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Beloved artist Janet Johnson remembered for her upbeat attitude and energy and spirit

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell artist Janet Johnson passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Feb. 21. She was well-known all over the area for her watercolor paintings. Her death is a huge loss to Lowell's art community. Over her decades-long career in local arts, Johnson was one of the founders of LowellArts and a charter member of the Flat River Gallery, where some of her paintings are currently on display.

"Jan was one of the founders of LowellArts 40 years ago," said Lorain Smalligan, LowellArts executive director. "Her art celebrates life and she enjoyed sharing it with others. As a member of the Flat River Gallery artists she inspired many of these artists and the visitors to the gallery. She always had a smile for everyone and a heart of gold. A wonderful person and artist who loved the Lowell community. She will be missed by so many from this community."

"Jan was a terrific lady and a talented artist with more energy and spark than most people half her age," said Gary Eldridge, LowellArts board chair. "Always there with a smile for everyone she met. She began her art training at the Ringling School of Art in Florida where she developed a love and understanding of



circus animals. That love stayed with her and she continued to create and share her art her entire life."

She lived next door to the Latva family for over 30 years, developing a special bond with them.

"She was one of the most wonderful ladies that you'd ever want to meet," said Dale Latva. "She has always been a very active lady, a very giving person, very much community-oriented, always involved in community events and a phenomenal watercolor artist. She and her husband Phil are like family to my wife and I and our boys. We loved her very much. We kind of kept an eye on her over the years since Phil passed away about 13 years ago. She could still live alone, she was very, very self-sufficient. She did not drive these last couple years, but between myself and

other friends and family, we got her around and got her to where she needed to be."

Johnson grew up on a dairy farm in Caledonia Township. She graduated from Caledonia High School in 1948 then attended Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids where she met her husband Phillip. From there she went on to study at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Fla. She worked as a freelance artist, an art teacher and was a publication designer and art director at Amway for 22 years until her retirement in 1994. She even worked for the Ledger for a little while in the 70s doing layout. Johnson was

most recently featured in the Ledger in October 2016 when she and best friend Pat Markle published their third children's book, "Gertie Goose." Johnson spent her retirement years volunteering and painting. She had some health problems, including a heart attack and cancer, but she always had a positive attitude that got her through every setback.

"She battled a lot of health issues the past five to ten years," Latva said. "Every time that something knocked her down, she would bounce back like you could not believe. She was a phenomenal human being. She never gave up, she was

a fighter, she had a great attitude about everything and she lived life to the fullest. We have all admired her for that and have used her as an example. You know how things get [you] down or if you have health issues yourself, you think about Jan and what a great attitude she always had and how she kept as active as she possibly could. She didn't let a whole lot stop her."

Memorial services are pending.

"You just can't ask for a more wonderful lady than Janet Johnson," Latva said. "She did not let the grass grow under her feet, she was very active and very involved."



Johnson studied at the Ringling School of Art. Her painting above was part of the LowellArts Circus show last year.

Proceeds from Rotary auction will help to raise funds to rebuild the Showboat

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Rotary club holds a huge charity auction every two years to raise money for local and international projects. This year, however, they are donating all of the proceeds from their auction to the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee.

"The auction is Friday, April 28," said Dave Abel, owner of Root Lowell and one of the Rotarians in charge of the event. "It's going to be held at the

Grand Volute [655 Lincoln Lake SE]. Doors open at 5:30, people can wander in, get registered and get to their table. There is a cash bar. We'll be displaying the things that they'll be bidding on. The proceeds are 100 percent towards rebuilding the Lowell Showboat. I think we'll be the first event in Lowell to bring money toward that and get the ball rolling."

The Rotary auctions always raise thousands of dollars for charities in the

Lowell area and all over the world.

"We've done this auction every two years," Abel said. "Normally half the proceeds go to local projects and then we have half go to international projects, such as putting water filters in homes in Haiti and stuff like that. We still have a reserve of funds for the water filters in the international [fund], so we decided to keep it all local and put the big push on the Showboat. The Rotary

president, Mark Mundt, is on the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee. We expect somewhere in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 roughly in proceeds. That's what we're hoping for. It should be good."

They will be auctioning off a lot of incredible items, including everything from an African safari to a free water heater installation. There are more items being added all the time.

"We've got some donations in the works,"

Abel said. "At the last Rotary auction we had about 110 silent auction items and about 16 live auction items. This year, for example, we have an antique replica wood China cabinet with a \$3,500 value, dinner for six at PJ's Catering for \$150, a \$1500 value seven night stay at a three bedroom waterfront home in Cape Coral, Fla., boat cruise with

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Rotary auction, continued

a \$500 value, a lot of stuff like that. We're putting it together right now. We're up to about \$15,000 in goods right now and we've barely started."

Tickets for the auction are \$50 each or \$600 per table, dinner is included. For more information or if you have something you would

like to donate, contact the Lowell Rotary. Their website is lowellrotary.org, their phone number

is 616-293-3206 and their e-mail address is info@lowellrotary.org



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Learn the hows and whys of the electrical function in the home. Individual fixtures, circuitry and safety will be covered. This hands-on class gives attendees the opportunity to connect a switch, outlet and light in proper sequence and then test your work. Other topics covered are three-way switches, ground fault circuit interrupter and practical applications for optional functions. For adults. Mon., March 13 at 6 pm.

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VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Looking for a way to get involved in the community? Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Come to our volunteer orientation and learn about all of our day, evening and weekend opportunities. Our needs range from evening cashiers to daytime donation sorters with lots of options in between. Volunteer orientations at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Wed., March 1 at 6 pm. Call 897-8260 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

General local scholarship applications are available in the counseling office for Lowell High School seniors. To be fair to all students, applications will not be accepted after 3:30 pm on Fri., March 3. Don't forget to include two letters of recommendation, transcript and personal statement. For more information please call Mrs. Pratt at 987-2913.

LAUGHFEST TICKETS

AVAILABLE IN LOWELL

Tickets for the Laughfest show with Keith Alberstadt, Friday, March 10 are available at Springrove Variety. Showtime is 7 pm at the Grand Volute.

