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“Happy Noon Year” celebrated at the Englehardt Library by early bedtime crowd

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Very young children usually do not get to ring in the new year at midnight with their families. Englehardt Library held a special “Happy Noon Year” celebration on Friday, Dec. 30, that allowed those with early bedtimes to toast 2017 with crafts, noisemakers, a parachute game and a countdown.

“It’s so the kids can have the countdown experience at a time when they’re awake,” Alto branch manager Sandy Graham said. Graham is currently filling in for the Englehardt manager who is currently on medical leave. “Noon is still twelve o’clock! We have party hats, noisemakers, crowns, a photo booth, crafts, games and more.”

“It’s a kid-friendly version of a New Year’s Eve party,” said youth librarian Lynda Peters Austin. “How many of them can stay up until midnight? None! They’re certainly awake at noon, so this gives them



Youth librarian Lynda Peters Austin leading a toast to 2017 with lemon lime soda.

their opportunity to ring in the new year in fine style. I brought a disco ball and we’re going to have a dance party after the countdown.”

Speaking of the new year, the library has their whole 2017 event calendar planned.

In 2017 the library is going to be continuing with more of the STEAM programming. “STEAM”

means science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

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FROM rises to the challenge helping hundreds over the holidays

Flat River Outreach Ministrie’s annual holiday distribution helped hundreds of needy families by distributing toys to 391 children and giving out 318 food baskets on Saturday, Dec. 17.

“The Lowell community is awesome, we could not have done it without this community,” said FROM volunteer coordinator Diane Kleczynski. “We had three gals that really coordinated the distribution this year.

They were Sue Majinska, Karen Whalen and Mandy McDowell. They were just amazing.”

The toys they distribute are brand new in the original packaging, no used merchandise.

“People still don’t realize to this day that it’s brand new stuff, they think we pull used stuff from the thrift store,” Kleczynski said. “It’s new toys that come from the community, that are donated. People also donate money so that we can go and get toys, books, games or clothes that we’re short of.”

Single people and couples without children received food baskets stuffed with goodies.

“Along with the toy distribution for the kids, families can come in and have their choice of either a turkey dinner or a ham dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, potatoes, it’s a whole bag full of food,” said Dawn Broene, FROM executive director.

In addition to the food basket, parents of children under 18 got to travel from room to room inside FROM and pick out whatever gifts they thought their children would like.

“Parents came in and shopped, one on one, with a volunteer,” Kleczynski said. “They went through all the rooms and picked things for each one of their children. We try and give every child a pair of pajama bottoms, a toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, shavers and tampons for the older kids, and they all usually get

a hat, a scarf and mittens as stocking stuffers. All of the things that they need that they might have a hard time being able to get, plus the toys on top of all that.”

People on each side of the transaction found the experience emotionally overwhelming.

“I’ve had comments from clients that came in and said it was really cool. The volunteers said that there were people crying because it was so amazing,” Kleczynski said.

FROM is dedicated to helping local families with programs such as their food pantry, thrift store, Foodmobile and Lunch Buddies. For more information on how to take advantage of their programs or how to donate and volunteer, visit their website fromlowell.org or call 616-897-8260.



Workers begin cleaning up biodigester site over holiday break

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Although no workers were visible on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a crew coordinated by site manager Veolia was scheduled to power wash the empty tanks at the LEAD biodigester. Whether there were workers or not, there was a terrible odor in the air that afternoon.

LEAD's attorney Jay Rosloniec released a statement on Dec. 22 updating the public about their continued efforts to clean up the facility.

"In the past month, teams of professional contractors have been working to empty the digester tanks," the statement said. "That work is nearly complete, and we expect to have the three digester tanks completely emptied early



No workers were visible when this photo was taken at 1:48 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 28, but it smelled terrible outside the biodigester.

next week. Veolia, as site manager, is coordinating professional crews to power wash the interior of the main biodigester tank next week. We expect crews to commence this work Wednesday, Dec. 28, and we do expect there to be some level of odor impact associated with it. Our goal is to have this work completed while the Bushnell elementary school kids are on break."

The statement went on to explain repairs to the "torn membrane on the main biodigester tank." It is available to read in its entirety on the city of Lowell website, www.ci.lowell.mi.us



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volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled information sessions for Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6 pm; Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10 am; Friday, Jan. 20 at 2 pm; and Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6 pm for prospective volunteer tutors. These sessions last one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Literacy Center center and its programs. At the end of each session, there will be a chance to sign up for tutor training.

Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult

The information sessions will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.

YOUTH THEATER PRESENTS ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

LowellArts Youth Theater presents a winter production of the classic Anne of Green Gables, adapted by Joseph Robinette, directed by Brent Alles. General admission \$5. At Lowell Performing Arts Center, Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes on Fri., Jan. 20 at 7 pm and Sat., Jan 21 at 2:30 pm. If you would like more information visit www.lowellartsmi.org or contact LowellArts at 897-8545 or info@lowellartsmi.org

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

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They will also have a lot of programs for young children, mostly promoting early literacy. They don't intend to teach three-year-olds to read, but are interested in getting that three-year-old ready to read once they start school.

Reading, writing, singing, talking... helps get them ready for school.

A popular reading club for adults is returning.

Beginning Tuesday [Jan. 3] the library is bringing back the 'Let It Snow 2.0' reading club



The kids played games, made crafts, danced, snacked and partied before the countdown.



A group of youngsters had a "Happy Noon Year" party at the Englehardt Library on Friday, Dec. 30.

for adults. It's a new and improved version. A lot of grown-ups like having the reading club in the winter because they're so busy in the summer. Others have more free time during the summer. They can record

their reading either on paper or online. There are several categories to read from and when you reach a certain level you will get a travel mug that is good for free refills at Dunkin' Donuts for a full year. Then you can

get beyond the basic level and get in a drawing for an iPad. This year's summer program is going to have a construction theme that will be running from June through August.

For more information

about the Englehardt Library's programs and events, visit the website, kdl.org/location/englehardt-branch, call 784-2007 or simply go there; it's at 200 N. Monroe.

Vacation destinations where you can stretch your dollar in 2017

Getting more out of a vacation starts with finding ways to stretch your travel budget.

To help, travel deals publisher Travelzoo recently unveiled the top six destinations where Americans will find the strongest deals in 2017.

"We predict three trends will influence travel deals next year. Increased choice for flights, a strong U.S. dollar, and hotel openings will create increased supply leading to competition and more deals," says Michael Stitt, president, North America of Travelzoo, which recently unveiled its annual "Wow Deal Destinations" for 2017.

Florida's Gulf Coast

Seven new hotels opened in 2016 in the Clearwater area, including the luxury Opal Sands Resort. A new Wyndham Grand Resort on Clearwater Beach is among several upscale brands opening their doors in 2017. Budget airline Allegiant flies into St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport from 20 U.S. cities, and nearby Tampa airport is serviced by most major U.S. carriers, resulting in heavy competition and frequent airfare sales.

New Zealand

The number of airline seats to New Zealand has doubled this year, with three

top airlines introducing direct flights from the U.S. The increased competition means packages that used to cost \$2,000 per person can now be found for as little as \$1,299. Travelzoo deal experts also recommend the Air New Zealand Explorer Pass, a cost-effective way to see the country from North Island to South Island.

Peru

There are now seven airlines flying nonstop from the U.S. to Lima, creating more intense competition than ever. The dollar is at a 10-year high against the Peruvian sol. Recently the Peruvian government started limiting the number

of visitors to Macchu Pichu, so those interested in visiting should do so soon.

Paris

The French department of tourism reports a 1.8 million drop in the number of visitors to Paris for the first 10 months of 2016 compared to 2015. If this trend continues, it will put pressure on Parisian hotel rates. At the same time, a favorable exchange rate and sharp increase in low-cost flight options mean Americans can experience the French capital for the lowest price in recent years.

