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Many enjoy *A Nite of Christmas Cheer* celebrated along Lowell's Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Christmas celebrations continued in downtown Lowell last Friday night when the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Downtown Development Authority teamed up with area businesses and organizations for the fourth annual Nite of Christmas Cheer along the Riverwalk.

While Santa visits on the showboat have been a tradition for some time, the official Nite of Christmas Cheer began in 2012.

According to LACC executive director Liz Baker, "We added the live reindeer, ice sculpture, roasted chestnuts and hot dogs. We wanted to create a family event that created memories. It is important to spread our activities over the

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The Lowell Riverwalk lit up with holiday spirit once again for A Nite of Christmas Cheer.

With new boardmember and zero citizen participation LL&P goes about tackling issues at hand

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Light & Power's board of directors held their latest regular meeting at the utility's Broadway St. headquarters on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 8. The board discussed

topics such as a new paid time off donation program for employees and the replacement of some heaters on their building. Zero citizens attended the meeting, which lasted a little under two hours.

The board added new member Marty Chambers.

"I want to be part of this to help the city and help Lowell Light & Power get through whatever it is they're going to be going through," Chambers said.

"In the process I got to meet a lot of Light & Power employees and I was just impressed [by] how dedicated everybody is."

Chambers filled the vacancy left by Greg Canfield, who is now a

member of the city council.

The board unanimously approved a new PTO donation program for Light & Power employees. They will now be allowed to donate paid time off into a pool of hours that their fellow employees can use if a catastrophe arises.

"This is really just to help people out that are in need," said Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot.

The board awarded a \$13,704 heating contract to Canfield Plumbing & Heating. That company had the lowest bid to replace two of the three heating units on the roof of the Lowell Light & Power building. The units were over 20 years old.

"We received quotes from four vendors," Donkersloot said. "The replacement was done last week."

The board's next regular meeting will be at Light & Power headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Jan. 12.



Lowell Light & Power's board of directors discussed employee PTO and other topics at their latest regular meeting last Thursday.

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Get your head out of your app! Public awareness campaign reminds motorists about the dangers of distracted driving

Distracted drivers are a danger not only to themselves, but to everyone else on the road. The Michigan State Police (MSP) is reminding motorists to Get Your Head Out of Your App and focus

solely on driving when behind the wheel.

The public awareness campaign uses the phrase Get Your Head Out of Your App to emphasize the importance of keeping your attention on the road

while driving. Information is being shared on Facebook and Twitter using #JustDrive and #DistractedDriving.

Distracted driving is any activity, including using a cellphone, eating or changing radio stations, that

diverts attention away from the primary task of driving. The number of people killed in distracted driving crashes in Michigan doubled from 2014 to 2015. During 2015, there were 28 fatalities involving distracted driving.



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LOWELLARTS! HOLIDAY MARKET

The annual LowellArts! Holiday Artists Market, featuring artwork by over 50 area artists, will be through 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.

AUDUBON BIRD COUNT AT WWC

On December 31, field teams and local bird enthusiasts will depart from the Wittenbach/Wege Center. Field teams depart at 8:00 am with friends and knowledgeable birders. Return around noon for sack lunch. At 5:00 pm we gather to tally section findings. Choose to participate part or all day. Participation in the count is free but donations are encouraged to support the National Audubon Program. Let's have a great time gathering data that are useful for tracking bird locations and species abundances. Come for all or part of the day.

Tips to help decrease distracted driving:

- Secure items that may move around when the car is in motion. Don't reach down or behind the seat to pick up items.
- Ask a passenger to help with activities that may be distracting.
- If driving long distances, schedule regular stops every 100 miles or two hours.

adult drivers consider themselves addicted to their cell phone. More than 40 percent admitted to regularly sending texts and emails while driving.

Texting and driving is one of the most dangerous distractions because it involves taking your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel and mind off the task of driving. As of July 1, 2010, Michigan law prohibits texting while driving. For a first offense, motorists are fined \$100. Subsequent offenses cost \$200.

A recent survey conducted for the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) shows nearly one in five young

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Pink Arrow Pride IX fundraising totals released

submitted by,
Sonja Dedonado

For the ninth consecutive year, the student-led Lowell Pink Arrow Pride IX, a truly special event, was held on September 16, 2016. Meaning and emotion filled the Lowell stadium that day. Once again, the entire Lowell community came together to make life better for individuals and families whose lives are affected by cancer. Families who have lost or have a surviving loved one, take the opportunity to honor or memorialize them in a special ceremony at Pink Arrow; it is a reverent and powerful moment for all. The Pink Arrow Pride experience not only raised the level of awareness about cancer and its devastating effect on families, but it also provided an opportunity for Lowell's student athletes to demonstrate that life is not just about winning competitions, but that there are more important values of family, kindness, honor, and service.

While there are many organizations raising

money to find a cure for cancer, Pink Arrow Pride is unique in that it is the only organization that is helping families who are currently fighting this devastating illness. Cancer is changing the lives of people right here in Lowell. People living with this illness need support - our support - community support and they are getting it. Along with family support, Pink Arrow maintains student scholarships in honor of Kathy Talus, a former Lowell teacher and coach who lost her battle with cancer and Dr. Donald Gerard who has dedicated more than 30 years volunteering and giving care to student athletes. Of note, is the support that Pink Arrow provides to Gilda's Club of Lowell. Gilda's provides numerous programs and activities to individuals and families who are fighting cancer. Pink Arrow has provided significant help to more than 80 Lowell families this year alone. If you visited Lowell any time last September, it was hard to

miss that something special was going on as you could not avoid the Pink Arrow message through light post street banners, t-shirts, marquees, billboards, and local business participation.

The Pink Arrow volunteer committee can unequivocally state that zero dollars raised are spent on administrative costs to run the entire Pink Arrow Pride and 100 percent of the funds stay right here in Lowell. The committee is humbled and honored to announce the success in numbers for Pink Arrow IX.

Total Pink Arrow IX dollars raised - \$126,500.00.

- The dollars will be used as follows:
- Gilda's Club of Lowell - \$72,000.00
 - Lowell Community Wellness - family support \$46,000.00
 - Lowell Community Wellness, education fund - \$2,500.00
 - Dr. Gerard Scholarship donation - \$4,000.00
 - Kathy Talus Scholarship donation - \$2,000.00



Pictured, Jan Miller and Daryl Voge receive a Pink Arrow check from Teresa Beachum for Gilda's Club Lowell.

Pink Arrow Pride has made a great impact on the Lowell community its nine years of existence. It is always the goal to

make next year bigger of the community. Thank you to our community, for providing more funding to continue to participate and support the Pink Arrow mission. directly help the people

Tips for holiday family road trips

The holiday season is one of the busiest travel times of the year, which means congested roads under potentially difficult driving conditions. To keep holiday road warriors comfortable and content on their drives, Autotrader editors offer some of their top holiday travel tips.