PROTECT YOUNG EYES

PRESENTATION

The Lowell High School musical and student councils have joined to bring Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes to the Lowell Performing Arts Center for presentations about internet safety. He will present to all community parents on March 15 at 7 pm in the LPAC. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Complimentary babysitting during the presentation will be offered so parents can attend. No charge for the presentation. For more information call the LHS office at 987-2900.

TAX ASSISTANCE

FROM is providing free tax preparation and e-filing services (by appointment only) to qualifying families with an annual household income of less than \$62,000. Please call United Way at 2-1-1 to register and verify availability.

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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The Vergennes Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr. SE Lowell MI 49331, on the following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 at 9:00 am,
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 at 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm,
APPEAL HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm,
APPEAL HEARING**

The Board of Review will meet additional days as deemed necessary to hear questions and protest, and to equalize the 2017 assessments. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided letter is received prior to March 15, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers of each class of real property and personal for 2017 are as follows:

Agricultural	51.03%	.97981
Commercial	51.58%	.96918
Residential	48.19%	1.0375
Industrial	45.96%	1.0879
Developmental	50.00%	1.0000
Timber Cutover	50.00%	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

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Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Blood drives scheduled during LaughFest

It's often said laughter is the best medicine. Unfortunately for many, laughter simply isn't enough. So for the fifth year in a row, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids and LaughFest are partnering with Michigan Blood and Blue Care

Network to host blood drives during LaughFest. The drives will be held February 27 through March 13, 2017.

"Almost one third of blood donations go to patients receiving treatment for cancer, which makes this

partnership a natural fit for Gilda's Club," said Wendy Wigger, president, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. "Many of the cancer patients and families we support have experienced first-hand the need for blood transfusions. Donating blood is a great

way for anyone to make a real difference in the health and lives of patients in need."

For every person who attempts to donate blood during these special drives, Blue Care Network will donate \$10 towards

LaughFest's High Five campaign, which supports the free emotional healthcare, cancer and grief support programs offered through Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. Individuals interested in donating directly to the High Five campaign may do so at www.laughfestgr.org

"Blue Care Network is excited to partner with Gilda's Club and Michigan Blood, giving donors an opportunity to double their impact," said Jessica Iloff, manager of Community

Responsibility, Blue Care Network. "By donating blood, you can be the gift of life for a patient in need. And through the contribution to the High Five campaign, your blood donation also benefits the support programs offered by Gilda's Club."

Additionally, anyone who attempts to donate blood during these drives will receive a t-shirt and a High Five button. Donors will also be entered to win free tickets to see hilarious LaughFest shows.

LaughFest blood drives are being held at the following locations:

Lowell Area Donor Site
King Memorial Youth Center
225 S Hudson Street
Monday, March 13,
2:00 – 7:00pm

Grand Rapids Donor Center
1036 Fuller NE,
Grand Rapids
Monday, Feb. 27,
8 am – 7 pm

Grandville Donor Center
Grandville United Methodist Church
3140 Wilson Avenue SE
Thursday, March 2, 12:00 – 7:00pm

Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more. Blood donors should bring photo ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred for donor convenience. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663).

LHS bowlers are conference champs



The Red Arrow boys varsity bowling team after picking up their OK White conference championship last week.

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity bowling clinched their second OK White conference title in three years after finishing off a perfect conference season last week. Wednesday Lowell hosted Forest Hills Central for their last regular season matchup of the year. Carson Clark led the team with a 227 in a 23-7 win that completed an undefeated run through the White. DJ Simpson followed Clark in scoring rolling a 210. Saturday at

the conference tournament, the boys claimed first place as a team and saw six bowlers place well enough to earn conference honors. Placing eleventh and thirteenth were Ben Stewart and Landon Smith respectively, earning them both an honorable mention. All-conference winners included ninth place Simpson, sixth place Collin Clark, fourth place Logan Smith and first place finisher Carson Clark. The season included

a handful of top-three tournament finishes as well as dominant exhibition play. Their only loss on the season came from former OK foe Jenison who surprisingly topped them 29-1 on the road. With an overall record of 13-1 they faced Hudsonville in their last dual of the year and will head to regional competition on Friday at Northway Lanes in Muskegon looking to earn their second straight crown.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2017 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E Main St SE, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 7th, 11:30am

Appeal Hearings:
Tuesday, March 14th, 3:00pm to 9:00pm
Thursday, March 16th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Meetings are by Appointment. To schedule, contact: City Hall @ ph. 616.897.8457

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2017 assessments
By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 7th 2017

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

Commercial	48.74	1.0259
Residential	46.97	1.0645
Industrial	53.60	0.9328
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

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For people who attain age 62 in 2017 (i.e., those born between January 2, 1955 and January 1, 1956), full retirement age is 66 and two months. Full retirement age was age 65 for many years. However, due to a law passed by Congress in 1983, it has been gradually increasing, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, until it reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

You can learn more about the full retirement age and find out how to look up your own at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.

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your benefits until after your full retirement age, then your monthly benefit will be higher. The amount of this increase is two-thirds of one percent for each month — or eight percent for each year — that you delay receiving them until you reach age 70. The choices you make may affect any benefit your spouse or children can receive on your record, too. If you receive benefits early, it may reduce their potential benefit, as well as yours.

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viewpoint

to the editor

one for coffee

Dear Editor,
 This letter is in response to the article on the front page of the Buyer's Guide and News, Jan. 22, 2017 with photograph in regard to the Lowell Women Headed to D.C. – "the event's goal is to 'send a bold message to our new administration' – that women's rights are human rights." The March is a reaction to the misogynistic attitudes of Donald Trump. (women hater especially by a man). Ellison states, "If they repeal Roe vs. Wade, if we go backwards. I'm hoping we don't go back to the 40s and have to do this all over again. I'm hoping we don't LOSE THE RIGHT

TO VOTE." Now, where did THAT come from? "Republican views toward women are what concerns me."
 First of all, it would probably help you to understand BOTH sides by researching what Republicans think. You believe in the Right to Choose and we believe in the Right to Life. In the Declaration of Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Where are

the unalienable Rights of the unborn toward life? The unborn need to have a voice, in regard to women's rights, women need to develop a responsibility for their treatment of their own bodies. I was embarrassed by the rhetoric of Madonna and of Ashley Judd and the insensitive depictions of feminine genitalia as costumes. This rhetoric and costuming did much

to discredit the goals of the March.