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MLE Volunteer of the Month for November

Heather Eveland was nominated Volunteer of the Month for November at Murray Lake Elementary. Eveland comes in a few times a month to run the Positive Behavior Store. Kids earn Mustang Moments for their positive behavior and then they get to spend them at the PBIS store. Kids love going to the store and using their Mustang Moments to buy fun trinkets or activities.



Heather Eveland is pictured with her children: Lily, Brielle and Hudson.

"We appreciate all the time Heather dedicates to help make this store so successful," said principal Molly Burnett.

"As a former teacher, I understand the importance of positive praise. By helping run the Mustang Moments Store, it brings me so much joy rewarding students for being safe,

respectful and responsible. By focusing on the ABCs, Academic achievement,

Building self-esteem and Caring for others, Murray Lake is not only creating a safe and positive learning environment for all children, they are creating a better community, one that I am so proud to now call home! Keep up the awesome work Mustangs," said Eveland.

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off the cuff

Jeanne Boss

2017. Really? Is it just me or are we all torn between, "Where did the year go? and I thought 2016 would never end?" It sure was a year for the books.

After all the frustrations and challenges I've decided, and I don't think I'm alone on this one, to look on the bright side. Yes, somewhere there is a bright side and I'm absolutely determined to find it.

Let's see. Politically we have collectively

learned that we have to stay informed. We've also learned that sitting on our hands gets us nowhere. To that end, let's be sure and speak up, let us not allow someone to misrepresent us. We must now realize that words and actions have consequences - let's make both count.

We are going to have to be more vigilant than ever before - in my lifetime - to what the government is up to. As I

write, House Republicans have voted to disassemble the Office of Congressional Ethics. What? This is an independent body created to investigate allegations of misconduct by lawmakers. So now no one can watch what is happening. Those promising to "drain the swamp" have indeed drained it by inviting the swamp folks to the head of the table. What could go wrong here? This package was going to be sent to the full house for a vote and included a provision to stop

lawmakers for protesting decisions made by those in power. I repeat...what? Scary stuff. Now Trump and Ryan both spoke out against the move - well... Trump tweeted against it and the issue was dropped - for now. Good. But it should serve as a reminder of how quickly absolute power can corrupt absolutely. Pardon my paraphrasing.

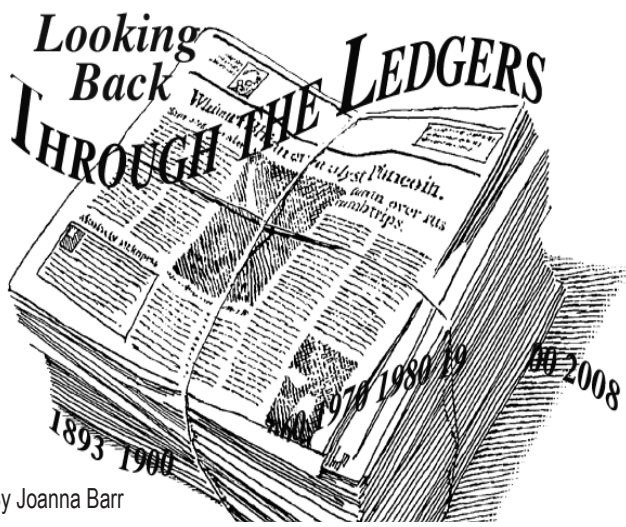
Oh yeah, whew ...The bright side, the bright side...I forgot. It is still America - never been greater - still great. We are all capable of

voting, protesting, writing our elected officials and making our voices heard. We are still surrounded by people that have good intentions and need to be supported in their efforts. This is an excellent time to read about civil rights and to stand up for them. It is a great time because some of those rights are being questioned and threatened. Maybe this is a wake up call to the apathy in all of us and for all of us that thought we didn't have a voice.

Like my father always said when we were whining about nothing, "I'll give you something to cry about." (Did everyone's dad say that?)

Well, in a strange way, those dads were right. We need contrast to see clearly what is wrong and to do something about it.

There's a bright side to the New Year that doesn't include a treadmill or diet food although we're probably all on board that canoe without paddles too.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Jan. 6, 1892

Geo. Blakeslee met with a painful, but happily not serious, accident last Sunday morning. He had set a pail of feed over the fence and was reaching down to steady it when the yearling that was eating from the pail raised its head, its horn striking Mr B. just below the right eye, making a bad wound. His eye is swollen shut now, but a bad scar will be the extent of his injuries.

The village of Saranac and the township of Boston are being sued by the estate of Geo. McDole, the liveryman who went over the embankment and was killed when the bridge was being repaired. They want \$15,000, and the very thoughts of it makes the taxpayers feel blue, for they realize that it will be a costly job whether the town is mulcted or not.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Jan. 4, 1917

The new building of the Lowell Municipal Light & Power company was wrecked Friday night shortly after midnight by the giving away of its foundation. The building will be a complete loss except for a large amount of tile, of which it was constructed, which will be saved. Erwin Ridgeway was in charge at the time the calamity occurred and his wife was with him in the building. The first warning they had was the dimming of the lights and the failure of the apparatus to respond to its usual demands. Immediately cracking sounds were heard and the Ridgeways had barely reached the door when the whole central part of the concrete floor and a large part of the back wall of the building went down in a crash. The alarm used for summoning help in case of trouble was sounded and a number of neighboring

farmers responded quickly and gave valuable service in preventing further loss. The foundation which gave away and wrecked the plant was laid 21 years ago when the plant was first established and on the recent rebuilding was declared by the engineer to be as good as any that could be made and accordingly was used for the new building. Just a few days ago, the plant was inspected and declared to be "in the best condition ever." It is too early to hazard an estimate of the loss. Rebuilding will call for new engineering plans, advertising for bids, etc., a matter involving months of time.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Jan. 7, 1943

News of our boys with the U.S. Flag: Harold Zahm returned to Washington, D. C. Sunday after spending ten days with his parents here.

Dick Peckham called home from Washington, Wednesday night to wish everyone a happy New Year.

Harold VanTatenhove of Camp Clarabella, Fla., is spending a 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Henry VanTatenhove and family.

Bille Fox, son of Irwin Fox of Port Huron, formerly of Lowell, and grandson of the late Will Fox, is now in training at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Corp. Robert E. Sayles of Fort Riley, Kan., came last week Wednesday night for a 14 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sayles.

Mrs. Raymond Pitsch just received a letter from her son, whose address is: Pvt. Glenn C. Warren, 36197965, Battery A, 66th C. A., A. P. O. 980, Seattle, Wash.

Edward J. Campau, son of Mrs. Herbert Croninger, Alto, Mich., was inducted recently and has been assigned for training to the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Jos. T. Robinson, Ark.

Harold Rittenger received a letter from P. F. C. Frank Moll, saying he had a nice Christmas dinner and hoping he can be back with friends by next year at this time. Moll is serving in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Adrianse received a letter from their son Wesley, written Dec. 13. He is one of the local boys fighting in the New Guinea area and this is the first word his parents have had for quite some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Miller received a cablegram Tuesday from their son, F. C. S. Bernard Miller, who is somewhere in New Guinea, sending his parents good wishes for the New Year and saying that he was well and O. K.

Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tucker of Clarksville, Mich., left for service, December 12, and would like to hear from friends. His address: Pvt.

Kenneth Tucker, 36412410, Co. D, 409th Infantry, APO 103, Camp Claiborne, La.

A Christmas greeting was received by Mrs. Lucy Duell from her grandson, Lloyd J. Schwarzer, that he is still at New Orleans Army Air Base and has been promoted to Corp. Technician. He is very proud of his stripes.

Technical Sgt. Elmer Richardson is a prisoner of the Italians according to word received from the War Department by his father, Ellis Richardson of Clarksville. Elmer is a grand nephew of Mrs. Nellie Young.—South Boston Cor.

Quite a number of boys called their parents during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Armstrong were pleased to get a cablegram from their son Lawrence in New Guinea, not having heard from him in seven weeks. He said he was feeling fine.

