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LowellArts! unveils new location early for this weekend's Holiday Market

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Crews from several local contractors are working hard to get the new arts space at 223 W. Main ready in time for the LowellArts! Holiday Market. The market opens on Friday, Nov. 18 and will run through Dec. 24. There will also be a public reception from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, Nov. 17. LowellArts! was granted a special temporary occupancy permit for the duration of the holiday market, which will be the public's first chance to get a peek inside the new building.

"LowellArts! is working extremely hard to hold the holiday market in their new digs," said Liz Baker, executive director of the

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We're not going to have the construction completed," said Lorain Smalligan, LowellArts! executive director. "The wood flooring is in, but it only has one coat of sealant on it. The walls are only primed, they're not painted yet. Some of the electric won't be finished until January. The exterior painting should be finished so the place will look really nice from the outside."

LowellArts! is using as many local contractors as possible to complete the remodel.

"Our contractor, Jeff Fisher of JD Fisher Builders, used to be located in Lowell but

moved his business several years ago," Smalligan said. "However, he still has ties to the community. We specified that the subs he hired were from Lowell businesses."

The subcontractors LowellArts! is using are Mike Lott of Flat River Electric, Evert Bek of Arctic Heating and Cooling, Perry Beachum of Beachum Flooring, Greg Canfield of Canfield Plumbing, Mark Batchelor of Architectural Building Restoration Co. and John Wenger of Clear Sky Technologies. LowellArts! also received donations of various materials from Scott McDowell of All

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Local painter Ann Breckon will be selling her one-of-a-kind flower paintings at the holiday market from Nov. 18 through Dec. 24.

Christmas Through Lowell celebrates 25 years of local holiday shopping this weekend

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This weekend is the 25th annual Christmas Through Lowell shopping event. It will take place in locations all over the Lowell area on Nov. 18, 19 and 20. Hundreds of local artists will have their creations on display and for sale at over 50 homes and businesses on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Much of the art at the stops, but not all of it, is holiday-themed. "You'll find anything from



vintage art to contemporary art," said Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Handmade items, including

Christmas decorations, folk art and fine art, jewelry, specialty gifts, antiques and re-found treasures, primitives and garden art, crocheted and knitted crafts, handcrafted purses, bags and totes, homemade rugs and quilts, and so much more. Every stop is unique and they each have their own spin on it. They're all different. Many of the homes have holiday decor. They decorate, they do everything, but they have all their items for sale and it looks like a mini store when you go in

there. It's just amazing what they do." Christmas Through Lowell started in 1991 as a fun way for a few wives of deer hunters to get together and show off their artistic talents. "It started way back in the day with some gals for deer widows' weekend," said Baker. "It gave the girls something to do when the guys were gone and it's grown in leaps and bounds. This is our 25th anniversary year. Some of the locations will be doing their own

specials to celebrate 25 years of Christmas Through Lowell." Not all the stops will be open at the same times, so you should plan your weekend with that in mind. "It's a three-day extravaganza, but some of the stops are not open on Sunday," Baker said. "If you want to try to go to all of them you should at least try to be here on Saturday and finish up on Sunday. It definitely is a shopping

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Division II regional champs!



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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.

LOWELLARTS! 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.

MHSAA SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL INFORMATION

The Lowell Red Arrows will be playing at Brighton High School on Sat., Nov. 19 at 1 pm vs. Walled Lake Western in the state semifinals. Tickets will be on sale at Lowell High School on Friday from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per ticket. Ticket sales begin on Saturday at Brighton Stadium at 10:30 and gates open at 11:30.

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extravaganza. I don't know how people choose where they're going to go."

The venues range from private homes to businesses and churches. Baker said the event is very good for Lowell's economy, even for businesses that don't participate.

"You have three days of bringing people into Lowell," Baker said. "It has a huge economic impact, not just on people that are participating but the businesses that don't, like your gas stations, your fast food places. They all see commerce from this event. It's huge. It has such an impact in Lowell and on the businesses that participate. It's just a great event, a great way to spearhead your Christmas shopping."

You also have an opportunity to win free merchandise by getting your card stamped at your Christmas Through Lowell stops. The stamp cards will be available at each participating location.

"By having your card stamped at 20 locations, you may leave it at one of the locations to be entered into a door prize drawing," Baker said.

Christmas Through Lowell is your chance to find

that perfect, unique gift this holiday season.

"Each stop is unique in itself," Baker said. "I think the cool thing is, although you'll find duplication, it won't be the same because it's all handmade, so everybody will have their own twist on items. They're all wonderful. Every one of them is so different. I think for the participants it's kind of like a treasure hunt. The homes, I have to say, are amazing. These homes take a tremendous amount of time to create a destination for shoppers."

Baker stressed that, despite the event's feminine origins, everybody is welcome to participate.

"It's a great time," Baker said. "It was an event created for the deer hunting widows, but it's not just ladies that do Christmas Through Lowell. We have lots of guys that come along too. It's just a great event and we encourage everybody to get out there and do some shopping."

Maps and schedules are available at most Lowell area businesses or you can check out the event's website at christmasthroughlowell.org for complete information about Christmas Through Lowell.

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Nationwide and locally voting results are dramatic

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Donald Trump's victory in the 2016 presidential election shocked the entire world. Millions hoped that Hillary Clinton would finally be our nation's first female president, but instead the country decided that billionaire Trump will be the next President of the United States. Like Al Gore in 2000, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote but lost the election. Trump's 306 points in the Electoral

College beat Clinton's 232 points, winning the election for Trump despite getting 630,877 fewer votes.

"I know how disappointed you feel because I feel it too," Clinton said in her concession speech on Nov. 10. "And so do tens of millions of Americans who invested their hopes and dreams in this effort. This is painful and it will be for a long time." And to her young supporters she added, "But

please, never stop believing that fighting for what's right is worth it."

"Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division," Trump said in his victory speech on Nov. 10. "We have to get together. To all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation I say it is time for us to come together as one united people. It's time. I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be

president for all Americans and this is so important to me."

Both candidates held rallies in Grand Rapids the day before the election. A total of 2,279,210 Michiganders voted for Trump, while 2,267,373 chose Clinton. In Kent County there were 148,160 votes for Trump and 138,658 for Clinton. In the city of Lowell there were 1,499 Trump votes and 1,067 votes for Clinton.