Kudos to Carol Wittenbach Drenth in your response in the Jan. 25, 2017 Ledger to the article above. You said everything so well! I would be willing to join you in your kitchen over coffee with Susan Seime to discuss stuff! We need to get our side's views out there as well!

M. Karen Thomure
 Lowell

worried women

To the Editor,
 If women are so worried about losing their rights, they should be more concerned about the spread of radical Islam and Shariah law which allows

women to be held as sex slaves—among many other restrictions. President Trump is striving to protect all women, born and unborn.

Beth Pfaller
 Lowell

each other the call. They have a telephone connecting their homes.

B. Soules and Sidney Hoag, of Lowell, were out hunting last week on C. O. Hill's farm, carrying home a number of rabbits as their booty. It is surprising to see so many use wagons and buggies after sleighing comes, and then see so many use sleighs and cutters when it is good wheeling.

H. Robinson has sold his crop of wheat at Lowell, and John White is delivering it.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger Feb. 22, 1917

The Post office was closed today at 9 a. m., Washington's birthday; and many of our city subscribers will get their Ledgers at the printing office this afternoon.

The Lowell Cutter company is about to install a new boiler in its factory.

A Grand Rapids deputy sheriff was here recently closing the various petty gambling devices about town.

Mrs. Heman Dawson has bought the Emmons home on Washington street, formerly owned by Wm. Pullen. Consideration \$1,200. Elmer Howk will occupy it.

New York City dealers are charging 10c per pound for potatoes. One year ago the price there was 4c. A million or so of that city's poor had better get out into the country and raise their own potatoes.

Ernest Pinkney of Keene was made a Master Mason by Lowell Lodge Tuesday evening. His townsmen Brothers Daniels and Bowen came along to see him safely through. Refreshments were served, as usual on such occasions.

A card from Mrs. Orton Hill, dated Feb. 19 at Daytona Beach, Florida, says that after reading about the Michigan "blinger," in The Ledger, she is glad she is there. "While the fruit, flowers and gardens were badly frosted, it is very nice here. The last few days the temperature has been from 75 to 85. Yesterday at the colored school services were in the open all the time. The ocean is beautiful."

outdoors

habitat

Dave Stegehuis

Wildlife of all kinds depend on suitable habitat to prosper and maintain sustainable populations. Viable habitat consists of food, water, cover, and adequate space to carry on life cycles. Wildlife face a number of threats to their existence such as disease, predation, poaching, and natural disasters like fire and droughts. But the most common reason for the demise of a species is loss of habitat.

This loss may be the result of natural succession where, for example, an area will evolve from grass, to brush, to woods, to a mature forest. Deer do best in the middle of this progression. This all takes time. Man can intervene and change or reverse the process with a land management plan. Habitat destruction is common today because of residential and commercial development in natural areas. Interstate highways, including interchanges, consume an average of 45 acres per mile. As human needs increase habitat will continue to disappear. Notice the changing landscape in rural and suburban areas when you are out and about.

There are some things you and I can do to help wildlife survive and remain part of our natural heritage for our enjoyment and quality of life. Government on all levels has the opportunity to develop policies to retain and protect wildlife habitat on public lands. As citizens we can be vigilant and active in this process. There are also a number of private conservation organizations which welcome volunteers

and donors to engage in habitat restoration and protection. You probably are familiar with some or can check the net to locate opportunities to get involved.

Large parcels of private residential property and recreational land can be managed to provide significant benefit to wildlife. Harvesting standing timber exposes the understory to sunlight encouraging new growth to provide more suitable food and cover. Planting food plots will attract wildlife and help them though lean times. Leaving existing growth alone and letting nature take its course is often the best policy. Consult a professional forester to assess large parcels and recommend a plan.

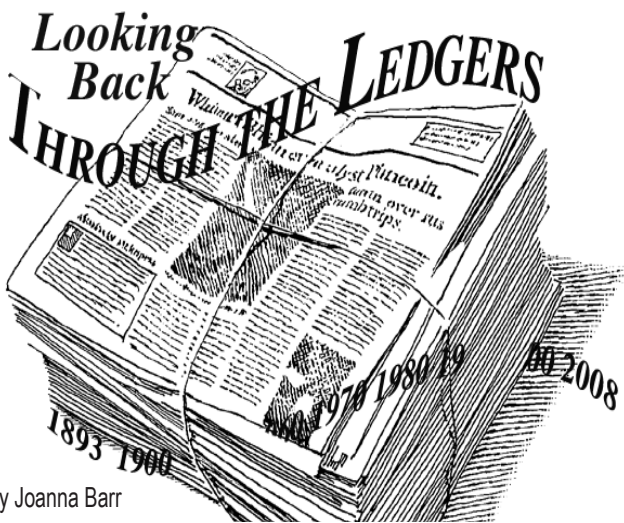
On smaller parcels and even in our own back yard, we can do our part to support wildlife. Bird feeders are helpful and provide an easy way to observe and enjoy our feathered friends. Squirrels and bears may not be invited, but could show up anyway. Keep in mind that birds become dependent on feeders, so avoid abruptly pulling feeders in harsh weather. Just like with large parcels, leaving areas in a natural condition is all that is necessary to provide viable habitat. Back off with the saw and lawn mower if your neighbors will let you get away with it.

We can't stop development or control the weather, but we can protect the existing habitat and reclaim and improve other places in order to sustain our valuable wildlife resources.

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal Feb. 24, 1892

John Gardner sold his oats, last year, to Forman & Aldrich and they were so nice and plump that he had no trouble contracting to them this year. Last week he delivered his oats. In the weight of the first load there was nothing surprising, but the second load weighed more than the first and the third load was a corker and "Lyme" began to look around and in the bottom of the sleigh he found several large stones, which John explained he had brought down for a man who wanted them, but "Lyme's" suspicions were aroused and when Gardner went to weigh back his sleighs he watched and saw that the stones were unloaded before the sleighs were weighed. An investigation followed and it developed the fact that the weight checks called for a larger quantity of oats than had been brought, for Gardner had unloaded stone all the way from the scales to the barn. In unloading the stone in the street Gardner violated a village ordinance and the village attorney has the drafting of a complaint in his hands now. Gardner is the fellow who bled the village a couple of years ago on account of stepping through a hole in the street crossing and he receives very little sympathy in his trouble now.