Bill Christiansen, who is now an aviation mechanic in the Air Corps, called a holiday greeting to the home

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Way 'Behind the Scenes'

The Ledger publisher sent a questionnaire to all the Buyer's Guide, Ledger and Litho employees last week. It proved to be a fun exercise for us so it goes without saying, we're sharing the responses with our readers.

What philosophy guides you on a day-to-day basis?

Jon Jacobs: I have several, but, "The moment you stop trying to become a better person is the moment you start to become worse than you already are."

Jeanne Boss: Knowing that we're all "ants on a log" heading down stream - no more important than that and no real certainty of the outcome. Kindness is the only thing that really matters.

Tim McAllister: Secular humanism.

Joanna Barr: A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.

Tammy Janowiak: You have to have a philosophy to guide you? What the hell?

Cathy Acker: Life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent of how I react to it.

Scott Kooistra: Honor and integrity.

Have you ever experienced an embarrassing situation that still makes you laugh to think about?

Jon Jacobs: In Hawaii my suit came off in the waves and I waited for two hours before "friends" gave me a towel.

Jeanne Boss: Several, but one printable one would be the time that...no I can't print that either!

Tim McAllister: One time I got a Christmas tree caught in the ceiling fan and broke a window. Still rotating in the fan, the tree smashed into my face and fell on top of me, a sharp ornament poked me in the eye and I said many bad words.

Joanna Barr: Yes, on a daily basis. I was born a klutz and the ballet lessons my mom encouraged I take for years on end did not magically turn me into the graceful swan she had hoped for.

Tammy Janowiak: Oh yeah, who hasn't? One thing I hate are frogs and toads, just gross! You need to know this for my embarrassing story. I was coming home late from the movies one summer night; I opened my screen door and it slammed behind me. I felt a bunch of "somethings" hit me in the back of my head, then moved. I ran out of the door screaming and shaking my head with my hands in my hair! Tree frogs were on the inside of my screen door and when it slammed they all went in my hair. My hair is thick and curly and when something gets stuck in it, it's a bear to get it out. My aunt witnessed this whole ordeal and laughed at me. Well after many years, I can laugh about it now too!

Cathy Acker: Yes!

Scott Kooistra: Yes, I have.

If you met a genie, what would your three wishes be? And, to quote Disney's genie, "You can't ask for more wishes!"

Jon Jacobs:
1. Win the Lottery

2. End Isis and terrorist groups
3. Save one wish for later

Jeanne Boss:

1. Anyone who knows me would guess the obvious ones so, I'll omit that and go with - I'd like time travel to be possible
2. It would be nice to be able to fly
3. I'd wish that I was a Jeannie ...Oh wait!!!

Tim McAllister:

1. All guns, all weapons on Earth evaporate and any facilities that manufacture, distribute and/or utilize weapons are replaced with farms, hospitals, schools and libraries.
2. Suddenly it's discovered that marshmallows cure cancer and hot chocolate cures heart disease. Even the crappy synthetic stuff does the trick.
3. Ten million dollars a year tax free for life.

Joanna Barr:

1. Money
2. Mo' money
3. And mo' money

Tammy Janowiak: Wouldn't everyone ask for money? I mean that is first on my list! Second would be for my family to be healthy.

Cathy Acker:

1. Solve world hunger and have everlasting peace!
2. Go on Jeopardy and win and win and win!
3. See the Lions win the Super Bowl before I die.

Scott Kooistra:

1. More free time
2. Immense personal wealth
3. Give the last wish to someone else

Name four of your favorite places to spend time.

Jon Jacobs:

1. Small town in Florida (sorry, can't give the name)
2. Golf course
3. Backyard landscaping
4. U of M football game

Jeanne Boss:

1. On the beach
2. Sailing
3. Horseback riding in the woods
4. With family

Joanna Barr:

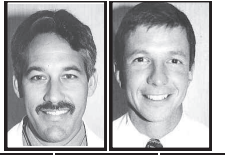
1. On the beach in the morning
2. On the beach in the afternoon
3. On the beach in the evening
4. Walking along the shore of the beach late at night.

Tim McAllister:

1. A record store
2. A couch

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Zika virus disease is caused by the Zika virus, which is spread to people by mosquito bites. An estimated 80 percent of people who get Zika have no symptoms. When symptoms appear they are usually mild, last a few days to a week and go away on their own. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. Although most Zika infection is spread by mosquito bites, it can also be spread from mother to child in pregnant women and be sexually transmitted. There is currently no treatment for Zika.

The major health concern of Zika is its link to pregnancy loss and birth defects when pregnant women are infected. In particular, maternal Zika infection appears to be linked with a condition called microcephaly (small head size) in infants. This

may result in neurological abnormalities as the child grows.

Zika was confirmed in Brazil in 2015 and since then local transmission has been reported in many countries in South and Central America and in the Caribbean.

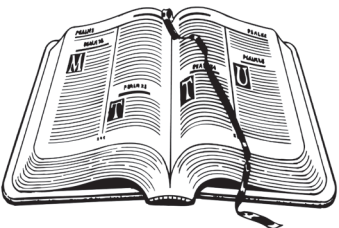
If you are pregnant and have traveled to an area with ongoing Zika transmission while pregnant, you should be tested for Zika. Women who are not pregnant do not need to be tested for Zika, even if they have symptoms of Zika. Men do not need to be tested for Zika.

The CDC advises pregnant women to avoid unnecessary travel to areas with active Zika transmission. For men who have traveled to a Zika area and who have a pregnant partner, abstinence or condom use for the duration of pregnancy is recommended.

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"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential."

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Way Behind the Scenes, continued

3. A road trip
4. A loud rock and roll concert

Tammy Janowiak:

1. My garden, which last year was huge. We are going to have to downsize this year!
2. My backyard
3. My camper: camping, anywhere! But my kind of camping includes full hookup, cable and wi-fi! LOL

Cathy Acker:

1. On my hammock in my garden
2. At the Super Bowl when I get my third wish.
3. On the beach, in the water, in the warm sun
4. With my friends or family playing games

Scott Kooistra:

1. On the porch, reading
2. In the woods
3. On the lake
4. In bed

Do you play an instrument? What kind of music do you like?

Jon Jacobs: No, I wish I did.

Jeanne Boss: I play a mean saxophone, and by mean - I mean horrible, a fledgling piano and I have a very eclectic taste in music. Shorter to say that I'm not crazy about jazz.

Tim McAllister: I do not play an instrument, but I listen to music almost constantly; I have been an avid record collector since I was a little kid.

Joanna Barr: Uh, no. I can barely manage to type on my computer keyboard. I'm a klutz, remember? And I'm betting playing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on the Fisher Price xylophone doesn't count. I like music of all kinds, but I love jazz and blues.

Tammy Janowiak: My grandpa taught five of his grandkids how to play instruments. He was self-taught and plays many. For quite a few years my family (not me!) used to play bluegrass music at the Fallasburg Festival. He taught me the fiddle. Do I remember any of his instructions? Nope. Was a very long time ago! As far as music, I like all sorts of music. I'm not a fan of rap though, just feels like angry music. I used to have a cassette (hey, this was 20 years ago) with monks chanting; I found it quite soothing.

Cathy Acker: No but wish I could. Wanted to take piano lessons when I was younger but my older sister didn't finish accordion lessons so the rest of us were never allowed to take any kind of lessons. WTF! I like most music. Not fond of rap or screamo (is that even music??). I love Jimmy Buffet and the Eagles, old rock-and-roll and some country.

Scott Kooistra: No. Numerous types.

Now that we're through with the holiday season, what is your favorite holiday, why and how do you celebrate it?

Jon Jacobs: Christmas. As I have gotten older, I love the process of buying gifts.

Tammy Janowiak: My favorite is Halloween! This year we had a Halloween party at my house. Nothing too scary, don't want to scare the kiddos!

Jeanne Boss: I like to celebrate the summer solstice and autumnal equinox.