- Tune up. Do a quick check on the essentials before you head out. Check the wear and pressure on your tires, and be sure your fluids (oil, coolant and wiper fluid) are topped off. For do-it-yourselfers, you can perform these quick and easy inspections on your own.

- Avoid "are we there yet"? Technology features like built-in screens and DVD players can be saviors on the road, but if your car doesn't come equipped with these, consider bringing along a handheld device so kids can play games or watch videos. And if technology isn't your thing, remember that magnetized board games and word games can work just as well. You can also encourage kids to stay occupied by having them help you navigate and by playing DJ.

- Have patience. These days, your car's navigation tools can offer realistic travel times, but be prepared for the unexpected. Inclement weather, traffic and bathroom requests can

set you back. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.

- Have fun! Holiday road trips can be a great pastime for the whole family while creating wonderful memories. Enjoy the adventure of it!

"Family time this holiday season starts the moment you hit the road," says Tara Trompeter, managing editor at Autotrader. "A little bit of

planning ahead before you get on the road will go a long way toward filling the

experience with more fun and laughter for everyone involved."

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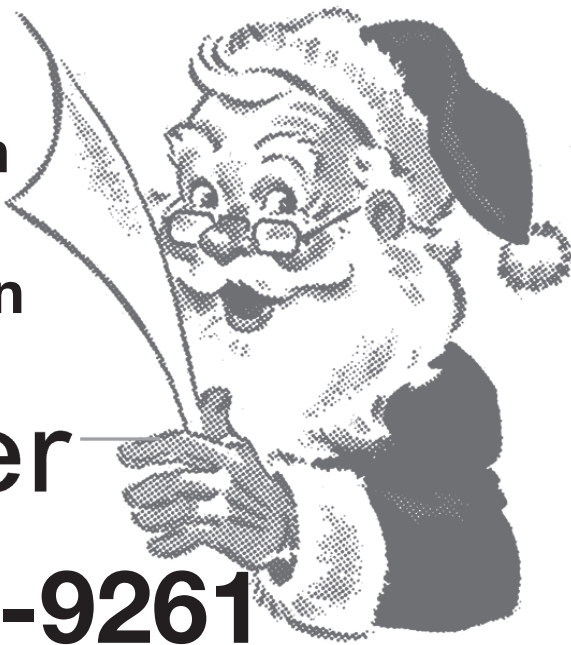
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Submitted by:
Dr. Phillip Knight
executive director of the
Food Bank
Council of Michigan.

The Food Bank Council of Michigan is tasked with creating food security for all of our residents. We base our initiatives on data from our own studies in conjunction with Grand Valley State University and the recently initiated Self Sufficiency Study at the University of Washington. These reports help us define reality for those who deal with the toxic stress of hunger on a regular basis in our state.

As I examine the data from these highly respected studies and the "boots on the ground" reports from more than 2,900 agencies that our seven regional food banks distribute food through, I perceive there to be three distinct groups that comprise the population we serve.

First, there is the generationally impoverished who live below the national poverty level. Secondly, there is the working poor who are trapped between minimum and moderate wage. They fall off the benefits cliff and are ineligible for any assistance, yet always have more month than money. They are trapped... forced to make brutal choices between food and other necessities for their families. Thirdly, there is the underemployed who have faced a difficulty in their life and need short-term, temporary help in order to rebound.

Confucius said, "In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of."

I sense that the culture of America is at war with itself and attempts to grow, develop and yet preserve its soul. America, in its essence,

values people, rich or poor. The divides, prejudices and bias we have developed on our own. While America's history is rooted in the Christian heritage, all faiths command benevolence to the poor.

What do we do with the first group, the generationally impoverished?

Morally, ethically, spiritually and civically, I believe we have a responsibility to ensure they have access to a regular supply of healthy, nutritious foods. I am certain that just because someone is poor does not mean they have to be hungry. After all, Michigan is the second most diverse agricultural state in the country. Food is a part of the solution to hunger, but it is not an answer unto itself.

The second group, the working poor who are trapped by circumstances, choices and despair, is a group I am convinced we can help if we could talk. Could we have conversations about livable wage, extension of benefits to reward those who are working to help themselves rather than dropping them off the benefits cliff?

Department of Health and Human Services studies conclude that once a worker reaches \$11.50 per hour they fall off the benefits cliff and are no longer eligible for any assistance. The trap is sprung and they must struggle to increase their wages to \$17.50 per hour in order to be at the same level they were prior to \$11.50. Despair kicks into a person who is working when they realize they were "wealthier" when they were making \$11 per hour and on benefits!

Our current setup devalues work. Our system traps the people who are striving to survive and have a vision for their future.

Can we talk about how do we structure the benefits to

reward work? Can we discuss how we best help people keep and leverage benefits so they can accumulate some wealth and, thereby, not need our assistance any longer?

As people who work go up the wage scale, they have a steady climb out of the valley of despair. When they become ineligible for any benefits, however, it is an immediate drop off; there is no gradual descent. Could we talk about creating gradual slopes on both ends of this valley of despair?

When I listen to representatives of both parties, conservatives and liberals alike, I am often amazed how similar they sound. I think each wants to help people achieve, accumulate wealth and not need any benefits in their lives. I think we can get there if we talk, not shout, not recite tired ideological platitudes. But, if those of us in leadership will talk, own the challenge of food security for Michigan and realize we can't fix it alone, we might surprise ourselves and, in the meantime, reinvent the future for many Michiganders.

Our third group of underemployed need a little help and not for a very long time. Can we structure a program that addresses their needs? I think we can and know we can impact this group immediately. The food banks and our network are the ones standing in the gap for these folks. They are ineligible for assistance, but we are able to provide the necessary temporary relief they need.

I will echo President John F. Kennedy when he said, "I look forward to a great future for America -- a future in which our country will match its military strength with our moral restraint, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose."

I look forward to a day in the near future when those of us in leadership, public or private, profit or charity, can sit together, talk and find solutions to this stubborn - yet solvable - problem of hunger in Michigan.

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LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

a safe and happy season...

Another West Michigan December is upon us, and with that comes a mix of snow-covered roads, cold temperatures, and icy commutes, I bet you have asked yourself, "Who makes the decision about closing school?", "Where do they get their information?", and, "What determines the decision?" I'm sure to many parents, the decision making process for closing school due to inclement weather is a mystery, and to our students it's magical. I must admit that if snow or freezing rain never interrupted our school

day again, I would not be disappointed. I will tell you that making the decision about closing or delaying school for inclement weather is one of my least favorite responsibilities as your superintendent.