And now it is Wayne and Hugh Young who will exercise their lungs by stepping to the wall and giving

Looking Back, continued

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger Feb. 26, 1942

Someone in Lowell remarked that he couldn't see why there would be a food shortage since after all we were still feeding the same number of mouths even though many of them were in training camps instead of around the family dining table. There is this answer. The American soldier is receiving more nutritional value in his food than any other soldier in the world. Most soldiers will tell you that their food is good and many will acknowledge that it is better than they were eating at home. They are not only receiving better food in many cases but are getting more of it. The kitchens which feed our selectees watch the menu with regard to improving the physical condition of the men. They go into the subject of scientifically balanced meals that deal with vitamins, using body building minerals and proteins, pep-producing carbohydrates and fats. This wise feeding is producing results in proportion to the efforts expended.

Warnings have been issued to watch for a woman about 40 years old weighing between 140 and 150 pounds and her two curly-haired sons, believed to be around 12 and 15 years old. This trio is wanted for questioning in connection with the theft of two \$10 bills from the cash register at Heim's filling station on East Main St. and \$30 from a Portland station.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger Feb. 23, 1967

Specialist Four Thomas V. (Tex) Ford, jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Ford, became the city's first casualty of the war in Viet Nam. The family received word on Saturday that he had been killed by small arms fire on Thursday, February 16, while serving as a machine gunner with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, part of the Fourth Division. The Ledger has been informed that the body is now in the United States and the family has asked to have Tex interred at Arlington Memorial Cemetery, Virginia.

We hear that the Lowell School Board is going to have to amend their board policy regarding the length of time that teachers who decide to raise a family may teach before retiring. The present board policy only relates to the married teachers.

Both the Council and the Lowell Light and Power Board have agreed to pay the \$195 fee to send City Manager Bernard Olson and Lowell Light and Power superintendent Jake Collier to the Dale Carnegie course, being sponsored by the Lowell Rotary Club.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger Feb. 26, 1992

Discussions were held at Tuesday's Lowell City Council meeting about the issue of whether or not to re-open King Memorial Pool. That's a sure sign that Spring can't be faraway. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the pool be re-opened again this year based on the need to provide a local facility for swimming lessons. Lowell YMCA director, Doug Ybema, went before the City fathers asking if the City would split the repair costs and operating deficits with the YMCA while also providing a \$6,000 subsidy. The Council's response was it would need a report from the Kent County Health Department detailing the condition of the pool and costs incurred before the pool could be licensed to be opened.

Through a 4-1 motion the Lowell City Council instructed the Lowell Cable Board to draft a letter to C-Tech Cable System, Traverse City, stating the City would look at a bid to purchase the Lowell Cable System. "I think we need to keep an open mind and allow a bid process as long as there is no cost to the City," Councilman Jack Fonger said, "we have a first-class system it doesn't hurt to see what its value is out in the market." In reviewing the letter, the Lowell Cable Board said it was not interested. Lowell Cable Board member and Councilman Jim Hodges said the Cable Board prefers to maintain control and is not interested in pursuing its worth. Mayor Jim Maatman disagreed. "We must keep an open mind. It doesn't hurt to see what people are talking about. You won't know if there is an interest unless you get information." There was also discussion about funds from cable system staying in the area. Money paid by subscribers does not leave the area. It stays and is used to help support the system and subsidize local bodies. The only money from Lowell Cable that leaves the area is the money used for satellite usage. "Other concerns raised were will the system grow outdated? Can Lowell Cable keep up with changing technology? "I think we must decide if we're going to be stuck with something in 10 years that people have no interest in," Councilman Bill Thompson said. "If that happens then we've lost. Can we afford the technology that's coming. Currently we're just maintaining the system." Maatman responded, "The increased rates were to help us pay off the debt and keep up with technology," he explained. "Let's remember we don't have to change to keep up, if the system is good. There are people still pushing lawn mowers." Hodges said he believes the people should have a vote on any consideration of turning the public cable system over to private industry. Maatman assured Hodges just because the City looks into a possible offer doesn't mean the City has to sell it.

health



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

dizziness

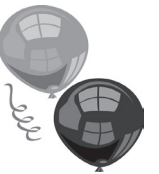
Dizziness is one of the most common reasons people visit their doctors. It may make you feel off-balance, wobbly, lightheaded or like you might faint. Vertigo is a type of dizziness that makes you feel like things are moving or spinning around you when you are not moving. Dizziness can make it harder for you to do normal activities. Talk to your doctor if it starts suddenly or you don't have times when you feel normal.

Dizziness is usually not caused by anything serious. It's most often caused by anxiety or problems in your inner ear. Heart or nervous system problems are possible, but these are rare. If your dizziness doesn't let up between spells, it may be due to a stroke or might mean that a stroke is about to happen. This is quite rare. Some medicines can cause dizziness. Tell your doctor what medicines you are taking, including over-the-counter, so they can be adjusted or changed, if needed.

To diagnose dizziness, your doctor will ask you to describe how your dizziness feels, when it happens, if it happens only in certain positions, what makes it worse and what makes it better. They may do some movement tests. Your doctor may place your body in different positions to see what makes you dizzy. They will also check your blood pressure, pulse and breathing.

Dizziness is treated depending on the cause and your symptoms. Medicines can sometimes make the symptoms better. Medicines can also treat the cause of dizziness. Your doctor may want you to drink more water or do certain head and neck exercises. There are several YouTube videos that explain how to do the exercises. It is important to treat dizziness, if possible, because you are more likely to fall if you are dizzy. You are also more likely to have a car accident if you drive while you are dizzy.

happy birthday



FEBRUARY 22

Kevin Gerard, Lloyd Powell, Rob Tulecki, Julie Shaffer, Jessy Dale Abel, Krista Foster.

FEBRUARY 26

Jeremy Goff, Barry Vezino, Bob Ford, Nancy Porter, Leslie Rash.

FEBRUARY 27

Joshua Soyka, Justin Soyka.