There was civil unrest across the country in the days after the election as anti-Trump protests erupted around the nation, including in downtown Grand Rapids. There were reports of rioting, physical and verbal assault, vandalism, and the harassment of women, the LGBTQ community and people of various faiths and ethnic backgrounds. Trump himself ordered his supporters to "Stop it" during an interview on

CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday, Nov. 13. It should also be noted that 42 percent of eligible Americans chose not to cast a ballot for either candidate. In Michigan 35.4 percent of the electorate did not vote.

During his 18-month campaign Trump made a lot of promises to the working class, the middle class and the super wealthy. Trump now has four years to prove

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LL&P board appoints new chair and vice chair

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The board of Lowell Light & Power had their latest regular meeting at their office on Wednesday, Nov. 10. The board got a new chair and vice chair and discussed a way for Light & Power employees to share paid time off. The meeting lasted just under two hours and was attended by four members of the public.

Because Light & Power board chair Greg Canfield was elected to the Lowell city council, the board was required to replace him. Canfield has been a board member for almost ten years.

"Really it's the decision of the board who they would like to make chair and who to make vice chair," said Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. "It's you guys' discussion and decision."

They voted unanimously to appoint Perry Beachum chair and Andrew Schrauben vice chair.

"Thank you two gentlemen for stepping up and doing that," said board member Tina Cadwallader.

This leaves a vacancy on the Light & Power board. Interested parties who "possess a balance of

experience and knowledge about technical, financial and business operations" should contact Light & Power for the full list of requirements and instructions on how to apply for the position.

The board had a discussion about a proposed paid time off (PTO) leave donation program. Employees will be able to donate paid time off into a pool of hours that their fellow employees can use if a catastrophe arises.

"Over the last year there have been two Light & Power employees that have faced medical conditions of their own or

a close family member," Donkersloot said. "Through those circumstances they've either had to completely exhaust their PTO and came back with none or they had to use a portion of their PTO to supplement their time off. There were other employees on the Light & Power team [who inquired] if it would be possible to donate their PTO to them. [...] I did some research and found out that this is not out of the ordinary for companies to have such a policy."

The board also spent a little time discussing the LEAD biodigester, which is still creating bad odors

in Lowell and has been repeatedly fined.

"It's not supposed to smell," Donkersloot said. "If it does, that's the symptom of another problem going on."

Whenever citizens can smell a nasty stench 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 and issue a citation to LEAD.

The Light & Power board's next regular meeting will take place at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016.



The Light & Power board discussing the smelly LEAD biodigester.



Perry Beachum and Andrew Schrauben, the newly appointed chair and vice chair of the Lowell Light & Power board.



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himself worthy of the rare title the American people have given to him. Trump has four years to prove that he can run our government without bigotry, greed, scandal, corruption or annihilation. Additionally, Trump's followers must be able to share the country with people who look, act, feel and believe differently than they do.

On a slightly more ominous note, Omarosa Manigault, former contestant on Trump's "The Apprentice" game show and the campaign's director of African-American outreach, made a vaguely threatening comment about the new administration's priorities.

"Let me just tell you, Mr. Trump has a long memory and we're keeping a list," Manigault said. Trump will be sworn in on Jan. 20, 2017.

[source: <http://ijr.com/2016/11/732006-omarosa-republicans-who-vote-against-donald-trump-will-be-put-on-a-list/>]

In a race closer to home, local businessman Greg Canfield won the recall election for former

mayor Jeff Altoft's seat on the Lowell city council. Canfield's 1,176 votes beat Altoft's 519.

"I am happy to be elected," Canfield said. "I look forward to working with the new city manager [Mike Burns] and the new department heads, such as [Public Works director]

"I am happy to be elected."

~ Greg Canfield

Rich LaBombard, and to move forward in a positive direction. I would like to see us encourage development of empty buildings downtown, providing employment and additional tax revenue to help fix the streets. Lowell is a great community and I would like to see our downtown stay healthy and vibrant."

One of those empty buildings, the Superior Furniture building on Main St., is owned by Canfield. He said there might be a furniture store moving into that space in the near future.

Departing mayor Jeff Altoft said he accomplished most of what he set out to

do, so he was not terribly upset by his loss.

"The people spoke, just like they did in the last election. Now we'll have a new councilmember," Altoft said. "I was hoping to get a few more of the sidewalks cleaned up in town. I've been fighting for sidewalks for years. We got some in

the DDA fixed, but there are some bad ones that need to be repaired. I also wanted to stick around to keep an eye on that biodigester. It's still been stinking even though LEAD said it wouldn't."

The recall of Altoft was instigated by the Forward Lowell political action group, ostensibly because Altoft voted to hire an attorney other than the regular city attorney to help the city council find a legal way to fire former city manager Mark Howe. Altoft said the real reason behind the recall was to punish him for firing the business-friendly, union busting Howe.

"The people spoke, just like they did in the last election"

~ Greg Altoft

"I accomplished the tasks that the citizens who voted me in wanted me to do," Altoft said. "We got a lot of good things accomplished, although maybe some people didn't think they were good things. I think they were and so did the people that supported me. We got a new park named, we got rid of a bad city manager, we cleaned up Lowell Light & Power and we were still working on the biodigester."

Because it was a recall election Canfield immediately replaces Altoft on the council. This leaves Lowell without a mayor until the next city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 21. Also, because of his election to the city council, Canfield had to resign from his position as chairman of the Light & Power board. That position was filled at the Light & Power board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10. Read the story on this page for details on LL&P changes.

According to section 5.2 (c) of the Lowell city charter, "The mayor pro tem [...] shall succeed to the office of mayor in the case of a vacancy in that office, thereby creating a vacancy in the office of mayor pro tem. The council shall fill any vacancy in the office of mayor pro tem, but until such vacancy is filled, the senior member of the council from the standpoint of continuous service shall act as mayor pro tem." Therefore mayor pro tem Mike DeVore should move to the mayor's chair and

councilor Jim Hodges should become mayor pro tem, but this remains to be seen.

Republican Thomas Albert, a former Marine from Grattan Township, will represent the 86th district in the State House.

"I am grateful and humbled to the voters of the 86th district to be their next state representative," Albert said in a statement released to the press. "Over that last year I have talked to thousands of voters and it is clear that they want a conservative voice in Lansing. They want a smaller and more efficient government, elimination of wasteful spending and policies which support small businesses and families. I am honored to have earned the trust of the voters and I will work tirelessly on their behalf. I would like to congratulate my opponents on a spirited campaign and acknowledge their sacrifice and that of their family. While tonight is a great win for conservatives in the 86th district, my focus will now turn to getting to work on Jan. 1, 2017."