Let me assure the Lowell community that the physical safety, emotional well-being, and a strong academic environment for all students is and will always be the primary concern for the Lowell Area Schools. To minimize the frustration that parents may experience as it relates

to school cancellations, I thought it might be helpful to share how the decision to delay or close school is made in the event of inclement weather.

I, along with the transportation staff, carefully watch weather conditions during the winter. Just like you, we learn about approaching weather and road conditions from television, internet and radar. In the event that weather alerts or predictions are issued, our transportation staff begins to make preparations and monitors forecasts. Our Director of Transportation and as many as three other staff members, test morning road conditions of our bus routes beginning at 4:00 a.m. In addition, consideration is given to the time snow or ice starts, the amount,

temperature and wind-chill, as well as the condition of the most hazardous bus routes in our district. Based on the recommendations from district staff, and all of the aforementioned information, I then make the final decision. I will consistently err on the side of safety; the alternative is not an option. I would ask parents to keep in mind that, even if it looks clear on your street, dangerous conditions may exist in other parts of our district. Our district covers nearly 140 square miles!

We are confident in our procedures and protocol for safety and understand the magnitude of keeping our most precious commodity, the students, safe. Have a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

outdoors

wintertime

Dave Stegehuis

Unusually mild weather this fall made it hard to believe that snow and cold temperatures would soon be upon us. Some folks will bail out after the holidays and head south. For those of us who stay here, winter provides an environment for numerous outdoor activities. Consider winter in the north country an opportunity.

Other than a casual walk in the woods, some planning and specific equipment may be required for participation in winter fun which may suggest a gift idea for the holiday season. Now is the time to plan for winter activities so that when conditions are right we can jump right in.

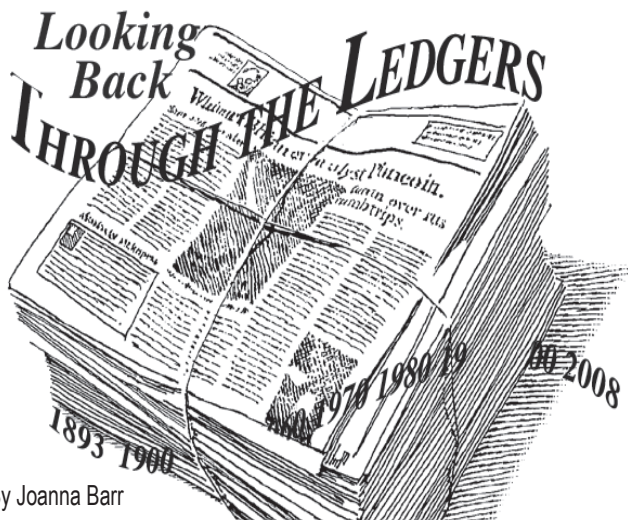
Cross country skiing is a relatively inexpensive sport after the original investment. There are about 3,000 miles of trails in the state, most of which can be accessed for free. Snowshoeing can be done almost anywhere. Downhill skiing as well as snowboarding is offered at resorts and ski hills across the state. Tubing and sledding have always been traditional pastimes for young and old. I have often

thought about dog sledding; maybe this winter will be the time. Snowmobile riders wish for lots of snow to cover the 6,500 miles of groomed trails. Local businesses in the north country are hoping the same.

Ice fishing depends on safe ice. It can be done with a minimum of equipment and being in the right place on the right day can be very productive. Rabbit and predator hunting are popular in the thickets and fields in rural locations.

Hiking through the serene winter landscape can be a relaxing and healthy experience. Tracks in fresh snow reveal evidence of what went on with woodland residents before you got there. Have a camera handy for that special wintertime scene like you see on Christmas cards.

If you have any regrets about spending the winter in Michigan, just think about all of the fun things you can do that folks in warmer climates cannot. Have a happy and safe holiday, and get out and enjoy the special opportunities around you.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Dec. 16, 1891

Harry A. Clark, of Ada, aged 68, and Sarah Best, aged 68, were licensed to wed at Grand Rapids. Clark was a confirmed old bachelor, but couldn't hold out any longer; Sarah had outlived two husbands.

A good share of Lowell's inhabitants took advantage of the fine day, Sunday, to visit the new dam and building of the Lowell Lighting & Power Co.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Dec. 14, 1916

Vergennes Grange Fair. The Vergennes Grange will hold a fair at their hall Dec. 20, afternoon and evening. Boys corn judging contest and girls baking contest. Farm exhibit, pioneer exhibit, these are a few of the interesting things to be held. Another interesting feature will be a display of canned goods canned by the cold pack method. There will be a booth of hand made articles which make ideal Christmas gifts, also a candy booth, a good place to buy your Christmas candy. A cafeteria will be held in connection with the fair. Everyone invited. Come and enjoy your selves every minute. adv.

"Off agin, on agin, gone agin. Finnegin," and Lee Jones is out of business again. The Flint market men who bargained to sell out to Jones refused to deliver

the business to Rufus Gregory who traded his Lowell business for the Flint prospect. Nothing for Lee to do but give up the Lowell shop to Gregory.

The first number of The Lowell High School Bulletin has reached our desk. It is a neat four-page paper devoted to school topics and reflects credit upon all concerned. On account of the high price of paper we have been cutting our exchange list to the bone, but The Ledger goes to The Bulletin as an X, with our very best wishes.

Osteopathic physician coming to Lowell. Dr. L. D. Benedict, graduate of Des Moines Still College of Osteopathy, Des Moines, Iowa, of five years' experience in active practice, will visit Lowell every Thursday. Treatments will be given at your own home. His price is \$1.50 per treatment.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Dec. 18, 1941

Lowell plans home defense – hold public meeting to name committees. Lowell has taken its first step in preparing for home defense and will work in conjunction with the state and federal organizations to do whatever is necessary to protect the lives and property of our people and the community as a whole. All citizens of this community, in view of the recent unwarranted attack upon our nation by the military and naval forces of Japan at the instigation of Hitler, will realize the vital necessity of cooperating to our utmost in the defense of our nation and its principles. Acting upon orders from state American Legion headquarters an organization meeting was held last Friday night in the high school assembly room, about 150 persons being present representing nearly all local organizations. Commander Peter Mulder of the American Legion Post was elected Chairman and Village President. J. A. Arehart was elected co-chairman. Harold Jefferies was elected secretary.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Dec. 15, 1966

A meeting was held recently on reducing the speed limit on the western portion of Main Street, from the city

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December Student of the Month at KTC

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



Selena Doty

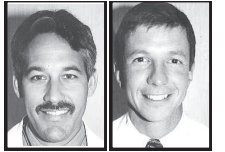
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When prescription and over-the-counter pain medicine for headaches are taken too often, they can cause headaches. Certain medicines, including aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Vicodin, and Darvocet are more likely to cause rebound headaches if taken regularly. In general, these medicines should not

be taken more than twice a week without your doctor's advice.