FEBRUARY 23

Joe Ellis, Heather Essich, Sharon Miles.

FEBRUARY 28

Mark V. Ritzema, Connie Roth, Scott Denton, Claesa Guastavino, Skylar Brown, Sarah Hoag, Ed Lamberson.

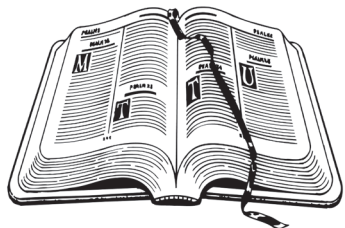
FEBRUARY 24

Cliff Mulder, Tarah Essich, Lizzy Decker.

FEBRUARY 25

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college news

More than 1,000 Grand Valley State University students participated in commencement ceremonies on December 10 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the fall 2016 semester in December include: of Ada: Kathryn L. Dirkmaat, Bachelor of Arts; Katie L. Erickson, Master of Public Administration; Megan A. Joseph, Bachelor

of Business Administration; Ashley L. Kammer, Bachelor of Business Administration; Daniel E. Killeen, Master of Science in Accounting; Logan A. LeMonnier, Bachelor of Business Administration; Jessica A. Massey, Bachelor of Arts; Megan E. Pashnik, Master of Science in Nursing; Daniel J. Vandenakker, Master of Science in Engineering; Tyler J. Woodard, Bachelor

of Business Administration; Gregory Zilo, Master of Physician Assistant Studies; Alto: Zachary S. Jacobson, Bachelor of Science; Brock A. Richmond, Bachelor of Science; Brandee D. Taylor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Lowell: Paul M. Dinka, Bachelor of Science; Michael J. Koster, Bachelor of Science; Austin M. McNeal, Bachelor of Business Administration; Katherine T. Olson, Master of Education; Andrew S. Potter, Bachelor of Science; Kelsey M. Smith, Bachelor

of Business Administration; Samara G. Spotts, Master of Physician Assistant Studies; Lanaia J. Walker, Bachelor of Arts.

Western Michigan University has announced the university's 2016 fall graduates. Local students are: of Ada: Keri Jeanne French, Bachelor of Science; Francis Conerton Rechner, graduate certificate program; and Lisa Nicole Wilmore, Master of Arts; of Alto: Melanie Marie Apsey, Bachelor of Arts; of Lowell:

Zachary Thomas Crawford, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; Brian Raymond Gould, Master of Science in Accountancy; Angela Christine Johnson, Bachelor of Science; Elena Maigan McKendrick, Bachelor of Arts; and Kevin C. Nugent, Master of Arts.

Western Michigan University has announced the 2016 fall dean's list for the 2016-17 academic year. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all As) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

The following local students are: of Ada: Aaron Gilbert, Christian Knape, Zoe Balaskas, Anthony Hanson, Cassandra Hartline, Isabella Hines, Anna Mainero, Anthony Bowie, and Breden Ritter; of Alto: Melanie Apsey, Rachel VanBeek, Emily Jacobs, Mitchell Herweyer, Sarah Clements, Skyler Davis, and Alex Kapral; of Lowell: Elena McKendrick, Emma Heffron, Jessica Graves, Matthew Haan, Angela Johnson, Rebekah Birmingham, Nicholas Smith, Alexander Tobin, Jonathan Fox, and Alon Watson.

Did you know?

Heart disease can affect just about anyone. While it was once widely and mistakenly considered a man's disease, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease. According to the Harvard Medical School, heart disease is the leading cause of death in women over age 65, just as it's the leading killer of men. Myths abound with regard to heart disease and heart attack risk. One such myth that prevails is that a

person who has heart disease should avoid all exercise. However, cardiologists advise that physical activity can help to strengthen the heart, which will improve blood flow to the brain and internal organs. Those who want to exercise should speak with their doctors about which types of exercise are right for them. In the interim, begin with some low-intensity walking, as this is usually a safe, low-impact way to improve personal health.



...
We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read.

~ Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request:

APPLICANT: Timpson Orchards, Inc.

REQUEST: A Special Use Permit Amendment and Site Plan Review Change for the Sand Mine Operation and Controlled Atmosphere Storage Building to add a driveway from Timpson's sand mine to Alden Nash Avenue SE.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 3000 Alden Nash SE which is south of the Lowell Township offices. The property consists of 5.79 acres. The Permanent Parcel Number is 41-20-14-100-043. The Sand Mine Operation and Controlled Atmosphere Storage Building is located at 2975 Segawan Avenue. The Permanent Parcel Number is 41-20-14-100-072.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

2017 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2910 Alden Nash Ave SE
Lowell, MI 49331

2017 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Lowell Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave SE, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9 a.m.
- Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon &
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
&

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2017 assessments. By board resolution, residents are allowed to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2017.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2017 are as follows:

Agricultural.....	50.21.....	9958
Commercial.....	43.87.....	1.1397
Residential.....	46.79.....	1.0686
Industrial.....	51.50.....	9708
Personal.....	50.00.....	1.0000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 2 days notice.

Contact: Supervisor Jerry Hale,
2910 Alden Nash Ave SE
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Board of Review Members, Sandra Graham, Nancie Mathews & James Foerch. Jerry Hale, Township Supervisor, Secretary of Board of Review.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Grattan Township Board of Review will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809 on:

Monday March 13th, 2017 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday March 16th, 2017 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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LMS student heading to Vegas for billiards tourney

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Alex Harrison, the Michigan state junior billiards champion, is a Lowell Middle School student. You can help him travel to and compete in the national tournament at the South Point Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas this summer.

“Alex is a member of the Billiards Education Foundation,” Alex’s father Dan Harrison said. “They notify us of tournaments that come up and he competes. He plays with his grandfather [Brad Thomas], his uncle [Mike Thomas] and other adults at the VFW in Belding. He is a ‘Krewe’ member, they are a

junior team out of the West Michigan area.”

Alex is an honor roll student and he plays football and track, but billiards is his passion. He spends a tremendous amount of time practicing his skills despite not owning a pool table.

