussing this project with Kent County Road Commission who are being asked to assist.

A good many people fell in the severe snow storm of Thursday and two injuries were reported. Mrs. Byrne McMahon fell going to the high school Friday morning and broke her arm. Linda Cook, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook, fell on Main Street near the Washington Street corner and injured her ankle. She was taken to the doctor's office for treatment by police, and then home.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 13, 1991

Monuments dedicated here on Veterans Day. Veterans Day was observed in a special way in downtown Lowell on Monday. Two new monuments were dedicated at the Veterans' Park near the river on the south side of Main St. The monuments honor veterans who served in both World War I and World War II. The inscription on the WWI monument reads, "Dedicated to the memory of those men and women from the Lowell area who served their country in the great war for civilization . . . The war to end all war." The WWII monument reads, "Dedicated to all those Lowell area men and women who served their country in the greatest war against tyranny and oppression the world has yet seen. May the like never happen again." About 30 people turned out for the ceremony. Clarence Shoemaker from the Rockford VFW Post and a past State Commander of the VFW was the guest speaker. Wesley Adrianse, a past Commander of the Lowell VFW and Gordon Marshall, Adjutant of the Lowell post, also said a few words. Marshall is co-chairman of the monument project along with Barry Emmons of the Lowell American Legion. A larger stone and flag pole was dedicated in the park last Memorial Day. Organizers hope to have the remaining three monuments ready for dedication next Memorial Day. Future monuments will honor veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War. A fifth stone will honor those who served in various police actions, armed interventions and even in times of peace. The inscription on the Korean War monument will read, "Dedicated to all those Lowell area men and women who served their country with the United Nations in the "Forgotten War" against communist aggression. Though called a "Police Action" it was a war just the same." The Vietnam monument will bear the inscription, "Dedicated with pride to all those Lowell area men and women who answered the call to duty like their fathers and brothers before them. They served with honor and pride in America's longest foreign war.

For some it's "The war that won't go away." The "Fifth Stone" will read, "Dedicated with respect to all those men and women from the Lowell area who have or will serve their country in all branches of the military, in "Police Actions and Armed Interventions," who froze in a guard shack on the 38th Parallel in Korea or at the Berlin Wall. Who were rescuers at disaster, or had to be rescued themselves. Though they don't receive the recognition those who served in the "Great Wars" receive, they also are as knights. Clothed in the shining armor of "Duty, Honor, Country," with lance and shield, quietly then and now they stand on guard. They also serve who guard and wait." The collective six monuments, U.S. flag and P.O.W. and M.I.A. flag make a fitting tribute to all veterans of the area.

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**Our heroes are people
and people are flawed.
Don't let that taint the
thing you love.**

~ Randy K. Milholland

LEGAL NOTICES

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

**In the matter of
KATTIE MAE GIBBS
Guardianship
File No. 16-199,875-GA**

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Murkowski (P35026) for
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Appointment of a
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**Dated:
November 1, 2016**

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COUNTY OF KENT**

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Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 16-199938-DE

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Date of birth:
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TO ALL CREDITORS:

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS: The
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October 31, 2016

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The voice of football, continued

Since the assignment began Stencel has become a local legend broadcasting the sound of defeat and more often, the sound of victory across the jam-packed stands, yard striped field and the surrounding community when the wind blows just right. He has witnessed raw talent, championship teams, the evolution of Pink Arrow Pride and the program changing force of head coach Noel Dean. "The thing that amazes [me] the most is how Lowell High School changed when Noel Dean came to Lowell," said Stencel. "Our students went

from an attitude of being satisfied with being average to wanting to be the best they could be. The change was very evident and I am not just talking about winning. I am talking about being the best people they could be."

Stencel has enjoyed special family moments inside the press box throughout the years gratefully accepting the help of family members who serve as spotters during the games. "I am very lucky to have help from my family each week. As the play develops they make sure I

know who carried the ball and who made the tackle," he said.

A father of four, alongside wife Connie, Stencel also had the unique opportunity to announce games featuring his two sons Aaron and Timothy. "It was really tough being the announcer and being my sons' parent and yelling and screaming for them each time they carried the ball and made tackles. I would announce and then turn the mic off and do my own screaming in the booth," he reminisced. Adding that he also coached softball with

daughters Trisha and Amy, "I must say, they were very good."