Tim McAllister: Rating the holidays on a scale of zero candy to lots of candy, Halloween is my favorite non-Christmas holiday. You are encouraged to consume a great deal of candy on Halloween and as a bonus you are encouraged to dress up like an idiot and go where people can see you.

Joanna Barr: Canada Day, but the Fourth of July is a close second because of the relaxed atmosphere, warm weather and fireflies, nature's fireworks. I've seen fireworks over Las Vegas, fireworks over New York City, but my favorite way to view them is on the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan.

Cathy Acker: Halloween or Easter because I love candy. I love to dress up on Halloween and on Easter I eat Peeps until I puke!

Scott Kooistra: Thanksgiving because there is no gift giving or shopping pressure involved, just food and family.

Dogs, cats or hamsters?

Jon Jacobs: Dogs of course. I have two dogs, Maddie and Kona. Love them both.

Jeanne Boss: Dogs - Elliot of course who has his own column once a year. But I have some tales [tails] to tell about cats and hamsters.

Tim McAllister: I would take the hamster to a baseball game, feed it peanuts and get it drunk so it tells me all of its secrets.

Joanna Barr: Definitely the loyal and faithful dog. What could be better than coming home to a little furry person who is so excited to see you that she runs to greet you (so

what if she pees on the floor) and adores you completely without judgment. Note: same could be said about the husband but he's not little, not furry (and doesn't pee on the floor, I hope).

Tammy Janowiak: I like dogs and cats. I also used to have three pet rabbits, they were in the house and litter trained. I also used to have three ferrets. Now those were some fun pets. I used to let them out of their cage to play and they would get into everything. They could get in the tiniest spaces!

Cathy Acker: Dogs rule cats drool!

Scott Kooistra: Dogs and cats

What would you do first if there was a zombie apocalypse?

Jon Jacobs: Make peace with the world ending. **Jeanne Boss:** Celebrate because it isn't as horrific as a TRUMP presidency or precedentcy :)

Joanna Barr: I guess I would have to find Darryl!

Tim McAllister: The very first thing I would do would be to assemble as many friends and family as possible in one place, then we could figure out what to do and where to go as a group. If we stuck together we might have a better chance of not being eaten. In theory.

Tammy Janowiak: Seriously, what is the obsession with this zombie apocalypse? What exactly should we be doing?

Cathy Acker: Make sure I have enough water and ammo!

Scott Kooistra: Call the UN.

Who is/was the greatest stand up comedian of all time and what makes them so great?

Jon Jacobs: George Carlin, still watch his stuff on YouTube.

Jeanne Boss: Maybe George Carlin - but Jon probably said that so I'll go with George W. Bush.

Tim McAllister: George Carlin. His comedy exposed the absurdity behind the things we do and say every day, as individuals and as a society.

Joanna Barr: Hmhmhmhm. I honestly do not know. There are so many funny people in my life and on YouTube these days that I could never pick a greatest comedian of all time.

Cathy Acker: There's just too many great ones to pick just one but I really like Jimmy Fallon. I enjoy his lip sync contests but mostly I love it when he and Justin Timberlake get together.

Scott Kooistra: Jonathan Winters.

What were the first, last, best and worst live performances you have attended?

Joanna Barr: Truthfully, I cannot remember who/what/where the first live performance I attended was! (Probably my own tap dance class when I was four years old.) The last live performance would have to be my son's orchestra concert in high school. The best would have to be, without a doubt, an orchestra concert that my son participated in that deserved and received a standing ovation. The worst live performance I have ever witnessed was, I'm ashamed to admit, the Goo Goo Dolls. They were so off tune and disgusting looking that my friends and I just turned around and walked out.

Jeanne Boss: The Temptations, last - can't think right now; Jackson Browne, Sugar Loaf

Jon Jacobs: First and worst are the same: Boys II Men. Best: U2, Coldplay and Red Hot Chili Peppers in Ireland.

Tammy Janowiak: I'm not a social butterfly and do not like large crowds. I've only ever been to one concert in my life. I loved Prince for years so for my birthday one year my sister bought us great seats to a Prince concert at Van Andel Arena. So my first, last, only and best live performance all the same!

Tim McAllister: My first concert was the "MTV 120 Minutes Tour" in Detroit on April 12, 1992. The last concert I went to was a couple months ago when my son's band Ape Not Kill Ape [[facebook.com/apenotkillape1](https://www.facebook.com/apenotkillape1)] played at the Pyramid Scheme club in Grand Rapids. The best concert I ever went to was Iggy and the Stooges' reunion concert at Pine Knob on June 25, 2003.

Cathy Acker: Kathy Griffin was the worst and Jimmy Buffet the best. Parrot Heads are so much fun! The last was a comedian song singer at Larkin's who was very funny and entertaining.

What would you do during an ideal Saturday night out on the town?

Jon Jacobs: Summer time in Chicago. Dinner, drinks, play or comedy show and nightcap at piano bar.

Jeanne Boss: Dance, walk the beach.

Tim McAllister: We would have dinner at a moderately

fancy restaurant, enjoy some kind of live entertainment, maybe have a couple drinks and then go somewhere and get it on.

Joanna Barr: Out on the town on a Saturday night? I don't remember life B.C. (Before Children).

Tammy Janowiak: You kidding me? I'm in bed every Saturday by 10 pm! I cannot remember the last time we were on the town! I guess I'd love to sit by the pool on a warm summer night with the tiki torches lit and play cards. If it's wintertime my nose is in a book! Well, my nose is always in a book no matter what the season.

Cathy Acker: Friends, family, food, drink, singing and dancing.

Scott Kooistra: I don't know. I would have to ask my wife.

If you could go back in time for 24 hours, where and when would you go?

Jon Jacobs: 1963 Martin Luther King "I have a dream" speech. Love great speeches. Or follow Lee Harvey Oswald and try and stop him.

Tim McAllister: I have a grandfather who died before I was born, so I would try to meet him. All of my grandparents lived in Chicago in the 1960s; I would visit each of them and ask them a million questions. If I encountered either of my parents I would pat them on their little heads, let them sit on my lap and give them the "Someday if your son sets fire to the living room rug..." speech. Before I left for the Beatles concert I would advise my grandparents to invest all of their money in Sony, Coca Cola, IBM, Microsoft and Apple. It would also be interesting to find out if food, soda and beer tasted differently in olden times and I would want to go to at least one record store, possibly eight and stock up.

Jeanne Boss: To Gettysburg 1863 before the battle

Tammy Janowiak: I think I would go back to the year I graduated and talk to my younger self. Maybe even slap me around a little bit! But if I didn't live through that time I would not be the person I am today.

Joanna Barr: If I could go back in time for 24 hours I think I would go back to the 1800s for a day and perhaps be the queen of my castle, complete with a household of servants to wait on my every whim.

Cathy Acker: Get the numbers to the mega millions lotto.

Scott Kooistra: Independence Hall and watch the founders debate the Constitution, although that took months.

Who was better, Elvis or the Beatles?

Jon Jacobs: That's tough! But I go with the Beatles.

Tim McAllister: Elvises Presley and Costello are both great, but the Beatles win. They took controversial positions and demanded that the culture keep up with them. Not only were they musical innovators, they are still heavily influencing bands today.

Jeanne Boss: Beatles

Joanna Barr: Who were they?

Tammy Janowiak: Neither are my cup of tea.

Cathy Acker: It's a toss up. Love both! Don't make me pick!

Scott Kooistra: Elvis

What is your favorite part of Michigan and what do you like to do there?

Jeanne Boss: South Manitou Island or Petoskey or maybe the Mystery Spot (not). Sail, swim, hike, fish.

Jon Jacobs: The UP. Relax, travel, golf.

Tim McAllister: I like driving around aimlessly, getting lost and discovering odd places. Each city and town has a distinct personality. Some of them are stupid, but most of them are okay.

Joanna Barr: Northern Michigan. Cross the border to leave Michigan to go visit my homeland.