Caffeine overuse can also cause rebound headaches. Most heavy coffee drinkers are aware of this problem. However, people who suffer regular headaches and take over-the-counter medicines do not realize they may be taking caffeine. Many over-the-counter headache medicines come with caffeine added to aspirin and acetaminophen to help relieve the pain. One common one is Excedrin.

Anyone that plans to take an over-the-counter medicine or alternative medicine on a daily basis should discuss it first with their health care provider. Also, anyone that suffers headaches on a semi-regular or daily basis should have a thorough evaluation with their health care provider.

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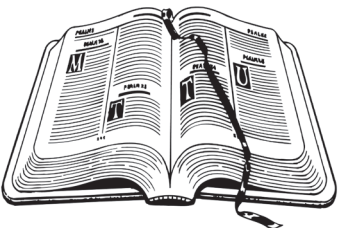
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New physical therapy clinic opens in Lowell

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Northern Physical Therapy opened their seventh clinic at 2050 W. Main in Lowell on Nov. 28. The new location will offer occupational and physical therapy, rehabilitation, athletic training, fitness classes and more. Northern Physical Therapy's three physical therapists, David Sefton, Ashley VandenBurg

and Anna Schoenborn, are all from Lowell. "Anna is from Lowell and she did her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan," Sefton said. "She's a very well-versed occupational therapist. She's a lot of fun to work with and our patients love her. Ashley graduated from Grand

Valley State University. She has a passion for working with women and their different health issues, especially women who are pregnant." Sefton said that physical therapy is not just for people who have suffered an injury or who have abused their body by playing sports for years. Just about anybody

could use some level of therapy and Northern Physical Therapy will check you out for free. "We are available to just about anyone, particularly someone who is pursuing healthier lifestyles," Sefton said. "One of the things that we are very happy to offer the community are free consults. Physical therapy

services are available to anyone who feels like they would benefit from it. Anyone can refer themselves to physical therapy." Northern Physical Therapy also has an athletic trainer on staff to deal with any injuries you receive when you're out competing. "Rachel Sprenger is our certified athletic trainer; she

has been an active member of the Lowell community for a while," Sefton said. "She helps athletes with training and injuries." Northern Physical Therapy is currently accepting new patients. Call 987-0019 or check out their website, northernpts.com, for more details or to set up an appointment.

Middle school Students of the Trimester



Lowell Middle School Students of the Trimester, front row, left to right: Kodi Richards, Taylor Clark, Allyson SeEVERS, Dillon Hieshetter, Sam Lixie, Carter Sherman, Casper Broene, Nikola Miller, AJ Burchfield and Jakob Reynolds; second row: Benjamin Bromley, Drew Veldman, Colton Byrne, Carter Peel, Mason Hesche, Julia Tuuri, Sierra Hieshetter, Cody Lemire, Lanndon Hamilton, Jaydon Gates, Travis Boyd and Hayden Lowrie; third row: Annika Sandman, Reid Eldred, Gabryel Shepard, Lauren Visscher, Ivy McDonald, Cadance Ferguson, Aurora Fredricks, McKenna Grody, Hallee Greenop, Emma Schmidt, Brooke Rempalski and Sedona Bonter; fourth row: Drew Ferrill, Kaitlyn Bruce, Kacey Leverance, Tyler Pett, Lilly Kooistra, Jayme Johnson, Evyn Schneider, Amelia Wells and Isabella Kincaid; not in picture: William deVoest, Dominick Ronchetti, Kaitlynn Thompson and Bonnie Fountain.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes December 5, 2016


Motions Approved:

1. Approved Planning Commission renewals, 3 year term for Cyndi Dalga and 1 year term for Board Rep. Denny Heffron.
2. Approved Zoning Board of Appeals 3 year term renewal for Pat Brenk.
3. Approved Fire & Safety Administration Committee 1 year term renewal for Board Rep. Paul Knoerl.
4. Approved Safety Board of Appeals 1 year term renewal for Board Rep. Paul Knoerl.
5. Approved Sewer Advisory 1 year term renewal for Board Rep. Frank Force.
6. Approved Welland Review Board 3 year term renewal for Steve Christians.
7. Approved Cable Committee 1 year term renewal for Board Rep. Paul Knoerl.
8. Approved Board of Review 3 year term renewals for Debra Ellis, Lewis Belka and Doug Geldersma.
9. Approved Construction Board of Appeals 2 year term renewal for Steve Hessler.
10. Approved 2017 Annual Event Calendar.
11. Approved 2017 Meeting Schedule.

Our next regular Township Meeting will be January 09, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

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Red Arrow

- BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Lowell basketball nets two wins at home and away

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's girls varsity basketball team made their home debut last Tuesday topping Forest Hills Eastern 43-33. They then traveled to Coopersville to seal a Friday night 48-28 victory.

Tuesday at home the Arrows introduced a new head coach, Heath Kent and starting lineup to the community when the team welcomed Forest Hills Eastern. Senior Bridget Garter led the team to a 43-33 victory alongside fellow starters Regan Coxon, Cassie Dean, Emily DePew and Riley Conlan.

Garter scored 20 points, nearly 50 percent of the team's total and has been a leading force on the team thus far in the season. According to Kent, "Bridget is one of our

captains and so far she's been everything I expect out of a senior captain. I think she understands that this is her last go-round here for basketball and has been 100 percent committed so far. The other girls look up to her and that is why she is one of our captains."

Regan Coxon was the night's second leading Lowell scorer, adding 11 to the scoreboard, in the game which was tight throughout until the Arrows pulled away at the finish thanks in part to tough defense from sophomore Emily Depew. "Her athleticism allows her to cover a ton of ground when we are pressing teams; it also allows her to cover up some of the mistakes in front of her," said Kent of the early season standout. "In the FHE game there were

a couple of possessions in the second half where she rotated off her player and came up with some big blocks. She does a lot of things down there that affect the game that most people don't see, but when I break down the film she does some things that we call 'winning plays.' As she gets more comfortable with the speed of the varsity game she will only become more effective down there."

Friday at Coopersville the team picked up a large margin victory over their opponent toppling them 48-28 to pick up their second win of the season. Lowell outscored Coopersville in every period of the game to pull out the win. Depew saw double digits on offense netting 16 points while Garter and Coxon each chipped in seven.