“We don’t have a pool table,” Harrison said. “His grandparents have one. He got into pool through his grandfather and his uncle. They’ve been playing for a long time and they offered to teach him how to play about five or six years ago. For a couple years it was just playing at their house and stuff like that. This last year they had him join the league with him, so once

a week they’re playing and lately they’ve been practicing every single day. He surprises a lot of people. He’s a young kid but he does pretty good.”

All that practice paid off and now Alex has a chance to head to the national competition this summer.

“He won the Michigan qualifier, which qualifies him to go to Las Vegas,” Harrison said. “That puts him in the nationals for all the juniors, age 14 and under.”

There is a “Go Fund Me” with a goal of \$2,500. If you want to check it out and contribute, head to gofundme.com/send-alex-to-las-vegas-nationals



Michigan state junior billiards champion Alex Harrison.

Being healthy can help beat the winter blahs

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

One of the cheapest, easiest, most natural ways to beat the winter blahs is to try a new kind of healthy habit. Lowell is blessed with the Health & More Store, 835 W. Main, a treasure trove

of supplements, vitamins, herbs, essential oils, food and plenty more products you can’t get anywhere else in the Lowell area.

“First you’ll want to get some Vitamin E, because you’re not getting any

sunlight in the winter,” said owner Sherman Ricards. “That’s the big one. And then stuff like 5-HTP [5-hydroxytryptophan], St. John’s Wort and dopa mucuna can better your mood a little bit. I’ve got a

whole bunch of stuff like that. 5-HTP is for your mood and for neurotransmitter support. It’s a cheap little pill. I take the dopa mucuna, that is real good stuff.”

If a pill isn’t your thing, they have other products to help you relax.

“We’ve got bath bombs,

organic, herbal, hand cut soaps, all that good stuff for relaxation,” Ricards said. “I’m not a dietician, but you definitely want to make sure you’re getting lean meats and vegetables and eating right. That’s always key, for sure.”

Whatever is giving you

the winter blahs, Sherman at the Health & More Store can probably find some kind of natural solution for you.

“I’m here to help if anyone’s got a particular issue I can talk to them individually,” Ricards said. “I’m not a doctor, but I like to help.”



Health store owner Sherman Ricards.

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 ~ Hippocrates (460 BC - 377 BC)

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Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Wrestlers earn their seventh consecutive regional title

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell wrestlers ripped their way through two Division II regional competitors last week to qualify for the team state quarterfinals this Friday at Central Michigan University where they will pursue their fourth consecutive state title. 13 individual wrestlers earlier qualified in a pair of championship competitions. On Wednesday the team was in Sparta for two rounds and their seventh regional title in as many years. Action kicked off with an extremely lopsided dual against Fruitport who did not manage a single point against the Red Arrows who claimed an 81-0 victory. Eight Lowell grapplers won their bouts by fall including 152-pound Bryce Dempsey, 171-pound George Gonzales, 285-pound Max Bishop, 103-pound Nick Korhorn, 125-pound Tyler Lynch,

130-pound Channing Perry, 135-pound Austin Boone and 140-pound Sam Russell. Eli Boulton won his match at 215 by major decision and Avry Mutschler at 145 by technical fall, while David Kruse, James Fotis, Grant Pratt and Hayden Lenard won their respective weight classes via voids. Advancing to the regional finals with the win the Red Arrows next saw fellow OK White conference competitor Greenville on the mat avoiding the Yellow Jacket sting in a tougher round that ended with Lowell on top 49-25. Claiming victory by fall were Boone, Perry, Mutschler, Fotis, Boulton, Lenard, Dempsey and Kornhorn. Heavyweight Bishop and Gonzalez took their wins by major decision and 189 Kruse got a technical fall.

Thirteen Lowell wrestlers will also head to The Palace of Auburn Hills on March 3-4 after qualifying to compete at the individual state tournament last Saturday at the individual regional competition. The team crowned five regional champs en route to their record-breaking qualification number. Boone claimed top honors at 135 after defeating Jordan Ringler of Cedar Springs, Mutschler at 140 with a major decision over Plainwell wrestler Christopher Blackmun, Dempsey at 152 with a 6-21 decision over Fruitport's Levi Six, Kruse who topped East Grand Rapids opponent John Shelton with an 8-2 decision at 189 and Boulton at 215 who topped familiar foe Connor Bruinius from Forest Hills Northern in a 5-2 decision match.



The team celebrates their seventh consecutive MHSAA Division II Regional title.

Runners-up included (103), Jeff Leach (119) and Dawson Jankowski who Sam Russell (140) finished at 112 pounds, in the third position with Fotis at 119 and Austin Russell also achieving his 100th career at the event. Also qualifying for a bid at an individual state title were fourth-place finishers Keigan Yuhus (160) and Connor Nugent (215).

The win propels the Arrows to the Division II quarterfinals at McGuirk Arena at Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant this Friday, at 6:45 pm for a chance to move into the semifinals on Saturday in the same location. If the Arrows prevail they will enter this round to face either Allendale or Marysville at 11:30 am for their shot at a finals bid and a fourth consecutive state title. Finals will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday.

- HOCKEY

Hockey goes one and one

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell/Caledonia hockey went 1-1 last week on the ice, topping Birmingham United by large margin, 6-1, Friday night and falling 5-2 at the hands of the Grand Haven Bucs on Saturday. Both games were played at the Kentwood Ice Arena.

Friday L/C dominated play after a defensive battle in the first that led to a stalemate moving into the second.

Caledonia senior Nate Regan opened scoring for the team with an unassisted goal with one man down on the rink. Fellow Scot sophomore Dallas Hainley added a second unassisted goal in the third driving the lead to 2-0. The team went on to score four additional goals in the final period while Birmingham mustered up just one granting them the 6-1 victory. Finding the back of the net were Caledonia junior Ethan Pinto assisted by Regan, Lowell senior Nick VanTil who landed two assisted by fellow Red Arrow Austin Whaley and lone Thornapple Kellogg player Daniel Huver and the Caledonia pair of Reese Milton assisted by Owen Radtke.



Senior Alex Osborn of Caledonia on the move at the Kentwood Ice Arena.