Tammy Janowiak: We really enjoy the Manistee area. The beaches and of course the casino! My husband is always after me to play blackjack, but I love the lights and sounds of the slots! About nine years ago he convinced me to sit at a table and play blackjack. I'm always afraid to play without him around, not that I do not know how to play, but if you make a wrong move people get really mad at you. Well, I kinda have a lippy mouth and if he's not there I'm afraid of what I would say to someone if they started yelling at me for making a mistake! Anyway, this first time with us playing together, we brought home an extra \$900 between us - we kicked butt! And we haven't done it since! See what having kids does?

Cathy Acker: The Lakes. Swim, boat, ski, kayak, float!

Scott Kooistra: My hunting spot in the Manistee National Forest. I like to explore.

Now in Utah a Lowell grad enjoys reading news from home

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Since Glenn Bailey graduated from Lowell High School in 1978 he has lived in Nairobi, Chicago and Oklahoma City before settling in Salt Lake City in 1984. Bailey is currently in charge of a charity that feeds people and helps them out in innumerable other ways.

"I am the executive director of a place called Crossroads Urban Center here in Salt Lake City," Bailey said. "I have had that job for about 25 years. We're a small nonprofit; I think we have 14 employees, but we serve a lot of people. We feed people. We are much like FROM. We have a food pantry and a thrift store that gives away free items and sells things at a low cost. We help people with evictions and utility shutoffs, prescriptions, baby items, [of] emergency services for low income people. A lot of the people we serve are homeless. We also try to work on public policy issues that cause people to need our services, like the scarcity of low income housing or people being able to get their teeth fixed when they're on Medicaid, things like that. It's important and rewarding work."

He credits his youth in Lowell, particularly

observing his pastor father, for his interest in pursuing such a selfless career.

"When we lived in Lowell my dad [Dean I. Bailey] was the pastor at First United Methodist Church from 1969 to 1979. We lived right next door to the church. He was also later the pastor at Alto United Methodist Church and Bowne Center Methodist Church. He just moved into Clark Retirement Home in Grand Rapids and is trying to get used to that. I was raised in the church and after I got out of college I became a missionary for the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. That's how I got into this work."

Bailey said that he visits Lowell every now and then because he still has family who live in the area.

"My parents retired in Lowell sometime in the 90s," Bailey said. "They had a house out by Murray Lake and I would go out to visit them. My brother Todd Bailey lives out there now. He works for the Department of Corrections."

He has a subscription to the Lowell Ledger that he has kept for years after receiving it as a gift.

"My dad gave me a subscription one year," Bailey said. "I found that I

enjoyed reading the Ledger so much that I just renewed it every year. I played football, so I enjoy hearing about the football team and the basketball team and so forth and see how they're doing, that's kind of fun. You guys do a good job of covering what's going on there. It looks like they've had a difficult time with politics in Lowell these last couple of years and you guys have done a good, evenhanded job of covering that, which I appreciate. For a little newspaper you guys do a good job. I like the Ledger and I enjoy reading it."

He remembers Lowell as a fun place to grow up and has a lot of fond memories of the area.

"Lowell was smaller then," Bailey said. "The high school was a lot smaller, the football team was a lot worse. There were no fast food outlets and the movie theater was just the Strand. There was just one screen. The big activity was to go to the multiplex out at Woodland Mall or something. One of the big changes was the grocery store. Now you have Meijer, we used to have a couple small grocery stores. Lowell is busier now. In those days

there was just one traffic light. In the winter we would go sledding out at the dairy east of town; they had land out there with a lot of hills. We would drag our sleds out there and go sledding all day. We played endless games of baseball, softball and football, whatever we could organize. We would play all day or go to the movie theater sometimes. I remember when the first 'Star Wars' came out it got held over for weeks and weeks and weeks at the Strand, they just kept holding it over. I never went, but one of my friends worked there and he saw it dozens of times and loved it. I consider Lowell my hometown. We moved around a lot, then we came there when I was in fourth grade. I graduated from high school there and it's really the place I think of when I think about growing up and home, so it was very important to me. A lot of the people I met and the experience I had shape the way I think about the world, so it had a big influence on me. I like the small town feeling about Lowell. It's not a big city. People know each other and look out for each other. Lowell still has that character."



Glenn Bailey

Radio station WRWW appoints student board of directors



Front row, left to right: Emily Brown, Connor Smithee and Hailey Boggs; back row, left to right: Jeremy Kargl, Ryne Clarke, Raiden Miller, and Dakota Krzysik.

Seven students at Lowell High School have been appointed to the WRWW student board of directors: Jeremy Kargl, Ryne Clarke, Dakota Krzysik, Connor Smithee, Raiden Miller, Emily Brown, and Hailey Boggs. Al Eckman, station manager, states that all seven were appointed based on their interest, knowledge and longevity with the radio stations (FM and Internet). Some have been members of WRWW for more than five years. All of them continue to do weekly on-

air shows with some of them approaching three years of having done so.

As members of the student board of directors, all are asked to work toward the best interests of the radio stations, not their own personal interests. They listen carefully to opposing views on key issues and are upfront and open about their opinions. The day-to-day operation of WRWW is made a lot easier because of their input.

Stretch your vacation dollar, continued

United Kingdom

The British pound hit a 31-year low after the U.K. voted to leave the European Union in June 2016. A weak pound, coupled with a drop in airfares means increasingly aggressive deals available to U.S. travelers.

Washington, D.C.

A slew of new hotels makes now the time to visit a city that's already popular with deal-seekers. Washington, D.C. has a huge number of free attractions, including world-class museums like the newly

opened National Museum of African-American History & Culture on the National Mall. Fourteen new hotels this year and 16 opening next year will likely drive down room rates. For deals, consider weekends, when business travelers leave town.

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SPORTS

Beachler sets school record despite tough losses

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Despite a pair of tough losses to Wayland and Rockford at the Cornerstone Holiday Basketball Tournament, Red Arrow boys varsity basketball returned to Lowell this week with the accolades of a new school points record achieved by senior sharpshooter Matt Beachler.

Tournament action kicked off Wednesday for Lowell pitted against the Wildcats of Wayland. The Wildcats moved to 3-0 on the season with the 76-60 win with a hot first period outscoring the Arrows 25-14. The Arrows would not recover from the deficit trailing the entire game, though they did tighten the margin within ten points, but a three-point shot by Wildcat Austin Whitley stopped their momentum in the fourth.

Lowell's Beachler was the team's points leader netting 24 along with six steals, six rebounds and five assists. Fellow seniors Andrew Poulton and

Austin Branagan scored in the double digits adding 13 and 12 to the board respectively. Branagan also showed well defensively, picking up five rebounds and a pair of assists, a block and a steal. Will Reynolds, Mitch O'Gorman, Robby Schneider and Zach Petroelje also scored for the Arrows.

The loss moved Lowell to a Friday night game against Rockford to battle for third or fourth place in the consolation game. Rockford fell to perennial powerhouse Godwin Heights in their round one game. Another rough first period doomed the Arrows to a 64-53 loss with Rockford outscoring them 17-1. The Arrows trailed the Rams 28-19 at the half and 44-37 after the third due, in part, to an onslaught of successful three-point swishers from Rockford's Teague Farley.

Lowell fought their way back to within three points in the fourth, but a series of forced fouls allowed

Rockford to pull away from the free throw line to garner the 64-53 win. Red Arrow scoring leaders were Branagan with nine, Poulton with 13 and Beachler with 20. Beachler's overall tournament effort earned him tournament honors and propelled him into the record books as he topped the school's career scoring record.

Previously set in 1971 by Denny DeWitt, the record stood at 1,250 points. Beachler ended the night at 1,254 with 15 games still remaining on the team's regular season schedule. The future Central Michigan student is no stranger to the school's record books with four other records already under his belt. He earned the most points in a game accomplishment netting 44, the most steals in a season triumph with 40, is now the career three-point leader with 160, and is tied with Josh Hettinga for most three-point shots in a game scoring nine.