Democrat Lynn Mason got 35 percent of the vote in that race, Green Party candidate Cliff Yankovich got three percent and Libertarian Bill Gelinau also got three percent.

Yankovich said that he was not discouraged by his three percent and plans to run for the seat again as a Green Party candidate in the next election.

"The Green Party's message of no PAC money

and no corporate money resonates more with Republicans than with Democrats," Yankovich said. "More than one avid supporter of my campaign was also a Trump supporter. That's what would encourage me to run again. The same issues that concern me also concern Trump voters. Everybody complains how there's too much money in politics. The only party that's committed to doing something about that is the Green Party. There were 32 Greens on ballots in Michigan, five of us won office."

Yankovich recently wrote an article about his experiences called "What If We Looked for Common Ground with Trump Voters?" for the Green Party of Michigan's blog, mgreenparty.wordpress.com

The Lowell Area Schools millage renewal passed 6,752 to 3,398. The money generated from this will be used to continue day-to-day operations at the schools in the district.

"This operating millage helps fund the day-to-day functions of the school district," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "In order for a school district to receive its full funding from the State of Michigan it must levy its operating millage. This is a renewal of an existing millage that school districts are required to ask their communities to vote on in order to receive their full foundation allowance. If the renewal is not approved the state will not make up the difference in the revenue loss. The state expects the district to levy all 18 mills. With the passage of this election, the revenue generated for Lowell Area Schools would equal approximately \$2,724,238 in 2017."

Republican Justin Amash will return to Washington, DC as this district's representative in the U.S. Congress. In Kent County the John Ball Zoo and Grand Rapids Public Museum millage passed, as well as the enhanced 911 public safety dispatch surcharge.

Deborah McNabb and Joe Rossi won their respective elections for 17th Circuit Court judge. Republican Chris Becker won the race for Kent County prosecuting attorney. Lawrence Stelma won the position of Kent County sheriff. Lowell native Republican Lisa Posthumus Lyons will be Kent County clerk and register of deeds. Republican Kenneth Parrish won for Kent County treasurer. Republican Ken Yonker is Kent County's drain commissioner.

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viewpoint

to the editor

lowell and ledger are wonderful

To The Editor,

The ninth annual Cookie Drive for the Veterans' Home was a big success and I would like the 173 Lowell area bakers and helpers to know how much they are appreciated.

If there is any contentiousness in Lowell, it certainly disappeared as helpers became friends while creating this special event for our Veterans. The youngest participant was our mascot, Quinton

Scherer, whose daddy Shane was a wounded warrior in Afghanistan and the oldest participant was a 93-year-old baker.

There were bakers who were on a cancer journey from Gilda's Club, bus drivers from Ionia and Lowell, church groups, 4-H groups, elementary schools, restaurants, families and some children who prepared special greeting cards for Veterans.

One batch of cookies made by kids had cards attached to each bag, one saying, "Thank you for keeping us safe to play in the snow!"

Another special gift was a beautiful handmade afghan that was made for a female Veteran. Her smile immediately lit up the entire Veterans' Home.

You could not help but feel the love, warmth and commitment of everyone

involved. It was a beautiful experience. And by the way, we delivered 8,672 cookies and the only publicity we received was from the Lowell Ledger and the Buyers Guide.

It proves that the Lowell area is a unique community and the best place to be.

Thank you everyone,
Jan Thompson,
project chair
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outdoors

smell the roses

Dave Stegehuis

Excitement builds as firearm deer season draws near. Although there has been several special seasons already, the ambiance of the late fall woods makes gun season feel more like traditional deer hunting. Tracking snow, the heft of a rifle, and smell of gun oil provide a classic hunting experience.

Hunting can provide a time to slow down and disconnect from the pressures and concerns of modern life. For most of us, we have to make a conscious effort to fully enjoy the benefits of getting close to nature. The Weather Channel looped peaceful nature scenes and sounds as a source of calmness during the recent Election Day.

There is time to notice the subtleties of nature in the deer woods. Notice how quiet the woods becomes when the wind is still. When a blanket of snow covers the forest floor there is a rare silence not found in urban settings. The silence may be interrupted occasionally by the rustle of leaves as a squirrel scurries about its daily routine. This afternoon I watched from my stand as

a grey squirrel munched on a mushroom. Didn't know they ate mushrooms, so there is always something new to learn out there. Sit quiet and still enough and birds will feed close by and on occasion may land on you or your gear. The colors, textures, and shapes of the natural landscape always paint a new picture as the seasons pass by.

Hot coffee and snacks seem to taste better out in the woods on a cold day. Back at camp talk revolves around the events of the day such as deer seen and encounters with other resident wildlife. Hunters come from all walks of life and different backgrounds, but the culture of the hunt has a way of erasing differences between people because nature has her own rules which we all must follow, so in the woods we are all equal.

When you go out to hunt this fall, try to look beyond killing a deer and appreciate all of the less tangible benefits of spending time outdoors. As they say, take time to smell the roses or in this case maybe the jack pine.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Nov. 18, 1891

The Lowell Lighting and Power Co. expect to get their plant moved by Jan. 1st, '92. They are making extensive improvements at the old dam site and when completed expect to have one of the finest light plants in the state. They have purchased a new wheel, which will give 200 horse power and with the old one, which was there, expect to be able to develop, when needed, 800 horse power. They will also put in a low tension dynamo expressly for a power circuit and sell power for less than fuel alone would cost. As electric motors are now very cheap there can be light manufacturing carried on in this place very cheap and on a paying basis.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 16, 1916

John Nash, wife and son Owen started North Tuesday for the happy hunting grounds. Mr. Nash will hunt deer and Mrs. Nash will visit their son Lorenzo and family. Edward Bergy and wife will keep house for them while they are away.

The lumber mills expect a busy winter, Work for all the men they can get.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 20, 1941

Wants to locate missing brother. The Lowell post office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. I. M. Moore, 108 Gough Ave., Toronto, Can., who is trying to locate

her brother. The letter reads in part as given below, and if anyone can give the information desired it will no doubt be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Moore says: "I wonder if you know of a Mr. George Sitzler living there or do you know of anyone who would try to find him. I am his sister, Ida Mae. I was there some years ago to see him. He then lived at Lowell. I have not heard from him since. I hope this won't be too much trouble."

A new heating plant and stoker for the City Hall was ordered at a special meeting of the Common Council held in the directors' room of the Bank last Friday evening. The new plant takes the place of the old one which cracked up a week or two ago after about 25 years of service. It is understood that the cost of the new equipment will be upwards of \$1,000 and it is expected that installation will be completed by December 1. About 30 tons of coal which had been put in for winter consumption will have to be removed and replaced with stoker coal.