More recently the volunteer broadcaster has seen one winning season on top of another as the Arrow dynasty continues to build a championship wielding history. "We have what seems to be the best season we've ever seen and you think it won't happen again, but then, the next football season comes and our athletes work harder than you could imagine. They are so impressive year after year."

This season one change

at the stadium did bring a bit of sadness to Stencel and the community. "Dale Minear ran our clock for many years. Dale was a great man and died shortly after the season last year. Dale not being there at that first game this year was very sad. I miss his stories and his knowledge of the game."

Through the years, the triumphs and the occasional tears, one thing remains evident about Red Arrow fans according to Stencel who himself is a self proclaimed super fan. "The Red Arrow fans never quit coming. The people of

Lowell support our teams and are always with them."

That is why early next year when the signs and colors of spring are just beginning to bloom, the voice of the Red Arrows will already be thinking about his football fall. "It seems that every spring when I am cutting my grass for the first time I think that before I finish cutting grass for the year I will be sitting up in the press box right on the 50 yard line with the best view of the game possible. I just love being a part of the program," said Stencel.

Beekeeping 101 held at Wittenbach/Wege Center

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There was a Beekeeping 101 class at the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Center, 11715 Vergennes, on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. The class was attended by about 10 students and was taught by Don Snoeyink from Thornapple Woodlands. Topics on the agenda for Beekeeping 101 included lighting a smoker, inspecting the hive and harvesting honey.

"This is a six hour class for new beekeepers," Snoeyink said. "People that have no experience

with honeybees can come and learn about how to install a package of bees, how to harvest honey and how to maintain the hive throughout the season. It's a very information intense day."

Thornapple Woodlands is a West Michigan company that produces honey and maple syrup products that are sold around the area. They also teach classes on how to do these things yourself.

"I have about 25 hives in five different yards in southeast Kent County," Snoeyink said. "I produce

almost 2,000 pounds of honey a year for sale. I started making mead about two years ago. We make beeswax candles, skin care products, lip balm... Almost everything in the hive is edible."

To learn more about Thornapple Woodlands and Snoeyink's classes, visit their website, thornapplewoodlands.com For more information about the science and outdoor programs at the Wittenbach/Wege Center check out their Facebook page at facebook.com/wittenbachwegecenter or call 616-987-2565.



Don Snoeyink taught an all day course in beekeeping at the Wittenbach/Wege Center last Saturday.

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Dear EarthTalk: How has wildlife been affected around the site of the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown in Russia three decades ago? - *Walter Scinto, Hartford, CT*

The Chernobyl disaster confirmed everyone's worst nightmares about the awesome power of nuclear reactions. When the Ukrainian reactor collapsed, the radioactive fallout profoundly contaminated the surrounding environment, affecting any living beings located within the so-called "Exclusion Zone" of 30 kilometers around the reactor's shell. Acute radiation poisoning annihilated a large pine stand, since renamed "the Red Forest," while many animals suffered significant physical or mental abnormalities.

Invertebrates in the area suffered particularly dramatic population crashes, as most radioactive material resides in the topsoil layer where such insects survive and reproduce. Even apparently healthy wildlife was forbidden from resale because of the dangerous levels of radioactivity. The dangers of radiation led to a government-mandated eviction of the radioactive territory soon after the 1986 explosion.

However, 30 years of isolation from humans has proven

to be the most beneficial consequence of the disaster. After the initial devastation of the radioactive fallout, species began to adapt to the higher levels of radiation. Indeed, species diversity and populations are actually healthier now than in most other forests in Eastern Europe. This recognition from the Ukrainian government led to the Exclusion Zone's establishment as one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in Europe in 2007. Some rare and endangered species, including lynx and the European bison, have returned to the area and can be found in higher densities than in radiation-free forests. Even the Przewalski's Horse, extinct in the area and artificially reintroduced to the Exclusion Zone in the 1990s, has flourished; the population has reached stability and is even starting to spread out beyond the protective fencing of the Zone.

The question remains of how these animals are able to sustain such high levels of radiation without succumbing to its deadly effects. Recent studies of the Chernobyl region by wildlife biologists Anders Pape Møller and Timothy Mousseau have identified serious consequences of radiation, even within thriving populations. Mutations among affected Exclusion Zone species include higher rates of cataracts, partial albinism, and physical variation. However, it appears the deadly mutations took their toll on populations immediately. Subsequent surviving generations have shown amazing adaptability.