The winning week moves the team to 2-1 and helps to ease the pain of their opening loss, according to Kent, who says the team has a great amount of potential. "So far our weakness has been playing at a high level consistently. The first game



Coach Heath Kent talks to the team.

we were flat and played slow which wasn't the team I've seen all off-season. Against FHE we played our game and the results were in our favor. If we can learn to play at a consistently high level every night then we can be a dangerous team. Time will tell and it's my job to make sure that our effort level is where we need it to be on a nightly basis."

Kent said the girls are already working with a great foundation and are quickly readying for the OK White conference challenges that lie ahead. "Our depth is certainly a strong point, as well as our chemistry. We

have the ability to get up and down the floor and try to wear out our opponents which hopefully will lead to easy baskets. We just want to get better each day and go out there and compete with each other in practice."

LEGAL NOTICES

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Senior Bridget Garter puts up a block against her Forest Hills Eastern opponent.



Regan Coxon goes up for the shot during the Red Arrows home opener.

The girls will enjoy an extra week of practice before their next scheduled games which are scheduled for December 20 versus Wyoming at home and Lakewood on December 22 on the road. Both games will tip off at 7 pm.

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entire month of December, bringing residents and visitors to our community, encouraging shopping, eating and fun locally.”

The two-hour event took place along the Riverwalk where visitors coming from Main Street first encountered the work of Randy Finch. Finch, owner and artist of Ice Guru, an ice sculpting business based in Grand Rapids, created a house of ice for attendees both sculpting and teaching. His creation of a two-story Christmas house delighted those who stopped to see him work.

Guests next encountered a long line to visit Santa Claus. After boarding the boat kids had the opportunity to visit Santa and his elves and take a free photo courtesy of Blue Lake

Studios. Santa will return to the showboat for two final visits this season on Dec. 14 and Dec. 17.

Two live reindeer were onsite at the Lowell Area Historical Museum’s booth which served up chestnuts, roasted over an open fire. Proceeds from this benefiting the museum. The newly revised semi-outdoor cookie room, manned by volunteers from the Lowell Rotary Club, allowed guests to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while waiting in line. Warming stations were arranged by The Lowell Area Fire Department and free hot dogs from Arctic Heating and Cooling Inc. were also provided, as well as free horse and carriage rides around the Riverwalk.

Baker said that the festive night is truly a



Free horse and carriage rides were available.

community effort bringing together the efforts of many for the joy of many more. “None of this would be

possible without volunteers and we have many! Lowell is a small town with charm and tradition. Christmas

in Lowell just adds to ambience. It’s reflected by the thousands of children, parents, grandparents and

others that come to the festivities and really enjoy their time spent here.”



Families bundled up and lined up to spend some time with Santa Claus on the historic showboat.



Colin Plank serves chestnuts roasted on an open fire on behalf of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



Ice Guru owner Randy Finch sculpts his addition to this year’s Santa’s Village theme along the Riverwalk.

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Lowell High School 1st trimester honor roll

Lowell High School honor roll for the 1st trimester – 2016-17 school year
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Grace Barber
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Noah Barnhart
Kathleen Basinger
Krin Beach
Emma Bennett
Marissa Berg
Jacquelyn Bileth
Jayleigh Bileth
Isabella Blakely
Emma Blakie
Ryleigh Blough
Ashley Boehr
Samuel Bonner
Lauren Booth
Gabrielle Brace
Leah Bredwell
Sarah Buckner
Mary Buechler
Zachary Cardis
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Shelby Chumney
Caleb Clark
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Audrey Conrad
Jennifer Cooper
Lillian Cooper
Jarrett Corder
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Aaron Fox
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Tristan Fox
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Sterling Anderson
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Brennan Battle
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Jeremy Bergin
Delaney Bierlein
Dakota Bileth
Jacob Bishop
Maxwell Bishop
Matthew Bloom
Katherine Bodemann
Elijah Boulton
Trevor Bouman
Collin Bowers
Austin Branagan
Maria Briggs
Clayton Brown
Madeline Burt
Else Carey
Stephanie Carlson
Kyle Cater
Samantha Celori
Emma Chapin
Brodrick Chapman
Autumn Chrisman
Colton Churches
Ryne Clarke
Katie Clemenshaw
Paige Clouse
Marreona Coe
Rachel Cole
Austin Comer
Sydney Conard
Riley Coxon
Avery Cunningham
Amber Curtis
Nicholas Dalessandro
Makenzie Daly
Andrew de Voest
Maria DeCator
Paige DeHaan
Bryce Dempsey
Casey Depew
Samuel DeVito
Kyla Dixon
Sydney Dodde
Alexander Dommer
Michael Doyle
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Brayden Ergang
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Rose Ford-Weber
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Cassandra Franklin
Laurel Frederickson
Darby Fuller
Taylor Furtaw
Kamryn Gaines
Bridgett Garter
Bethany Geldersma
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Blake Groom
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Anderson Hudson
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Jerrod Humphreys
Bailey Inda
Logan Jamison
Kara Jeffries
Danton Jernberg
Eric Judd
Kelsie Jurmo
Terese Kane
Jeremy Kargl
Caleb Kaufman
Corah Kaufman
Kaitlin Kelley
Harley Kline-Scheltmeyer
Bretton Kooistra
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Jeremy Leavell
Geniaya Lewis
Jared Lezan
Isabel Lillie
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Nicholas VanTil
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Lucy Wade
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Meghan Whitaker
Lauren White
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Maya Williams
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Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Wrestlers bring home championship trophy

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell wrestlers hit the mat in commanding fashion last Saturday sending out two teams for competition and returning with a championship trophy.

Varsity team A headed down to the Allegan Southwest Classic to pick up the first-place win with six grapplers placing first in their respective weight classes. Austin Boone placed first at 135 pounds scoring 26 team points and earning a 3-0 record along with Avry Mutschler who went 4-0 at 140 earning 23.5 points for the Arrows. Bryce Dempsey picked up 28 points in a 4-0 performance at 160, Keigan Yuhas had a perfect 3-0 worth 28 points at 171, David Kruse picked up 27.5 points and a 4-0 record at 189 and Elijah Boulton wrestled at 215

pounds earning 36 points and a 3-0 record on the mat.

Other top grapplers included second-place finisher Sam Russell who went 2-1 at 145 pounds falling to his Niles' opponent in the first-place match; Max Bishop brought home a third-place finish after falling to Tyler Hill of Lakeshore in the semifinal match; placing fifth was Nick Korhorn at 103; Channing Perry at 130 and James Fotis at 119.

Varsity team B competed closer to home at the Grandville Challenge with six wrestlers landing top finishes in the tournament. Tyler Delooff claimed a first-place position, Austin Engle and Hunter Browning, second; and George Gonzales, Jeff Leach and Thomas Hubert claimed fourth.



Lowell wrestlers with their first-place trophy.