Saturday the team welcomed Grand Haven to a very different competition dropping the on ice dual 5-2 after taking an early lead. LC scored the only first period goal to take that 1-0 lead ten minutes in at the hands of Caledonia player Carter Osborn, assisted by

Scot teammates Carter Yon and Ian Milton. By the end of the second the Bucs had built a 3-1 lead after back to back goals early in the period and another late.

Hockey, continued,
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Lowell Rotary

Service Above Self

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JON BERKLICH



Jon, a junior at Lowell High School, is considered to be the most active member of the Rotary Interact Club. He has been involved with the club for three years and is dedicated to serving others. In the future, Jon aspires to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. In addition to his volunteer activities, Jon plays on the Lowell High School Lacrosse team. The Lowell Rotary Club commends Jon for his commitment to our motto of Service Above Self and is proud to recognize his achievements.

Rotary is composed of people from a variety of experiences and perspectives. We strive to change our communities and our world through service. The Lowell Rotary Club invites you to connect with others and learn more about what we are doing locally in Lowell and globally in places like La Gonave, Haiti. We invite you to join us for lunch during one of our weekly meetings at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays in City Hall.



The Service Above Self Student Spotlight is sponsored by Lowell Rotary Club and Rotary District 6280

Red Arrow

- GYMNASTICS

SPORTS

Gymnasts take third place at conference finals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Sophomore Corah Miller led the Red Arrow varsity gymnastics team at their conference finals last week. The team finished in the middle of the pack in the third position with a combined points total of 137.075.

Miller placed within the top four of Lowell gymnasts on all four events at the meet, earning a combined score of 34.275 and an all-around achievement. The focused underclassman scored third among her Arrow teammates on the uneven bars with an 8.225, second on the floor exercise with a career best 9.125, third on the balance beam with an 8.0 and first on the vault with an 8.925 that earned her fourth overall at the meet.

Lowell head coach Michele DeHaan said Miller "shined" at the event, especially on the floor exercise where she broke her own personal best record. "We changed a few things in Corah's routine that definitely made a difference. I forget sometimes she is only a sophomore. She is so driven and competes with such confidence."

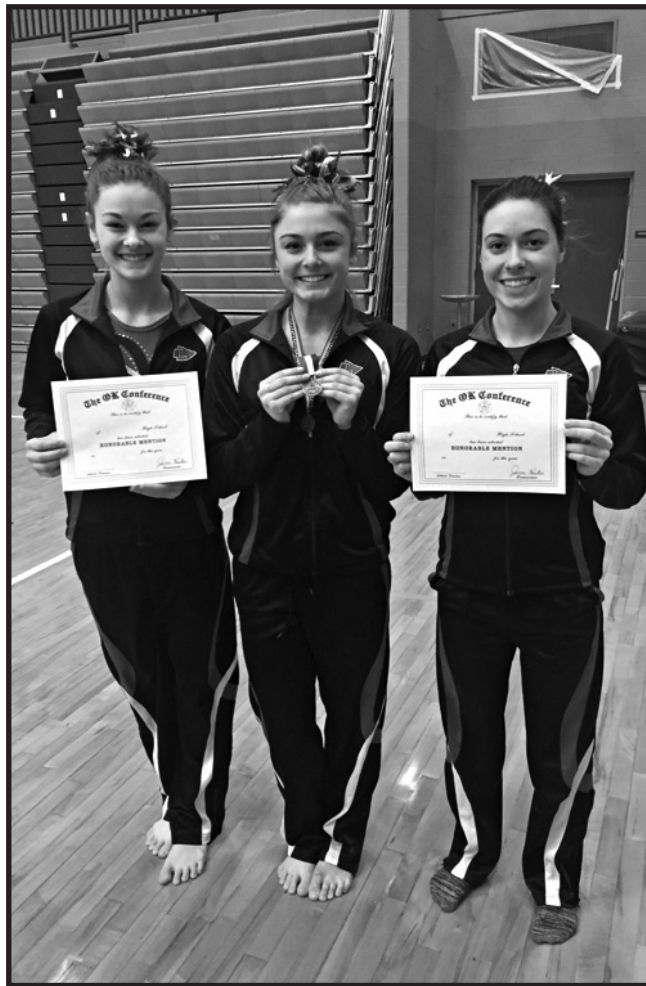
Also placing with top overall scores were Alise Forward who picked up a second-place finish on the uneven bars with an 8.85 and Lisa Price who leaped and bounded her way to second on the floor exercise with a second Arrow personal best finish. "Lisa is so consistent and her routine tonight was flawless," said DeHaan following the conference challenge. "She doesn't have as difficult of tumbling as some of the other girls, so that 9.45 is about as high as she can get, her leaps and dance are of such high caliber, that's what gives her an edge over so many other girls."

Host Rockford was crowned conference champion at the meet followed by second-place finisher Forest Hills. Lowell's third-place finish topped the performances of fourth- and fifth-place Kenowa Hills and East Kentwood high schools respectively. Price was also awarded all-conference honors at the event while seniors Corah Kaufman and Paige DeHaan received Honorable Mention nods. Looking forward, the team

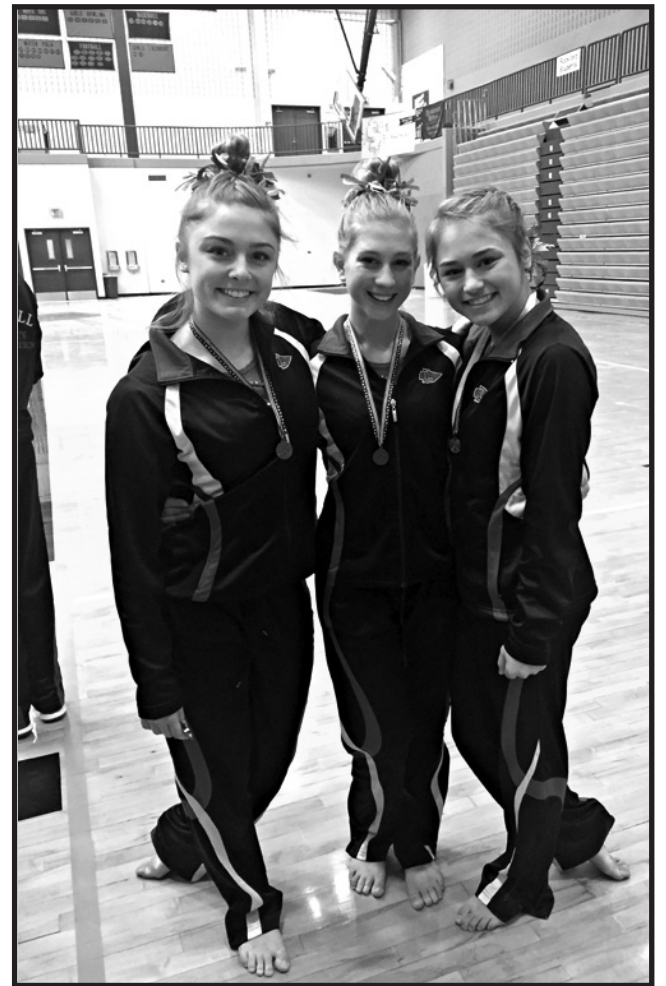
has qualified a remarkable eight girls for the all-around at the regional competition and four more on single events. Karmen Anderson, DeHaan, Forward, Amber Brown, Maura Fitzpatrick, Miller, Hadyn Nash and Emily Lothian will compete on all four events at the