Matt Beachler drives around a Ram en route to one of his 44 tournament points.

This week the Arrows, now 1-4 overall on the season, will welcome OK White competitor Cedar Springs to LHS for the team's second home game of the year and their first conference challenge. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 inside the main gym.



Andrew Poulton chips one in from three-point range.



Austin Branagan lays up above Rockford defenders in the finals round.

Looking Back, continued

folks from Miami, Fla. His address is now Pvt. William Christiansen, 1127 T. S. S. (Sp) Flight 185, A. A. F. T. T. C., Miami Beach, Fla.

Letters were received this week by Rev. and Mrs. N. G. Woon from their son, Lt. James N. Woon, who is "somewhere in the Pacific". The letters were written early in December and are the first received since his going overseas in October. He reports himself as well, busy, and happy.

Corp. Donald Yeiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yeiter, who has been stationed for the past fifteen months at Fort Riley, Kansas, is now taking a ten and one-half weeks course in a Tank Mechanical school at Fort Knox, Ky. His address is 18 Co T., G. A. F. S., Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Harry Vaughan in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Sr., from somewhere in the Pacific battle area, tells of bargaining with the natives for bananas, pawpaws and cocoanuts. The soldiers trade them bully beef and cigarettes. He says, "to get to this village we had to cross a river, and for the sum of one cigarette a native took us across in his canoe or what

is called an outrigger. I tried to paddle it but couldn't get anyplace, so the native took a pole and, using it for a paddle, could put that rig anywhere."

Dick Lee in writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee, from Fort Benning, Ga., says: "Tanks a million" for all the gifts and candy. We have a system where if one guy gets candy he passes it around to everyone, so we have something sweet to eat nearly every day. We had a 12 mile hike Saturday, getting back at 2 a. m. I am looking forward to a big day tomorrow as we are going out on the firing range for target practice and I have always liked target practice. So far the army has been a lot of fun and darn good experience. I can't thank you enough for sending the Ledger to me. I get a kick from reading about the boys and girls from home."

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Jan. 4, 1968

Lowell firemen had the first call of 1968 at 1:40 a.m. on Tuesday morning. An oil burner overheated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kline at Segwun Avenue

We hear that Lowell will soon have its 5th Antique shop when Pat and Neil Boersma open in the building formerly used by Al Hermans for the Gamble Store. The couple now operate an antique and clock repair shop at 715 Wealthy St., in Grand Rapids.

Alfred D. Greiner, 36, of Middleville, an employee of Attwood Corporation, fell into an

electroplating tank Wednesday morning and suffered electrical shock and third degree burns. Lowell police rushed a resuscitator to the scene and gave first aid, until a local physician arrived. He was rushed to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, in an ambulance called out of Ionia.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Jan. 6, 1993

Community Block Grant could help restore Graham Building. Former Lowell YMCA Director and now City Council member, Jim Hodges remembers what shape the second floor of the Graham Building is in. "I remember it like a bad dream," Hodges said. "It needs substantial improvement." The Council set a public hearing for Jan. 18 to help determine where the \$37,733 from the Community Development Block Grant program will be alienated in 1993. If City Manager Dave Pasquale's recommendation is followed, Hodges' bad dream may be changed to a pleasant dream in just a few winks. Pasquale has recommended that \$22,733 of the block grant program be allocated toward the restoration of the Graham Building second floor. The Lowell Area Historical Association has received permission from the Council to utilize the second floor of the Graham Building for office and storage purposes.

City agrees to collect GRCC summer taxes. The current policy for collecting the Grand Rapids Community College summer taxes was maintained by the City Council through the adoption of a resolution. As with the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent Intermediate School District, the Grand Rapids Community College has requested that the City collect the district's summer property taxes. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the Community College's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interests earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the community college.

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1/9 at 7 pm at Kenowa Hills

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS - main gym
1/8 at 7 pm Cedar Springs*
1/10 at 7 pm Ottawa Hills*

BOYS VARSITY SWIM/DIVE

1/7 at noon at East Grand Rapids
1/10 at 8 pm at Mona Shores

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

* Denotes a home game at LHS - main gym
1/8 at 5:30 pm Cedar Springs*
1/10 at 7 pm at Ottawa Hills

GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING

* Denotes a meet at The Bowling Alley - Ionia
1/7 at 9 am Jenison Invite at Hudsonville Lanes
1/9 at 3:30 pm Caledonia at Spectrum Lanes
1/11 at 3:30 FHC at Eastbrook Lanes

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BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

* Denotes a home meet at LHS - main gym
1/7 at 9 am Dunneback wrestling Tournament
1/7 at 9 am New Lothrop Invite
1/11 at 7 pm at Northview

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

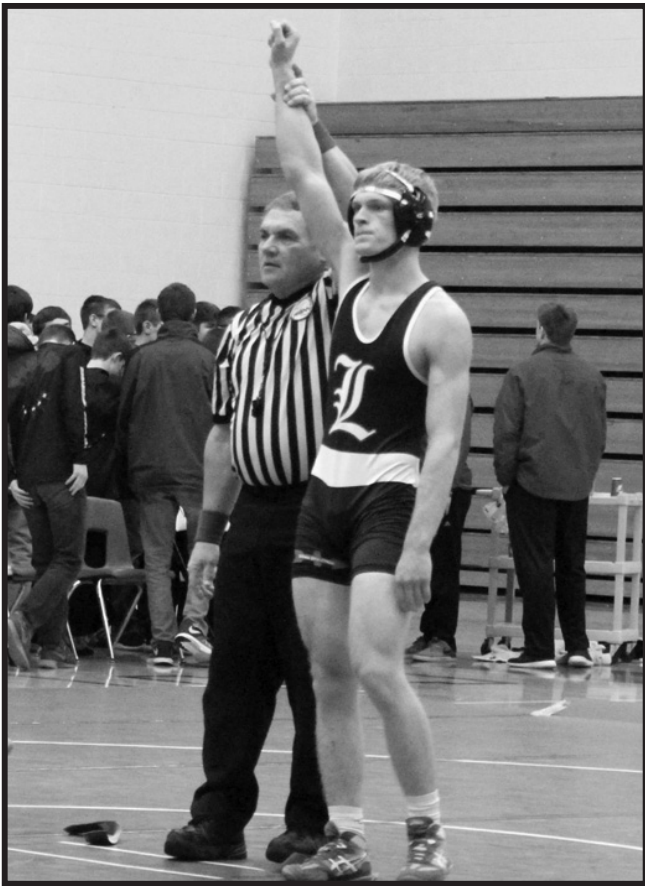
SPORTS

Arrows skunk Ottawa Hills 74-0, participate in invitationals over holidays

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity wrestling skunked opponent Ottawa Hills in their second home match of the season and competed in the Central

Montcalm Invitational and the Brecksville Holiday Invitational Tournament in Ohio in a busy holiday break on the mat.



Carter Bierling after his win against Ottawa Hills.



Heavyweight wrestler Connor Nugent on the mat in conference competition.

Lowell did not allow their opponent to accumulate a single point in a 74-0 blow out against Ottawa Hills. The win keeps the team firmly at the top of the OK White conference which they have topped for the past seven years.

Six Arrow grapplers won their matches by fall and five by way of forfeit. Earning a pin victory were Reagan Zimmerman competing at 145 pounds topping Arturo DeLeon, Carter Bierling who was victorious over Anthony

Hemmes at 152 pounds, 160-pound Joshua Havey who trumped Jason Mitchell Jr., Lane Ryan at 171 pounds who pinned Javier Harden, Tyler Greenop at 171 winning over Akiel Jackson and heavyweight Connor Nugent who picked up a win over Daniel Goodman at 285 pounds.