Vern Armstrong has installed a new gasoline pump of the latest model at his gas station corner Main and Hudson sts.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Nov. 17, 1966

State Savings Bank is mailing \$50,000 in Christmas Club checks to members, who have been saving throughout the year. This money will be starting to show up in the stores when club members start their Christmas shopping. Next year's Christmas Club Savings groups are now forming.

Investigate refusal to answer fire call by Lowell fire department. City Manager Bernard Olson is making an investigation into the alleged refusal to answer a fire call in Lowell Township on Sunday afternoon at the Mrs. Alice Reynolds farm residence. A letter from Mrs. Reynolds appears below. To whom it may concern: I am wondering why the Lowell Fire Department refused to come Sunday when fire threatened the barn on my place, saying it was not in their jurisdiction. The farm is in Lowell Township and the Reynolds family has paid taxes in Lowell for nearly 89 years so I feel as though I were entitled to some service from township organizations. Mrs. Alice M. Reynolds. According to records at the Lowell Light and Power plant where calls on Sunday are received, a call did come in at 2 p. m. The disposal of the call is being investigated. Mrs. Reynolds says that she was told she was out of the Lowell Fire Department district. Chief Baker or Assistant Chief Nelson Stormzand of the Lowell Fire Department have no knowledge of any fire call

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We love to hear from you!

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Christian Life Center to host free Thanksgiving Day dinner

Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, is hosting a free Thanksgiving Day dinner, November 24, from noon until 3 pm. Pastor Robert Holmes said the dinner is open to anyone in our community. The dinner

menu features roasted turkey and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetables, dessert and beverages. "Our goal is that we want to show the love of Christ to our community

through this dinner," said Eric Bartkus of the outreach team at Christian Life Center. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling 616-897-1100 and leaving a message or by

emailing christianlifecenter.lowell@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome as well. Christian Life Center is located a quarter mile south of the Lowell Township offices on Alden Nash.

Looking Back, continued

on Sunday afternoon. Baker is out of town but Mrs. Baker did not receive a call. The fire apparently did not damage any buildings but did endanger a barn. A car belonging to Gary Rivers parked near a barn caught fire. A call to Lowell got no response, a call to Ada was at first turned down but they did respond later according to Mrs. Reynolds. Cascade Township Fire Department came to the fire when called. According to the City Manager the Lowell Department has been responding to all calls, even those in Ada and Cascade when asked. Further information on this investigation will be reported in next week's Ledger.

Dilly gets instruction from Red Sox camp. Don Dilly of Lowell has recently completed the Boston Red Sox instruction camp, according to Walt Schweitzer. A graduate of Lowell high school, Dilly batted .303 following the regular season with the Winston Salem championship farm club team. He is expected to be with a triple A team during the 1967 season. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dilly, sr., played for the Ionia Chevies, before receiving a bonus from the Red Sox.

Lowell Chamber of Commerce has contracted for a living pine tree to be planted on the riverbank of the new parking lot on Main Street. Official lighting of the tree is scheduled for the day of the Santa Claus parade, Saturday, November 26.

Lowell police are looking for the motorist who not only failed to stop at the Jackson and Division Street intersection, but ran over the stop sign.

brought prized bucks back to the Ledger office on Friday morning, as a part of the annual Lowell Ledger "First Buck Contest." First in line was Lowell's Andy Stormzand. Hunting in the Ada-Parnell area, Stormzand dropped his prize at about 7:30 a.m. "I heard a pack of six or seven of them at around 6:15, but I couldn't see the deer," Stormzand says. "There were about seven of them that ran up close to my blind." About an hour-and-15 minutes later the same pack came back. "It was about 7:30 a.m. They were about 60 yards away when I took my first shot."

After paying off 1990's \$9,500 credit line, '91 Showboat breaks even. Lowell Showboat Vice President, Laura McCollum released a great big sigh before she exclaimed, "I will be glad when the 1991 Showboat is completely behind us." McCollum's remarks were in reference to the roller coaster ride of emotions last year's three nights in June at the Lowell Showboat took board members on. The financial heights of a very successful corporate sponsorship, and the much anticipated and exciting sellout of Saturday's Wayne Newton show dissipated in Saturday's rain and the disheartening, realization and disappointment that the alternate Showboat site, the Ford Fieldhouse, would not adequately accommodate the roughly 4,000 spectators. "Last year proved, no matter how prepared you think you are, there's something you haven't accounted for," McCollum said. "Despite the horrible experience, the Showboat was still able to break even," McCollum said. Breaking even may not sound all that great to Showboat enthusiasts, but a significant increase in the budget for entertainment and losses incurred through renting out the Ford Fieldhouse (\$4,326), and refunds sent out to bus tours (\$3,976.40) totaled \$8,302. The losses were not restricted to the Showboat. Because of the inclement weather, crowds of people were discouraged from going to the downtown where the arts and crafts displays lined Main Street and from attending the carnival.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Nov. 20, 1991

Rain slows hunters' pursuit of the "Big" buck. Stormzand wins Ledger's "First Buck" contest. State officials anticipated the third best deer season ever in the state of Michigan. The two-week season, which opened on Friday, was slowed some by the wet and inclement weather. As it was, only four area hunters

health



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lactose intolerance

Lactose intolerance is a condition in which people are not able to digest lactose in milk. Lactose is the form of sugar present in milk. Symptoms include diarrhea, nausea, abdominal cramps, bloating, and excessive gas. These symptoms typically appear 30 minutes to two hours after eating or drinking foods that contain lactose.

This condition occurs because the small intestine does not produce enough lactase (the enzyme that breaks down lactose). Lactase is needed to turn lactose into glucose and galactose, which can then be directly absorbed into the bloodstream. If lactose is not broken down to these simpler sugars, it moves to the large colon. The normal bacteria in the colon then interact with the lactose to produce the symptoms of lactose intolerance.

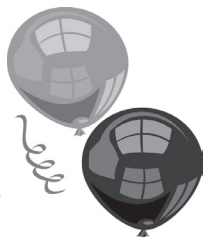
There are three different types of lactose intolerance. Primary lactose intolerance is the most common. In this condition, lactase production rapidly declines by adulthood. This is a genetic trait and occurs in people with African, Asian, Hispanic, Mediterranean,

and Southern European descent. Secondary lactose intolerance occurs after an illness, injury or surgery to the small intestine. Congenital lactose intolerance is a rare condition. This is a recessive genetic disorder in which a newborn completely lacks the ability to make lactase.