Football team banquet celebrates sport and academics



Lowell High School's varsity football team held their year-end banquet on Dec. 5 to celebrate their successful season. The team wrapped up the season with a 12-1 record only losing in the state semi-final game. The seniors leave the program with a winning record of

25-3. Under the direction of coach Noel Dean during the past 21 seasons, Lowell has won 85 percent of their games and 90 percent over the past 10 years. The team was also successful off the field and was honored with the 2016 1st Team All-State Academic award.

Players pictured at left, left to right: Cody McGee, Ethan Kaminski, Ben Smith, John Rogalke, Brady Douma, Michael Doyle, Andy Anschutz, Sam Russell, Nate Stephens, Zack Petoelje, Conner Nugent and Andrew Poulton.

Sports Summaries

GIRLS BOWLING

Lowell's varsity lady rollers went 1-1 in competition on the road last week picking up a win over West Catholic and dropping a match to Cedar Springs. Monday at West Catholic the team picked up their first dual victory of the year taking down their opponent in a 19-11 win. Wednesday, Morgan Allison's 214 game was not enough to secure a win for the Arrows who fell by a large margin 27-3 at Cedar Springs.

BOYS BOWLING

Red Arrow boys varsity bowling hit the road twice last week to the tune of two victories and an early season 2-0 dual record. Logan Smith and Landon Smith earned the team's top scores, 220 and 204 respectively and led the team to a 25-5 victory over West Catholic on Monday. Wednesday at Cedar Springs the boys picked up a slim two-point 16-14 win with Carson Clark leading the way with

consistent scores of 224 and 221. Other high scorers at the event included Collin Clark who earned a 214 and Logan Smith who rolled a 204.

HOCKEY

Lowell/Caledonia hockey picked up their first ever victory over rival East Kentwood and tied with Jenison in a pair of matchups on the road last week. Friday at East Kentwood the teams went scoreless in the first period before the Lowell/Caledonia co-op found the back of the net twice in the second. Austin Whaley scored first, assisted by Eddie Heikkila and Charlie Hayes and Ethan Pinto earned the second with help from teammate Alex Osborn. The final score in the 3-1 win was an empty netter pushed in by Nolan Winterburn. Saturday night in Jenison the co-op settled for a 3-3 tie with goals coming from Pinto, Daniel Huver and Nate Regan.



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obituaries

BOVEE

Vercel L. Bovee, age 90 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, December 07, 2016. Vercel was born on March 16, 1926 to Lyle and Mabel (Kyser) Bovee. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1943, he entered the Army at the young age of 17. Upon returning home, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Greene of Saranac. Vercel retired from Gen Corp Manufacturing in Ionia after 40 years of service working as a material scheduler. After retirement, Vercel helped his son-in-law with farming and made



himself available to family and friends for their special 'handyman' projects. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Mable Bovee; his brother and sister-in-law, Glendon and Janet Bovee. Vercel is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marilyn; children, James Bovee, Cheri (Keith) Feldman; grandchildren, Shane and Taylor Bovee; sister-in-law, Cheryl Thomas; nieces and nephews, Arla (Steve) Harvey, Lew (Sally) Bovee, Mike (Diane) Butcher, and Randy (Sylvia) Butcher. A private memorial service was held at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Memorial Contributions may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, PO Box 246, Lowell MI 49331.

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COOK

Thomas Randolph Cook, age 70 of Lowell, Michigan, succumbed to cancer peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on December 7, 2016. Tom was born in Hastings, Michigan on October 26, 1946 to Leslie and Mary (Francis) Cook. He lived most of his life in Hastings and Lowell. Tom is survived by his wife of 12 years, Susan (Korte, née Dutkiewicz) Cook; daughter, Elizabeth Cook; sons, Scott (Greta) Cook, Brian (Pam) Cook; stepsons, Michael (Stacey) Korte, David (Amanda) Korte; brother, Donald (Karla Dee) Cook; sister, Leslie Ann (Eric) Baird; nephew, David Lake; niece, Julie (Mitch) Van Benden; grandchildren, Ernest, Zachary, Evan, Carson, Reagan, Langston, Jason, Justin, Kayla; and many family and friends. Tom was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to all. He was an automotive enthusiast, whether it was racing, fixing cars, or watching any auto race. Tom was always there to help friends with any household and automotive projects or whatever else they needed him for. Tom co-owned Gus Unseld's and Sons, a typesetting and printing company, and later worked at Amway for 20 years until retirement. He was an avid family history researcher with an amazing sense of humor and story-telling ability. Memorial contributions can be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook St. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 www.faithhospicecare.org. A celebration of life will be arranged at a later date next spring or summer.



MACTAVISH

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) MacTavish (nee Gingrich), aged 91 years and a 51-year Traverse City area resident passed away on November 23, 2016. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1925 and was raised in northeastern Grand Rapids where she graduated from Creston High School in 1943. During World War II, Betty worked at Commonwealth Loan Company and met Doris MacTavish who together with Betty's sister-in-law Ruth DeHart Gingrich, helped set up a blind date with her brother, Theodore (Ted). After Ted returned from overseas service, Ted and Betty married and together they raised a family of three children amid the adventures of living in several locations: Lowell, Colorado Springs, CO, St. Louis, Phoenix, AZ, and Traverse City. Before settling in 1965 on their Leelanau County farm, Ted and Betty owned and operated a neighborhood grocery store, a rental home, and a small ranch in Phoenix. In the same year that they moved to Michigan, Betty began working at Northwestern Savings and Loan and continued for nearly 25 years as executive secretary and bookkeeper. "Betty Mac," as she was often called, was always happy to help in any capacity needed. She increased her responsibilities continuously until she rose to the level of internal bank auditor and executive secretary. In that capacity, she traveled to bank branches around Northern Michigan before retiring in 1989. In retirement, Ted and Betty sold their farm and divided their time between their summer home in Greilickville and their winter home in Zephyrhills, FL. They were long-term active members of Asbury United Methodist church, now known as Traverse Bay United Methodist Church. Her husband, Ted; her parents, Josiah H. Gingrich and Mary Inez Smith; and her siblings, Florence, Bernice, Oliver, and Norman preceded Betty in death. She is survived by her three children, Linda McGlothlin (Marvin), Robert MacTavish (Phyllis) and Thomas MacTavish (Krista); seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grand children. Ted and Betty were married for 68 years and enjoyed a wonderful retirement filled with RV trips, relaxing winters in Florida, and an active social life that included backyard parties in a legendary flower garden. Betty was known for her cheery disposition, optimism, and perseverance. The family would like to thank Mary Hansen, Kathy Read, and the rest of the staff at The Pavilion's Willow Cottage for their loving care and support of our cherished mother during her time of need. Donations honoring Betty's life may be made to Traverse Bay United Methodist Church, 1200 Ramsdell Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684. Final arrangements are being made with Jonkhoff-Reynolds Funeral Home. Internment is planned for Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Life Tribute Page can be seen at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com



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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 16-200398-DE

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Date of birth: 04/27/1938.