Claiming victory via forfeit were Nick Korhorn wrestling in the 103 weight class, Collier Kaufman at 112 pounds, Hayden Lenard at 119, Christian

Biemers at 135 and the team's individual state champion female wrestler Alexis Gonzales who competed at 140. Lowell's Roman Johnson hit the mat at 125 pounds to pick up a 9-6 decision win and Tyler Lynch earned a technical fall outscoring his opponent 15-0 to round out Lowell grapplers. The steep victory is the second for the team in conference.

Over the holiday, varsity B took part in the Central Montcalm Invitational on Wednesday leaving with victories over Coopersville (71-6), Owosso (50-24) and Fremont (64-12). Final round challenger Grant High School beat the Arrows for first place. The A team participated in the Brecksville Holiday Invitational in Ohio on Thursday. The all-day tournament featured 48 of the country's most elite wrestling teams. Lowell placed first among Michigan teams but landed sixth overall with a points total of 138.5. David Kruse and Eli Boulton wrestled their way to the semifinal round. Austin Boone, Avry Mutschler, Bryce Dempsey, Keigan Yuhas, Austin Engle, and Max Bishop competed in wrestle-backs with Boone's third-place finish leading the Arrows.

Sports Summaries

BOYS SWIMMING

Lowell, Caledonia and South Christian high schools kicked off the first co-op season of the varsity boys swim and dive team with a disappointing 79-point finish at the Northview Swim Invite. The young team dominated in the freestyle competitions despite their loss, picking up five first-place wins. Ryan Parsons earned first in the 200, Michael Johnson in the 50, David Bud in the 100, and Ren Bykerk in the 500. The team also logged one freestyle relay victory with Parsons, Johnson, Bykerk and Parker Lee swimming to first place in the 400. Parsons also picked up a top finish in the 100 fly and Johnson in the 100 backstroke.

ICE HOCKEY

Lowell Caledonia Hockey suffered defeat at the hands of Forest Hills Northern and Eastern co-op last Wednesday falling 5-1. After a scoreless first period, Austin Whaley scored the team's lone goal in the second to tie the game at one. FHNE found the back of the net to regain the lead by the end of the second and claimed their 5-1 victory with three goals in the third period.

GIRLS BOWLING

Morgan Allison led the girls varsity bowling team to a fifth-place finish last week Wednesday at the rescheduled Muskegon Orchard View Invitational. Allison placed sixth individually earning all-tournament honors for the team. The ladies will next see action Wednesday on the road in conference competition at Ottawa Hills.

BOYS BOWLING

Lowell boys varsity bowling competed at the Muskegon Orchard View Invitational last Wednesday earning a third-place finish behind their hosts and Ravenna High School. Red Arrows Ben Stewart and Landon Smith earned all-tournament honors placing third and fourth respectively as individuals. The team will next defend their undefeated OK White season at Ottawa Hills on Wednesday.



This week the team will enjoy a week of practice before taking to the mat against some of West Michigan's top grapplers at the Dunneback Wrestling tourney hosted by West Catholic High School. Action is scheduled to start at 9 am.



Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports



obituaries

ROGERS

David A. Rogers "Yard Bird," 04/12/48 – 12/26/16. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 6, 2017 at 12 pm at Impact Church, 1070 Hudson St. SE, Lowell. A luncheon will follow at 2 pm at the Lowell Moose Lodge, 1320 E. Main St.

VANDAWATER

Leon Vandawater, age 89, passed away Dec. 25, 2016. Leon had a zest for life and travel. He was born in Big Rapids to the late Leonard and Anna Vandawater. He was a U.S Navy Veteran serving in San Francisco. He married Doris Keiser and raised their six children in Alto. Leon had many careers including owning the Reed City Dairy, Lake Odessa Cleaners and the Dutton Hardware. He worked at Sears in sales/mgt. for 25 years. He married Lynette in 1977. Leon loved the water and spent much time sailing and traveling with Lynn and their son Todd. Volunteering was important to Leon and included juvenile mediation, teaching English in Mexico to name a few of many. Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Lynette; and sons, Paul and Richard. Leon is survived by his children, Linda Vandawater, Carol (George) Talsma, Janice (Ken) Staal, Joanne (Bill) Wierenga, Susan (Dan) Serne, Todd (Laura) Vandawater; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his special friend Ann Bryant. A private service and interment was held at Chapel Hill.



Memorial service planned for Leonard Sinke

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Former Lowell Area Schools' superintendent Leonard Sinke passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

A native of Moline, Sinke was a phenomenal baseball player in his youth. He served his country as a Seabee in the Pacific theater during World War II. After the war ended he earned three degrees from Michigan State University, eventually working as a history teacher. He moved around the state, eventually becoming Lowell's superintendent from 1971 until 1978.

"Leonard hired me in early December of 1972 when I was a new graduate of Western Michigan

University," said Jim White, retired Lowell Area Schools' administrator. "I'll always remember one of his last questions during the interview. 'Why do you want to be a teacher,' he asked. 'Because I love kids,' was my response. Without hesitation he said, 'Can you start tomorrow?' Leonard was a wonderful superintendent who always had the best interests of kids at heart. It was under his watch that the district passed a millage to build a new middle school which opened in 1973, currently Cherry Creek Elementary."

"My father was particularly proud of recruiting good teachers and administrators to the school system," said his

daughter, Dr. Suzanne Sinke. "He worked to train people for more advanced positions, including principals who moved on to become school superintendents themselves elsewhere (e.g. Dennis McMahon and Ralph Burde). He organized the funding via



an election campaign to build a new middle school, which opened during his administration. He was known for his sense of humor, particularly puns. After Lowell he served as school superintendent at Muskegon-Oakridge."

In retirement, Sinke enjoyed the life of a snowbird, moving between Lowell and Florida depending on the season. He was active in the First Congregational Church of Lowell, a Rotarian,

a husband, a father, a grandparent, and a fan of swing jazz.

There will be a memorial service celebrating Sinke at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 pm, with a visitation at 1:30 pm. Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 16-200-DE

Estate of TERRY DALE FRAZINE, deceased. Date of birth: 07/31/1947.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terry Dale Frazine, died 12/05/2016.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mark J. Frazine, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 29, 2016

Meredith Curless (P78235) 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-458-3699

Mark J. Frazine 2664 Wyoming Ave. SE Wyoming, MI 49519 616-570-5934

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent In the matter of AUSTRIA DAY Guardianship File No. 16-200,452-GA

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

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on JANUARY 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: December 30, 2016

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner 121 Franklin St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 401-7201

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

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent In the matter of ALICE WAITER Guardianship File No. 16-200,457-GA, Conservatorship File No. 16-200,456-CA

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

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on FEBRUARY 3, 2017, at 9:00 am, at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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DNR seeking volunteer campground hosts in Michigan state parks, recreation areas and rustic state forest campgrounds

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking volunteer campground hosts for the 2017 camping season in Michigan state parks, recreation areas and rustic state forest campgrounds.

Spend time in Michigan's great outdoors, while engaging with park visitors. Volunteer campground hosts are responsible for 30 hours of service per week, including duties such as helping campers find their campsites, answering questions about the park, planning campground activities and performing light park maintenance duties. Camping fees will be waived for campground hosts.

Both individuals and couples may apply for volunteer positions that begin as early as April and last through October. Volunteer hosts must provide their own camping equipment, food and other personal items.

Interested volunteers can click on "campground host" at www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers to learn more about the volunteer host campground program, download an application

and waiver and view a vacancy host campground report, which is updated regularly and indicates when and where hosts are needed in specific parks.

Hosts are screened and interviewed by park managers and selected based on familiarity with the state park system, camping experience, special skills, availability and knowledge of the area. Hosts must participate in a two-day host training session within the first two years of being selected as a host. The 2017 training will take place June 7-8 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon.

For information about the campground host program and how to apply, go to www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers or contact Miguel Rodriguez at 517-284-6127.

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

Twenty-three Michigan school districts earn advanced placement honor roll status

Twenty-three Michigan school districts are among 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada honored today by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll.

To be included on the 7th Annual Honor Roll, districts had to, since 2014, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of three or higher.