There are several tests that can confirm lactose intolerance (if a trial of dietary exclusion is not conclusive). A lactose tolerance test checks your blood glucose level two hours after you drink a liquid high in lactose. The hydrogen breath test is another test that can be run after drinking a liquid high in lactose. A stool acidity test can be done in infants who can't do the preceding tests.

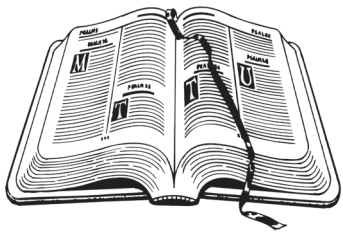
There is no way to increase the body's lactase production. People affected by this disorder can improve symptoms by eating smaller servings of milk and dairy products. There are also lactose free milk products available. One can also take a lactase supplement prior to eating or drinking lactose containing foods.

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Holiday market, continued

Weather Seal, Dave Powell of Enwork, John Gruizenga of Wolverine Wood Products and Mary Tobin of Mary Tobin Design. The only non-Lowell contributors were the architects, Tom and Evan Mathison of Mathison Mathison Architects, a Grand Rapids company.

During the holiday market over 50 area artists will be presenting handmade gifts, such as pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, handbags, mittens, woodwork, metalwork, wreaths, basketry, ornaments, gourds, candles and soaps.

“Our new location is much bigger than our current space, so we will be adding quite a few more artists to the holiday market this year,” said Janet Teunis, LowellArts! project director. “The artists will have more space to display their work. The space will feel more open, especially with the higher ceilings, but there will be even more great, handmade gifts for people to purchase.”

“It looks fabulous, we’ve been waiting a long, long time for this,” said local artist Ann Breckon. She will have at least a dozen unique watercolor and pastel paintings for sale during the holiday market. “It’s nice to see an organization like this become so popular over the years. There are not many communities that have this kind of dedication to the arts and the new building will bring that up a notch. It makes a nice statement about Lowell that they have been able to make this move.”

Work on the building will continue after the holiday market closes in December. LowellArts! has tentatively set Feb. 15, 2017 as opening day and plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony then. The Moving To Main campaign to pay for all of this construction is still underway, and residents are always encouraged to donate.

“Although we have moved into our new downtown location, LowellArts! is still fundraising to close

out the Moving to Main capital campaign with 23 percent still needed to reach the fundraising goal of \$1.2 million,” Smalligan said. “Construction is not complete, so after the holiday artists market closes on Dec. 24, LowellArts! will close to finish construction in January. Visit lowellartsmi.org to learn more about the Moving to Main campaign and ways that you can support it or stop by LowellArts!”

Starting Friday, Nov. 18, the LowellArts! Holiday Market is open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm and Saturdays from 1 pm to 4 pm.

A complete list of the artists and their creations is below:

- Cindy Allen:** Jewelry and textiles
- Maria Bajema:** Cards and framed photos
- Sandy Bartlett & Gary Dietzel:** Glass and floral ornaments
- Diann Bartnick Borton:** Mosaic magnets, wall decor

- Lisa Boerema:** Painting, gourds
- Ann Breckon:** Original watercolor and pencil botanicals
- BrisingBeads Designs:** Felted necklaces, felted scarves and shawls
- Molly Burgess:** Purses, stuffed animals, soft sculptures
- Kinderhaven Farm:** Hand-made soaps, soy candles, sprays
- Mei Chow Creations:** Fine art paintings, Chinese calligraphy and prints
- Linda Clay:** Bags and scarves
- Sue Clay:** Necklaces and earrings
- Sierra A. Cole:** Felted hats
- Wooden Wonders**
- Anne Curtis:** Functional wooden utensils and cutting boards
- Lucys Looms, Sandra Eberhart:** Woven scarves, towels and throws
- Gary Eldridge:** Original mixed media art and prints
- Frozen Creek Floral:** Floral wreaths and gift baskets
- Karen Hale:** Original paintings and prints
- Thornapple Artisans, Rosemary Hayes:** Functional pottery, ceramic sculpture and jewelry
- Scripted Expressions, Jennifer Helner:** Watercolor and gouache landscapes and creative lettering paintings
- Cheryl Kay Hillman:** Original oil paintings
- White Feather Studio, Sally Jenks:** Ceramic mugs, ornaments vases
- Amy Johnson:** Necklaces, bracelets and earrings
- Jan Y. Johnson:** Children’s books and greeting cards

- Susan Johnson:** Textiles
- Thornapple Designs, Lori Kammeraad:** Business card cases, copper wall paintings, ornaments and necklaces
- Bob’s Boxes, Bob Kleczynski:** Wood crafted keepsake boxes
- ToadWorks, Janet Krueger:** Ceramic ornaments, small dishes, etc.
- Carole Lende-Svec:** Earrings, necklaces and bracelets
- Sandy Lindhout:** Luminaries, honey and candles
- Roger MacNaughton:** Music CDs
- Mallory Jackson Photography:** Fine art photography
- Victoria Marnich-Reynolds:** Seasonally-themed watercolors, limited-edition prints, cards
- Always Wired Bead Lady, Joella Miller:** Sterling silver earrings and pendants
- Colleen O’Rourke:** Vintage sheet music collages, cards, ornaments, necklaces
- Jim O’Rourke:** Porcelain holiday ornaments and 2017 lunar calendars
- Art & Marcia Perkins:**

- Leather covered boxes, key fobs, leather journals
- Sherie Presta Ceramic Bead:** Handmade ceramic bead jewelry
- Lisa Marie Art Studio:** Drawings, paintings, handbags and pillows
- Betsy Ratzsch:** 3D felted wool figures and jewelry
- Tom Reynolds:** Functional ceramics
- Patti Salka:** Framed paintings, cards, prints, and found-wood fish sculptures
- Martin Schnur:** Carved wood sculptures of mammals, fish
- Nightforest Jewelry, Jeana Schacha:** Sterling silver, vintage mellow brass and clay jewelry
- Glass Fusion, Maxine Shearer:** Stained glass clocks and ornaments
- Kate Simons:** Photographic prints and journals
- Judith Thumser:** Framed paintings, prints, cards, and children’s books
- Glass Etc, Mary Gail Vansledright:** Glass wall tiles, ornaments and nightlights
- Robin White:** Ceramic wall pieces and ornaments

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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.

Waste pickup will continue to remain on Thursdays except for holiday weeks where service will be delayed one day. Call City Hall with questions at 616-897-8457

It is a youthful failing to be unable to control one's impulses.