December 9, 2016

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Warren M. Edwards, died 06/15/2016.

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WIELAND

Richard Emerson Wieland born December 29, 1931, died November 18, 2016. Parents were Leona Colby Wieland and Emerson Wieland of Alto. He was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Wieland; and sister, Marian Wieland Roth. He married his wife, Gail Poulton Wieland, in 1976. He attended Lowell High School and graduated in 1950; USAF 1951-1955; BSEE California Polytechnic University in Pomona; US Navy, USS Kitty Hawk 1965-1966; he was in the Aerospace/National Defense business all his career. He was a Gold Life Master Bridge player and national competitor. He is survived by daughters, Valerie, Charlayne and Sharn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. An early summer Celebration of Life Memorial is planned in Michigan.



Stabenow introduces bipartisan legislation to support U.S. manufacturers and create more jobs

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) joined Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) in introducing legislation amending our tax laws to support American manufacturers and to create jobs here at home. The bill makes it clear that both companies using contract manufacturers and the contract manufacturers themselves are eligible to claim tax deductions that reward domestic manufacturing activities in the United States.

"We don't have an economy or a middle class unless we make things and grow things," said Senator Stabenow. "This bill makes a common sense change to our tax policies that will encourage manufacturers to create more jobs here at home."

"This legislation will help ensure our tax code encourages good-paying manufacturing jobs right here in the United States," said Senator Portman. "The IRS's interpretation of the section 199 regulations has resulted in disputes and litigation between the IRS and contract manufacturers and, as a result, the law's

incentive to promote domestic manufacturing has been diminished. This legislation will end those disputes so that businesses can focus on creating jobs."

"When U.S. manufacturers provide American jobs with good benefits, they should be rewarded," said Senator Brown. "This simple fix will promote job creation by making sure American manufacturers can get the tax deduction they need to grow."

Section 199 is one of the largest tax incentives that benefits domestic manufacturing. It provides companies with a 9 percent deduction on their income from domestic manufacturing activities, giving those activities a lower effective tax rate and making U.S. manufacturing a more attractive investment.

Under current tax law, it is unclear whether a company using a contract manufacturer or the contract manufacturer itself is eligible to claim the deduction. Senator Stabenow's legislation would clarify tax law to allow both entities to claim the Section 199 tax incentive for domestic manufacturing.

Senate passes agreement to provide critical help for Flint and other communities

Congress has finally passed an agreement to provide \$170 million in long-awaited assistance for Flint and other communities affected by lead. The bipartisan agreement, championed by Senator Stabenow, Senator Peters and Congressman Kildee, passed the Senate 78-21 tonight as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. This agreement closely mirrors legislation that passed the Senate in September by a margin of 95-3. It now goes to the desk of the President for his signature.

The agreement provides access to \$100 million in funding to help fix Flint's drinking water infrastructure; funding to activate at least \$200 million in low-interest loans to upgrade water infrastructure in communities in Michigan and across the country; \$50 million to address the health care needs of children who have been exposed to lead; authority for the State of Michigan to forgive \$20 million in past drinking water loans to Flint; and a requirement that EPA warn the public within 24 hours of high lead levels in drinking water if a state fails to do so.

"This is a very long, hard-fought victory," said Senator Stabenow. "This agreement achieves what we set out to accomplish from the beginning—pass urgently needed funding to help repair and replace drinking water infrastructure in Flint and other communities and address the health care needs of children and families. The people of Flint have waited far too long throughout this terrible crisis for their water system to be fixed. It is also past time for the State of Michigan to do everything in its power to meet its

responsibilities to help the city recover from the water crisis."

"Though the State of Michigan has the primary responsibility to support long-term recovery efforts in Flint, the federal government should have stepped in long ago to provide emergency assistance for an American city in crisis," said Senator Peters. "For nearly a year, Senator Stabenow, Congressman Kildee and I have fought to secure emergency assistance while many families in Flint are still living on bottled water and dealing with the negative health effects of this tragedy. I am pleased that Congress has finally followed through on the promise made to Flint residents and approved funding to help the city of Flint replace its lead-tainted pipes."

"Today's vote is welcome news, as Flint families have waited far too long for their government to provide real relief as they continue to recover from this ongoing water crisis," said Congressman Kildee. "I am pleased that Congress has voted in a bipartisan fashion to aid the city and help make critical repairs to Flint's water system, as well as provide expanded health care for those exposed to lead. Flint residents are strong and resilient people and I know that we can recover from this man-made crisis with the appropriate resources and investments in our community."

"I am thrilled that the U.S. Senate has passed a \$170 million package that will help the city of Flint recover after state and federal actions left its drinking water system poisoned by lead. I especially want to thank senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, as well as

Congressman Dan Kildee, for their relentless efforts to get Flint and its nearly 100,000 residents the help they need," said Karen Weaver, mayor of the city of Flint. "Our tap water still is not safe to drink without using a filter, an unfathomable situation for any city in this great nation. This package will help us replace far more lead-tainted pipes through my FAST Start initiative and provide resources to the thousands of Flint children who have suffered from ingesting lead-tainted water. Although we have waited far longer for this help than expected, we are grateful to the Senate and the House for providing the assistance that will help Flint residents deal with this unprecedented health crisis and gain a brighter future."

Bipartisan agreement summary:

\$100 million available to help Flint fix and repair water infrastructure

The agreement provides \$100 million in new federal funding to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The State of Michigan, in collaboration with the city of Flint, can access these funds after submitting a comprehensive plan to the EPA. This funding will only be available to a community, like Flint, that received a federal emergency declaration by the president due to a public health threat from high amounts of lead in drinking water.

State option for debt forgiveness

The State of Michigan will be given new flexibility to use funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to forgive Flint's debts incurred prior to fiscal year 2017. Flint is currently paying interest on approximately \$20 million

in old Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans.

At least \$200 million in water infrastructure financing innovation fund

The agreement also provides \$20 million in funding to activate at least \$200 million in low-interest financing for much-needed upgrades to water infrastructure. These loans will be made possible through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which will be available to communities in all states, including Michigan.

\$50 million for public health

The agreement provides \$17.5 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to create a national registry to monitor health effects of children exposed to lead and \$2.5 million for an advisory committee to review ways to reduce lead exposure.

Another \$30 million is provided to two different federal programs that fund efforts to address the short- and long-term effects of lead poisoning, including assistance to pregnant women and new mothers and public education on the dangers of lead exposure. This funding also provides resources to help state efforts to identify and address environmental health and public safety issues associated with lead exposure.