"Reaching these goals shows that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP," said state superintendent Brian Whiston.

"In our goal to make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years, we need to promote greater access to AP opportunities for all students," Whiston said. "Every student should graduate from high school with up to 60 transferable college credits or a recognized industry credential/certificate through access to quality dual enrollment, early middle colleges and/or career/technical education. AP credits are one avenue to get there."

The Michigan school districts earning this honor roll distinction are:

Anchor Bay School District
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Crawford AuSable School District
Davison Community School District
East Lansing Public School District
Forest Hills Public Schools
Grosse Ile Township School District
Hamtramck Public School District
Hastings Area School District
Leland Public School District
Livonia Public Schools
Muskegon Public Schools
Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Portland Public School District
Rochester Community Schools
Rockford Public School District
Saugatuck Public Schools
Swartz Creek Community School District

Tecumseh Public School District
Vicksburg Community School District
Williamston Community School District

"Congratulations to all the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked so tirelessly to both expand access to AP and also to help students succeed on the AP exams," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's head of AP and Instruction. "These teachers and administrators are delivering real opportunity in their schools and classrooms and students are rising to the challenge."

According to the College Board, in 2016, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both and/or consideration in the admission process.

Inclusion on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, looking across 37 AP exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used. Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least four percent in large districts, at least six percent in medium districts and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2016 percentage of students scoring a three or higher to the 2014 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students earn a three or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students (black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or 30 percent or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work. The one Michigan school district that met this distinction is Muskegon Public Schools.

The complete 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found at: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/score_reports_data/awards/232608.html

MDHHS 2016 College Flu Challenge winners

The flu vaccine is the number one way to prevent the flu, yet national estimates show that only 42.2 percent of Michiganders received their flu vaccine last year and only 12.2 percent of young adults received it according to Michigan Care Improvement Registry data.

To address these low rates among young adults, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) partnered with Alana's Foundation for the third year in a row to host the College and University Flu Vaccination Challenge. The Challenge was first implemented in the 2014-15 flu season as a friendly competition between schools to encourage increased flu vaccination rates.

In December, MDHHS announced that Calvin College, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan are the winners of the 2016-2017 Flu Vaccination Challenge for small, medium and large-sized schools, respectively. This represents the first win for the University of Michigan,

a second win for Calvin College and a third win for Wayne State University.

The College Flu Challenge ended last week in coordination with National Influenza Vaccination Week. In addition to this challenge, MDHHS encouraged everyone six months of age and older to get their flu vaccine before the holiday season. In the last three decades, 75 percent of flu seasons peaked between December and February. By getting the flu vaccine now, families will protect themselves and their loved ones against the flu during the holidays and through the duration of the flu season.

"The flu season is unpredictable and we should not underestimate the impact the virus can have on our health," says Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS. "There is still plenty of time to benefit from vaccination coverage and to help keep your family healthy before flu activity increases."

Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses that can cause mild to severe illness.

Influenza A/H3 and B strains have been confirmed throughout the state and flu activity has increased to local activity. Generally in A/H3 seasons we see more complications among older adults and increased hospitalizations.

It takes about two weeks after the flu vaccine is administered for the body to build an immunity to the flu. There are multiple flu shot options this season, including two vaccines that are made to create a stronger immune response for adults aged 65 years

and older, an egg-free flu vaccine for people with egg allergies and vaccines that protect against three strains or four strains of the flu. Residents should speak with a healthcare provider about which vaccine is best for them.

Flu vaccines are available at many locations, including provider offices, pharmacies and local health departments. To find a location near you, visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>. To stay up-to-date on flu activity in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/flu



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DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3

- Carrie Fisher, 60, best known for playing Princess Leia in the first Star Wars movie, suffered heart failure aboard an airplane. She later died at the hospital.
- Debbie Reynolds, 84, silver-screen and television actress, whose most famous role in the musical "Singing In The Rain" and the mother of Carrie Fisher, died one day after her daughter. Coincidentally, Reynolds starred in her first movie at the age of 19, the same age her daughter was later to star in Star Wars.
- The first baby born in Chicago in 2017 has been named Wrigley. Ellen and Aaron Dalbey welcomed their daughter at 12:12 a.m. at AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village. She weighed just under 6 pounds and will go home in a Cubs-colored car seat to a pink nursery.



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 22. Departing agency
 24. Make moonshine, e.g.
 25. *Jonas Salk's conquest
 26. Group of apes
 27. Do penitence
 29. *Early gun maker
 31. Grannies
 32. Manila hemp

33. Bottom line
34. *Manhattan Project invention
36. Largest organ of human body
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49. Neighbor of Ger.
51. *Clothing named after a site of A-bomb testing
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58. Relative speed of change
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60. Misfortunes
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Jennifer Hathaway
 "Trying to eat better and lose weight. That's pretty much it, I think."



Kathleen Dintaman
 "Not a one. They never work."



Kenny McBain
 "My New Year's resolution is to be the best dad I can be to our little baby."



Mark Johnson
 "Yeah, I'm losing weight this year. My wife has been on me about it for a while."

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Now that his second term is winding down, what will President Barack Obama's environmental legacy look like? - Mary Danson, Littleton, NH



The environment may not have been one of candidate Barack Obama's signature issues in the run-up to the 2008 election; nonetheless, environmentalists were pleased that he won. The non-partisan League of Conservation Voters (LCV) gave Obama an 86 percent rating back then for his Congressional voting track record on bills related to the environment. (His Republican opponent, John McCain, scored a paltry 24 percent according to LCV's standards.) But even though Obama was talking the talk on emissions reductions, clean energy and other hot button green issues, environmentalists worried that other higher priority concerns could distract the well-meaning young president from focusing on saving the planet.

But cut to the present eight years later, and a much grayer Obama has not only walked the green walk, but

will go down in history as one of the greatest environmental presidents of all time. Chief among his sustainability-oriented accomplishments is steering the nation toward a future with fewer greenhouse emissions. One major step was pushing through the Clean Power Plan, calling on electric utilities to reduce their carbon emissions by 32 percent of 2005 levels within 10 years. The plan, which will likely be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2017, is a key part of Obama's efforts to fight global warming. Obama worked hard to finalize the plan in plenty of time for other countries participating in international climate talks to make similarly strong commitments in time for the December 2015 Paris climate accord, when 194 countries signed on the dotted line volunteering significant cuts to greenhouse gas emissions.

Another point of environmental pride for President Obama is his designation of 29 new national monuments protecting some 553 million acres of naturally and/or culturally significant land and waters. Key adds to the U.S. conservation docket under Obama include the 257 million offshore acres in the Pacific west of Hawaii, 1.8 million acres in the California desert, and most recently another 1.5 million acres across two desert tracts in Nevada and Utah.

Environmentalists were critical of Obama at the end of his first term for his lack of attention to conservation: The Obama White House at that point had protected far fewer acres than any of his four predecessors. George W. Bush set aside just under four million acres, Bill Clinton protected some 27 million, George H.W. Bush conserved almost 18 million, and Ronald Reagan protected 12.5 million. But Obama came on strong during his second term and now can boast protecting at least three times as much federal land and water from development as any previous president.

The Obama administration also made great strides on greasing the wheels of the clean energy transition by re-upping renewable energy financial incentives, rejecting the Keystone XL and DAPL pipeline projects, and establishing offshore drilling bans in the Arctic and Atlantic. But the \$64,000 question remains: which of the environmental accomplishments of the last eight years will Donald Trump overturn. After all, Trump has stated his intent to overturn the Clean Power Plan, pull out of or ignore the Paris climate accord, gut the EPA, and open up significant amounts of federal land to oil and gas drilling. Only time will tell if Trump can tarnish Obama's otherwise shining environmental track record.

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Ray Maltman
 "No, not really. I just don't make any."



Mara Vasquez
 "My first resolution is to stay in shape this year. I get married June 24, so my other resolution is to be a good wife. It's going to be a good year."

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