Lowell Area Community Fund Celebrating 20 Years!



Harold Hayward

Lowell Area Community Fund Executive Director Harold Hayward is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the fund's creation in 1996. The fund has grown from a small group of donors to a major force in the community.

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Spotlight on Great Grants

In the 20 years since the Community Fund was established, \$22.6 MILLION IN GRANTS have been awarded to Lowell Area nonprofits. Here are a few examples of the good things happening here thanks to the Fund.



Tom Hinkley working with LIVESTRONG member Michael Ryan

LIVESTRONG Restoring Health After Cancer

Lowell Area Community Fund grants have supported the LIVESTRONG program, which helps cancer survivors restore their health and quality of life.

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Lisa Plunkett helps explain local history to participants at a class.

Lowell Area Historical Museum Offering Historic Day Access to the Past

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Therapy Wagon staff member at the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Older's Club Bringing Support and Laughter

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Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Lowell's first team of girl wrestlers win state title

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's first girls wrestling team crushed the competition last weekend at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Toppling Grayling, Battle Creek Lakeview, Imlay City, Gladwin and Manistee by a large margin to win their first MIGWA state championship.

Expectations were high for the lady grapplers when they set foot in the arena last Saturday morning, but the outcome was even better.

According to head coach Dave Strejc, "I didn't expect them to win in such an overwhelming manner. Gladwin made some adjustments to their lineup that evened them up with us and Manistee came with a roster of very tough and experienced girls. However, right off the bat, we won the coin flip against both teams giving us the advantage in each match. Secondly, our girls rose to the occasion and won every single swing match; I didn't see that coming."

Alexis and Reese Gonzales, both coming off of phenomenal seasons, were each crowned individual state champions to add to the accolades of the rookie year team.

"It is always good to know you have two aces in the hole that you can count on in every match," said Strejc, "Another factor I have learned through the years is how much wrestlers rub off on each other. Wrestlers tend to learn a tremendous amount from each other and these two girls have been crucial in teaching the new girls many of the finer, as well as major aspects of the sport. Alexis especially has taken



The Red Arrow girls wrestling team claimed the MIGWA state championship title at the Kellogg Arena in their first season.

an exceptional leadership role on the team. She is like having a coach and an athlete on the team, all rolled into one."

The ladies kicked off against Grayling winning the match 36-6 with wins by fall being attributed to Makayla McCune, Corah Kaufman, Callie Ford-Weber, Cheyenne Steffan

and Rebecca Hall. Brooke Meijer picked up a win by forfeit. Match two was fought against Battle Creek Lakeview who the grapplers defeated 24-18. Isis Lett, McCune and both Gonzales girls picked up pins for the win.

Imlay City was the next in line for defeat with the Arrows picking

up a 27-12 victory. Wins were logged by Meijer, Lett, Ruthie Smith, Ford-Weber and A. Gonzales. In match four Lowell defeated Gladwin 30-9 with falls being achieved by Lett, R. Gonzales, A. Gonzales, Ford-Weber and Katie DeYoung. In the final match McCune, R. Gonzales, A. Gonzales, Ford-Weber and DeYoung picked up pins in a 30-12 win over Manistee.

Strejc said he is blown

away by this first year performance and the girls who worked so hard to make it possible. "I am so proud of how far all these girls have come in the last two and a half months. Over half of them had never set foot on a wrestling mat before August and now, each and every one of them has become a 'wrestler' in the truest sense of the word."

Girls wrestling is growing across the state

according to Strejc, who intends to see Lowell play a big part in its development. "I think this sport is about ready to explode, not just for Lowell, but it is going to catch fire across the state. I have a personal goal, to talk to as many of the OK conference coaches as I can to see if we can spark up some local rivalries and host our own version of the OK conference championships next season," he said.

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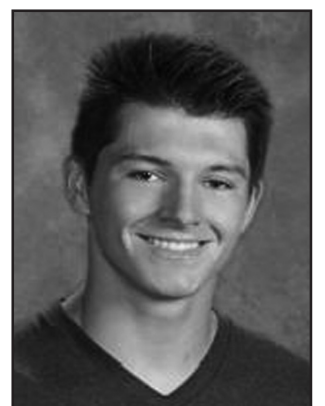
Lowell High School has announced that a Lowell High School student has been named Student of the Month at Kent Transition Center. Paul Owens, 11th grade, is enrolled in the retail marketing program.

Paul Owens



CORRECTION

Student of the Month, Cody McGee's picture was incorrect in last weeks' Ledger.



Cody McGee

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Arrows head to state semifinals with regional win

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity football doubled down last Friday night winning back to back Division II regional championships with a fourth quarter defensive overtaking of the Forest Hills Central Rangers leading to a 22-19 victory at Red Arrow Stadium.

Red Arrow David Kruse started in the playoff game scoring six in the team's first drive after moving the ball 73 yards in five plays, including a rush of 41 yards for Kruse himself. Kicker George Gonzales failed on the extra point attempt leaving the Arrows up 6-0 early. Three passes later FHC returned fire taking the lead after their kick 7-6.

Kruse and running back Nate Stephens teamed up on the Arrows' next possession combining for 38 yards rushing, paired with a 30-yard reception from Hayden Barry, that led to a second Kruse score. Lowell missed the two-point conversion

attempt leaving the score 12-7 moving into the second quarter.

Finishing off the 18-play drive that began in the first, Lowell converted points when they invited kicker Sairge Saldivar onto the field for a successful field goal moving the score to 15-7. FHC picked up a touchdown before halftime to tighten the gap 15-13 in favor of the hosting Arrows and capitalized to garner a 19-15 lead early in the third. The Arrows were forced to punt and suffered an interception in their next two possessions but the tides changed soon thereafter.

With just moments left in the third quarter, Red Arrow Connor Douma emerged from a pile victorious picking up a huge game changing interception on the Lowell 20-yard line. The team quickly made good of the spectacular grab with a third Kruse touchdown just seconds into the fourth, giving Lowell the lead 22-



Quarterback David Kruse fakes the handoff to Nate Stephens before scoring in the first.

19. Arrow defense sealed the win staving off the attacking Rangers for the duration of the game with big blocks and a Barry interception eventually running down the clock to take a knee on the field in the regional win.

Kruse carried the ball a remarkable 30 times netting 223 yards and completing four of ten passes good for 73 yards. Stephens added 123 yards rushing in 27 carries and passed the ball once for 40 yards. Other stat leaders included Barry who carried twice for ten yards and caught twice for 39, Addison Buckius who caught two for 60 and Andrew Poulton who picked up 14 in his lone carry.