Public notification

The agreement also includes legislation introduced by senators Peters, Stabenow and Congressman Kildee and Congressman Upton requiring the EPA to warn the public within 24 hours of high lead levels in drinking water if a state fails to do so.

Looking Back, continued

limits to West Street. Present to survey the area and discuss the problem was Sgt. Weaver of the Michigan State Police. The decision to cut the speed limit to 45 miles per hour is being sought by Lowell Police.

Light & Power donates prizes for contest. Four electrical appliances have been donated by the Lowell Light and Power Company as prizes in the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest.

King Doyle, President of the King Milling Company, was named to the board of State Savings Bank Tuesday, Harold Englehardt, President of the bank, announced. Doyle was appointed by the board, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wesley A. Roth.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Dec. 18, 1991

Marvin's Christmas concert cultivates goodwill for Huisman family. "Goodwill toward man" was more than just lyrics to a Christmas carol at a Concert and Candlelight Carol Sing to benefit the Tammy Huisman Family Sunday night. Members of the Lowell community, 75 in all, were in attendance for a time of Christmas celebration and the contemporary music of Chad Marvin.

Doyle adjourns himself from the Council after six years. Lowell City Councilman Charlie Doyle called for adjournment of the Monday, Dec. 16 Lowell City

Council meeting much in the same way he has over the past six years. This adjournment was for more than the swift 20 minute meeting, it marked the end of Doyle's tenure on the City Council. The retired Lowell Postmaster has served on the Council since 1986. He served short terms from 1958-1960 and from 1965 through 1966. Doyle has worn the title Mayor-Protem since 1988. "The City appreciates the work Charlie has done on the Council. It also appreciates his style and his straight forward approach," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons thanked Doyle for his help and support over the years. Doyle pointed to the repair of the Hudson Street bridge and the sidewalk program as two projects he has taken part in bringing to fruition.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

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DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13

- Although Donald Trump repeatedly warned the election was rigged, now that he has been elected and the CIA has real proof that Russian hackers are believed to have swayed the outcome, he thinks the idea is "ridiculous."
- Thousands of football players will be costing the NFL over one billion dollars after losing in court over brain damage claims.
- The State of Michigan made national news after more than 10 inches of snow fell over the state causing most schools to close.
- Donald Trump has selected ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as his pick for secretary of state. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Tillerson, who has spent his entire professional career at the oil company, would be the first secretary of state without any government or military experience in American history.



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- 1. Us, in Mexico
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- 26. Bear Down Under
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- 29. Again
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- 33. Plumed military headdress
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- 42. Abracadabra, e.g.
- 45. Preserved in a can
- 49. "Fancy that!"
- 51. Go back into business
- 54. Cover story
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- 57. Dart
- 58. Prefix in levorotary
- 59. Like a zealous fan
- 60. Pauper's permanent state
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3D printing technology comes to Lowell Middle School art department

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Sixth grader Carter Peel is bringing brand new technology to the art department at Lowell Middle School.

Armed with a supportive family and a nurturing art teacher, the young learner brought his own keen interest in computer sciences to the classroom through a fundraising campaign to secure a 3D printer and accommodating software for the school.

The son of Ryan and Stephanie and big brother to Elliot and Alex, Peel began forging his interest in the second grade and quickly developed a passion and an increasingly high aptitude for the skills. "In second grade, I became extremely interested in computers and I built my first computer in third grade. In fourth grade, I became interested in video editing and graphic design and started making my first YouTube videos," explained Peel.

He shared his love for computers with art instructor Theresa Wooley in his first trimester at LMS. "Carter

is a great sixth grader who is very enthusiastic about technology. He has a lot of passion for computers and is very knowledgeable about them," said Wooley. "I saw the potential for advancing the art room as empowering an art student who wasn't that crazy about art."

Struck with the idea to secure this new technology for students, Wooley brought the idea to Peel who already had some experience with the 3D printing process. "When I mentioned buying a 3D printer his eyes lit up," she said.

The two quickly set out on their mission establishing a fundraising page online and placing a donation box inside the school and have to date raised \$748 of their \$3,500 goal. Donations were secured by members of Peel's family as well as community members, such as former LMS principal Linda Warren and Mark Johnson of Farm Bureau Insurance. Knowing they could continue to count on such support the printer has now been purchased and the fun of creation has already begun.

"We bought the XYZPrinting DaVinci 1.0 Pro 3D Printer/Scanner/Engraver and it is capable of .04 mm thick layers and uses 1.75mm thick filament. 3D printing is a process in which a small nozzle (extruder) builds an object by melting down PLA (polylactic acid) filament and putting it on a flat surface layer by layer until the object is at its full 100 percent form," explained Peel, exhibiting his vast knowledge of the subject. "It is a mid-range accuracy printer but overall very nice. I personally find it a great printer for people not looking to create extremely detailed and small parts."

Wooley said that his classmates have quickly gained a similar zest for the process, working alongside Peel to learn the design software. "We agreed it would be his to maintain and run while students from LMS could work with him during art class to learn a program called Tinkercad, where students design objects and characters online for Carter to print at his house. Students are very



LMS student Carter Peel and art teacher Theresa Wooley displaying a phone holder created with the new 3D printer.

excited to digitally design a piece to be printed."

"We have already printed many objects, such as rocket ships, cars, camera stands, wizard chickens, and plaques," added Peel. "Students have the freedom to create whatever they want. We hope to make more prints at an even higher quality after some experimentation with the print settings, such as layer height, print speed, supports, raft, brim, and other quality changing features."

Both parties recognize the new learning opportunities presented through the equipment. "I believe that a 3D printer will enhance the learning experience at the LMS art room because if you think about it, we already live in

an extremely sophisticated world," said Peel, "imagine in 20 years, when most people will be doing jobs related to technology. This 3D printer will create an opportunity for people interested in graphic design to learn at an early age the basics of this particular subject. In turn, this will allow them to have a way better shot at getting a good job."

Wooley concurred adding her thanks for those who supported the mission. "I am very grateful for the community support and for working closely with Carter on this awesome endeavor for LMS art students. None of it would be possible without Carter's enthusiasm for technology."

Peel said he feels lucky to have a teacher who embraces his personal set of skills. "Mrs. Wooley was surprised when I told her I loved video editing on the first day of school and she always has talked with me about that specific artistic ability, despite never doing anything involving graphic design. She has always supported my interest."

Fundraising is ongoing to cover the remaining cost of the already purchased printer, as well as filament material for printing and replacement and upgrade parts. Donations can be accepted through the school or by visiting the project's gofundme page and searching for the name Carter Peel.

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