Møller and Mousseau conclude that while radiation is inarguably bad for the environment, its impact on wildlife

is far overshadowed by the effects of typical human development. While no one would have wished for the Chernobyl meltdown, environmentalists point out the silver lining of being able to monitor wildlife population in the absence of human populations and activities.

Chernobyl is a primary example of ecosystem resilience as capable of overcoming radioactive devastation — and can teach us all a lesson about the importance of setting aside at least some wild areas just for wildlife. Furthermore, the experiences at Chernobyl and in the intervening years illustrate the benefits of preservation over conservation. While conservationists encourage sustainable use of natural resources as optimal for wildlife health, Chernobyl shows the incredible benefits to wildlife of just leaving vast swaths of land alone and letting the animals just get on with their lives.

CONTACTS: "Animals Rule Chernobyl 30 Years After Nuclear Disaster," news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/04/060418-chernobyl-wildlife-thirty-year-anniversary-science/; "Wolves in Chernobyl Dead Zone," documentaryheaven.com/wolves-in-chernobyl-dead-zone/.

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- Janet Reno, the first U.S. woman attorney general dies at the age of 78.
- Singer Michael Bublé and Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato are putting their careers on hold after revealing their three-year-old son is battling cancer.
- The Chicago Cubs shed themselves of the "curse of the billy goat" and ended a 108 year wait for the World Series title beating the Cleveland Indians in game seven.
- L.A. Lakers star Metta World Peace claims ghosts touched him inappropriately while staying in Oklahoma City at the Skirvin Hotel. The hotel is said to be haunted, especially the tenth floor.
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70. Pendulum's path

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3. Cleopatra's necklace
4. Hula dancer's hello
5. Number of lines in print
6. Doofus
7. *Affleck or Kingsley
8. *Chevy Chase's "_____ Like Old Times"
9. Frosh, next year
10. Dwarf buffalo
11. Surrender territory
12. _____ over or capsize
15. Bending of the truth
20. Gives a tirade
22. Not well
24. Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
25. *Lee or Willis
26. "Begin" and "began" partner

27. Irishman's ancestor
29. *Carey or Barrymore
31. A in A = b x h
32. Source of sesame seeds
33. Everyone but clergy
34. *Redmayne or Murphy
36. Place in France
38. Thor Heyerdahl's "Kon-_____"
42. Clingy one
45. Employ again
49. Cul de _____
51. *Redford or Duvall
54. Capital of Morocco
56. Doomed one
57. Audience's rejection
58. *Stone or Thompson
59. _____ Abbreviated seconds
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Studio Downes earns featured artist title for 2016 CTL

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Instead of a single featured artist, this year one entire Christmas Through Lowell location has been honored because of the high quality of all of their artists. MaryJo Fox Fell, Janel Mullen, Anne Mohan, Chelsea Hill, Julie Phillips and their handiwork can be found at stop number five, Studio Downes, 9693 Downes Rd., which will be open on Friday and Saturday. The Studio Downes group has been part of Christmas Through Lowell for the last five years. Their handcrafted gifts range in price from \$1 to \$5,000 and include such items as oil paintings, refurbished furniture, scarves, jewelry, home decor, wreaths, baskets, inspirational signs and bags.

"Every year the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

chooses a featured artist for the event," said chamber director Liz Baker. "It's been a tradition for many years. We like to choose a featured artist for their commitment to the event."

"I felt honored and excited to be considered to be the featured artist for the 25th year of Christmas Through Lowell," Fox Fell said. "I enjoy creating an eclectic mix of acrylic and oil paintings, home decor and fashion items."

"We participate for the warm connections that surround people this time of year," Mohan said. "We are a group of friends that have similar tastes and enjoy collaborating to create a fun and inspiring space. Our space is a great way to welcome others in

to share in our creations. Our favorite thing about Christmas Through Lowell is all the fun we have seeing new faces enjoying what we've created. It's great to be part of a well-managed event year after year."

"After participating in the event for five years," Fox Fell said. "I love to see the relationships formed and how it brings the community together."

At right, is an example of some of the handiwork presented by five featured artists this year at Christmas Through Lowell.



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