The Rangers end the season 9-3, their best finish since 1995. The win secured the Arrows' second straight MHSAA state semi-final bid scheduled for this Saturday against the Walled Lake Western Warriors. Lowell played the same team in last year's semi-final showdown coming up with a snowy 49-36 win and a trip to the state finals at Ford Field in Detroit.



The Red Arrow defense prepares to put the fourth quarter stop on the Rangers.

This year's rematch will take place this Saturday, November 19 at Brighton High School on the east side of the state. The game, scheduled to begin at 1 pm, will cost \$6 per person. Tickets will be available for sale at Lowell High School during school hours on Friday. Tickets will also be available on site beginning at 10:30 am with gates opening at 11:30 am.



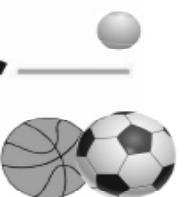
Forest Hills Central v Lowell

Score	19	22
First Downs	16	21
Rushing Attempts	15	61
Yards Rushing	97	353
Yards Passing	301	113
Net Yards	398	466
Passes Attempted	30	11
Passes Completed	17	5
Interceptions	2	1
Offensive Plays	45	72
Average Gain	8.8	6.5
Fumbles: Number/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties: Number/Yards	5/43	7/45
Number of Punts/Yards	2/70	2/54
Average Per Punt	35	27
Punt Returns: Number/Yards	0/0	0/0
Number of Kickoffs/Yard	4/168	5/254
Average Per Kickoff	42	50.8
Kickoff Returns: Number/Yards	5/117	3/48
Int. Returns: Number/Yards	1/13	2/11
Possession Time	16:13	31:47
Third-Down Conversions	1/5	7/14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0/1	1/2



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MiABLE disability savings program now available in Michigan

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, Michigan became the fifth state in the country to launch a disability savings program, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley announced.

The Mi-ABLE (Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience) program is a 529 (A) savings account, offering investment and tax incentives for families and others who wish to save for individuals with disabilities.

"The Able Act is the most substantial reform for people with disabilities since the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990," Calley said. "Michiganders with disabilities will now have the freedom to save money and plan for the future without jeopardizing any state or federal disability benefits. By removing barriers, we can help all Michiganders live self-determined, independent lives."

Funds from an ABLE account are not taxed if used for qualified disability expenses, which include education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal support services, legal fee expenses for oversight and monitoring and funeral and burial expenses.

"The cost of living with a disability can be extremely expensive," said state Rep. Anthony Forlini, who sponsored the legislation creating the MiABLE program. "This program not only allows families to save for their loved ones, but also incentivizes long-term savings and financial stability for those who need it most."

Unlike traditional savings accounts, MiABLE savings are not considered when applying for other federal or state benefits such as Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Medicaid or Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). MiABLE accounts also allow for savings up to \$100,000 without losing other financial disability benefits.

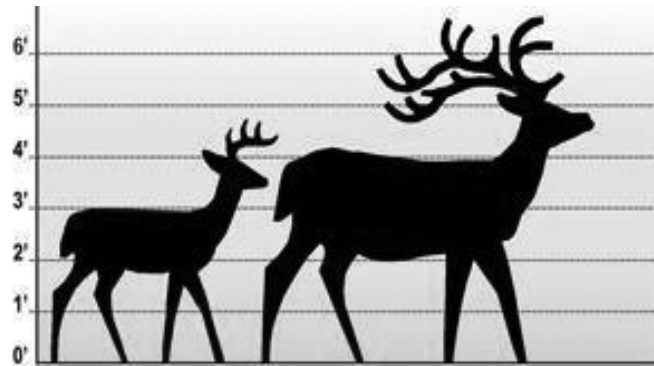
To commemorate the program launch, Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed Nov. 1, 2016, as Mi-ABLE day in Michigan. For more details or to register an account, visit www.miable.org or call 844-656-7225.

Reminders for those who hunt deer in areas of state that also have wild elk

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds deer hunters hunting in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan that wild elk are also found in this area and cannot be harvested without an elk hunting license.

"Unfortunately, in the past we have had deer hunters who make the mistake of harvesting a young male or a calf elk thinking it's a white-tailed deer," said Shelby Hiestand, DNR wildlife biologist. "Although a mistake, this would be an illegal take of game which is a serious wildlife offense."

Elk and white-tailed deer are close relatives and from the same Cervidae family, but hunters can tell the difference between them by looking at a few characteristics.



"Always positively ID your target before pulling the trigger," said Hiestand. "You have all of the control over taking an animal, so be certain on what you are harvesting."

Deer and elk have significant size differences. Elk can weigh several hundred pounds more and stand two to four feet taller than deer. Elk males also have a different appearance,

with a lighter back and hindquarters and a darker, reddish-brown neck and head. Female elk are a reddish-brown color without a color variation. Both male deer and elk have antlers. Adult bull elk antlers are typically significantly larger than white-tailed deer antlers and branch beyond the ears; however, young spike bulls can have significantly smaller, unbranched antlers.

"If you know of a wildlife violation that has taken place or you have made a mistake, call our Report All Poaching line at 1-800-292-7800," said Hiestand.

Michigan has had an elk hunting season annually since 1984 and a weighted lottery system has been used since 2003. In 2016, 200 elk hunting licenses were available to those selected in the random drawing.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information go to www.michigan.gov/dnr

Snyder signs bill allowing more business owners to obtain conditional liquor licenses

More business owners will be able to obtain conditional liquor licenses, providing them with the ability to more quickly launch and operate their establishments, under legislation signed today by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"This bill helps remove some barriers for Michigan employers by expanding opportunities for them to

obtain conditional licenses in order to get businesses up and running faster," Snyder said.

Senate Bill 981, sponsored by state Sen. Wayne Schmidt, expands the eligibility of liquor license applicants to obtain a conditional license to operate their business. The measure is now Public Act 315 of 2016.

SB 903, sponsored by state Sen. Tom Casperson, modifies the requirements for agreement by mineral owners and producers before an operator can request approval of a plan for joint operation of multiple wells in an oil or gas reservoir. The measure is now PA 316.

House Bill 5572, sponsored by State Rep. Mike McCready, amends

the Motor Fuel Tax Act to permit certain alternative fuel commercial users to calculate the fuel tax due on Compressed Natural Gas based on a revised equivalent. The measure is now PA 317.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit www.legislature.mi.gov

Stabenow, Peters, Kildee applaud decision to fund lead removal in Michigan communities

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), and congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) released a statement applauding the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's approval of funding for lead detection and removal in Flint and

communities across the state of Michigan. The state of Michigan will now be able to use approximately \$24 million this year and up to that same amount over the next four years to pay for lead abatement services such as testing, paint removal and soil removal in eligible homes.

"Today's decision is critical to the health and safety of children and families in Flint and across Michigan," said Senator Stabenow. "This announcement is an important reminder that the

crisis in Flint is far from over."

"Flint's children, who are especially vulnerable to lead exposure, have suffered the most from this devastating water crisis and I applaud the administration for taking another step to provide much needed relief for the people of Flint," said Senator Peters. "This commitment by CMS will continue helping Flint families by providing significant resources to fund the removal of lead from homes and help protect children's health. This is a

positive step forward to help put the city of Flint back on track for a successful future."

"Families in my hometown of Flint are struggling with the harmful effects of lead poisoning every day and this funding will help eliminate exposures to lead in their homes," said congressman Kildee. "This will have positive impact on the trajectory of children's lives in Flint and across the state of Michigan."

To qualify for lead abatement funding through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, a site must be the home of a Medicaid beneficiary under 19 years old or a pregnant woman. Funds can be used for abatement services such as sampling, testing, paint removal, dust clean up, soil removal, and replacement of impacted fixtures. Fixtures include things such as water features in the home, window sills and possibly windows.

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Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Synopsis of Minutes November 14, 2016

Motions Approved:

1. Lawn Care and Snow Plow Agreements
2. Committee Training Commitment Form
3. New Fire fighter Trainee Kendra Ford

Our next Township Meeting will be December 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

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**THEME:
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18. Undo
19. *Home to Piccadilly Circus
21. *Home to Charles Bridge and Kafka's grave
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34. Be sick
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NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 15

- Gwen Ifill, anchor of "PBS News Hour" passed away at the age of 61,
- Donald Trump announced two White House positions Monday. Reince Priebus, former Republican Party chairman will be chief of staff. The other position, Steve Bannon, executive chairman of Breitbart News, will be chief strategist.
- Facebook had an interned problem over the weekend that notified millions of users that they where dead. It is unclear what caused the mass obituaries, but the bug in Facebook's system seems to be fixed.
- Scientists have discovered another rare two-headed shark. However, they can't agree on why so many are occurring in the world's ocean. And no one is sure how to prevent the trend from inspiring yet another "sharknado" sequel.
- Supermoon delights world's stargazers in full moon, eclipse combination. Astronomers said it was closer to Earth than at any time since 1948.
- Israel to launch expedition to find more Dead Sea Scrolls over the next three years, surveying hundreds of caves in the Judean Desert near the Dead Sea. In a move that is bound to stir controversy, the researchers may also excavate caves in the West Bank.

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 12. Expert
 15. Unkind person
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 51. *Like a Norwegian fjord
 54. Private
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 58. Iris holder
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Hearts of Gold Play-Doh Drive donates funds to Pink Arrow Pride

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The September 2016 Hearts of Gold Play-Doh Drive raised \$2,294 and collected over 3,000 cans of Play-Doh for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The drive also raised \$1,032.30 for Pink Arrow Pride. Hearts of Gold was created by LHS senior Jillian Riney with cooperation from local businesses Springrove Variety, Bernard's Ace Hardware, Keiser's Kitchen, along with the Hasbro Corporation in Pawtucket, R.I.

"Pink Arrow Pride has been going on for a long time and I thought it would be a great thing to support," Riney said. "I truly want to thank the whole Lowell community for their overwhelming support. I'm really ecstatic about it, very happy."

"For her to think out of the box and come up with something like that, it's incredible to me," said Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Teresa Beachum. "We appreciate this so much."

During the drive, people would buy a \$1 can of Play-Doh from one of the participating merchants.

The can of "doh" was donated to the hospital, \$.55 covered the wholesale price and the remaining \$.45 was donated to Pink Arrow Pride. Riney also accepted cash donations in boxes she set up at the merchants. It all started last summer when Riney was looking for "something cool to do" over summer vacation.

"I was looking at the list of things they need on the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital website," Riney said in the Sept. 14 Lowell Ledger. "One of the items was Play-Doh and that really stuck out to me. It kind of reminds you that real little kids are in there. [...] The first thing I did was contact Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. They loved the idea and wanted to be a part of it. My next step was to get in contact with Hasbro, the manufacturer of Play-Doh. Then I got in contact with Mike Sprenger, who owns Springrove Variety, where they sell Play-Doh. He was super helpful and jumped right on top of it. He's been super supportive, letting me set up a donation box in his



LHS senior Jillian Riney presents a donation of \$1,032.30 to Pink Arrow Pride's Teresa Beachum. The Hearts of Gold Play-Doh Drive raised \$2,294 and collected over 3,000 cans of Play-Doh for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

store and letting me store Play-Doh there."

The Hasbro company initially turned Riney down, but eventually got on board with the project.

"When Hasbro found out that I was really going to do it, they said they'd donate 1,000 cans of Play-Doh to get me started," Riney said. "Then I filmed the promotional video

[youtube.com/watch?v=bp_dllTRhwY]. When I released that on Facebook, the support from the community was overwhelming."

Riney has not chosen a college yet, but her dream career could take her anywhere in the world.

"I will be studying international relations with a minor in Spanish," Riney said.

BREAKING NEWS

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Former Red Arrow baseball star still pitching

Former Lowell Red Arrow baseball star Bill Potter is collecting quite a few slow pitch softball championships playing with Florida Center for Sight senior team. Potter played for Chris Burch's 1948-50 Red Arrow championship teams, hitting .520 and .448. Potter and his team have won 38 softball championships in the past 10 years. A foot injury stopped his brief minor league career with the Milwaukee Braves league. After

graduating from Michigan State University he spent 28 years as a community school director. Potter lives in Iron Mountain during the summer and Dunedin, FL in the winter months. He plays league softball in the three score softball league in Clearwater, FL, but travels throughout the country playing for the Center for Sight team in major slow pitch softball tournaments.

This year Potter added two more championships to his

total, winning the tournament of champions in Florida in April, winning the world championship in Columbus, OH and two weeks ago took a third-place finish in Las Vegas in the World Masters tournament. Potter had 10 for 18 in that tournament with two homeruns and nine RBIs in the Masters tournament. Playing center field, Potter and his team have now won five world championships and five national championships.



Pictured, Bill Potter age 84, in front row, third from left.

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