competition while Kaufman will be on the uneven bars, Price on the balance beam and floor exercise and Marissa Grover and Olyvia Johnson on the vault and uneven bars. The regional competition is scheduled for March 4 at Kenowa Hills High School.

The team has one more opportunity to compete prior to their regional challenge this Friday when they host the Dawn Fisher Division 3 Championship Meet. The event honors a former Lowell bus driver who was an avid supporter of the Lowell gymnastics program. At the Runciman building, 300 High Street the meet starts at 6 pm.



All-conference Honorable Mention winners Paige DeHaan and Corah Kaufman flank all-conference medalist Lisa Price.



Top conference finishers Lisa Price, Alise Forward and Corah Miller following the team's third place OK showdown.

Vault	Beam
Alise Forward..... 8.6	Lisa Price 7.825
Hadyn Nash..... 8.75	Corah Miller..... 8.0
Karmen Anderson 8.8	Karmen Anderson 8.15
Corah Miller..... 8.925	Paige DeHaan..... 8.25
Bars	Floor
Amber Brown..... 7.925	Karmen Anderson 8.775
Corah Miller..... 8.225	Alise Forward..... 9.025
Karmen Anderson 8.3	Corah Miller..... 9.125
Alise Forward..... 8.85	Lisa Price 9.45

Sports Summaries

GIRLS BOWLING

Red Arrow varsity girls bowling capped off their regular season with a 15-15 tie against Forest Hills Central and then competed in the OK White conference tournament on Saturday last week. Wednesday at FHC Lowell battled to an even finish with the Rangers led by Mary Joe Buechler who set the bar for the Arrows with a 192. Buechler was awarded Honorable Mention All-conference honors alongside teammate Laura Lachowski at the tournament, where the girls finished in the fifth position. The team's top bowler of the season, junior Morgan Allison, was awarded All-conference honors.

BOYS SWIM AND DIVE

Pulling off a 13-point victory over opponent Ottawa Hills High School, the Caledonia/Lowell/South Christian boys swim and dive team wrapped up their season's regular schedule last week, topping the Bengals 96-83. Athletes achieving first place included Ryan Parsons who claimed the top spot in the 200-freestyle and the 100-breaststroke,

Parker Lee who cleaned up in the 50- and 100-freestyle and Ivan Fan who topped the 100-butterfly. The team also took first in the 200- and 400-freestyle relays. This week the team will head to Hastings both Friday and Saturday to compete in the conference championship meet.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Lowell varsity competitive cheer recently claimed sixth- and eleventh-place finishes in a pair of competitions and also hosted a showcase at Lowell High School. At the Lakewood Valentine's Day Cheer Fest on February 11, the team competed against cheer teams from the east side of the state earning a sixth-place, 599-point finish. At the district competition in St. Johns this past Friday, the team scored a combined total of 576, landing them in the eleventh position. The young Arrows finished off the season with a cheer showcase at LHS on Saturday inviting the public to enjoy their development over the season and to honor their lone senior Alyssa Lynn.

Hockey, continued

Rallying for a win, the team managed to add one more goal to the board sandwiched between a pair from Grand Haven who maintained their lead and won the contest 5-2. LC's late goal came from A. Osborn who was assisted by Radtke and Caledonia player Nolan Winterburn.

This is the team's first pre-season competing at the Tier 2 level after claiming

the Tier 3 championship last season granting them the sought after promotion. Currently sitting on a winning season record of 12-6-1 the team, which includes Lowell members VanTil, Whaley, Eddie Heikkila and Charlie Hayes, has just one regular season game left on their schedule before heading to the pre-regional rounds Monday and Wednesday next week.

This week the team will battle the Pioneers of East Grand Rapids on home ice Saturday night with the puck scheduled to drop at 6 pm inside the Kentwood Ice Arena located on the campus of East Kentwood High School, 6230 Kalamazoo Ave. in GR.

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SPORTS

Eighth win of the season for LHS; only second loss

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell boys varsity hoops chalked up their second OK White loss of the season and their eighth win last week when they faced Northview and Forest Hills Northern (FHN) as the season winds down toward the conference championship.

The Wildcats of Northview sunk in their claws when the Arrows visited on Tuesday night. Their dominating offense and sharp shooting led to a massive 69-42 victory over Lowell. Northview led from the get-go running up a five point 12-7 lead after the first which continued through the second and third. Down 47-30 moving into the final stanza the Arrows made a 12-point run, but were

outmatched by the Wildcats who added 22 in the period cementing the OK White win. The loss comes as a surprise for the Arrows who had only dropped one conference game prior and had topped the Wildcats 60-44 earlier in the season.

Moving forward with a record of 8-2, the Arrows got the chance to seek revenge for that earlier conference loss when they welcomed the FHN Huskies to their home gym Friday night. Having suffered an 11-point loss during their first go round, the Arrows hit the court eager but fell one bucket short of tying the first which ended 12-10. Lowell garnered their first lead of the second on a three pointer from sophomore

Robby Schneider who came up big for the team netting ten points that included crucial free throw shots in the fourth. FHN responded to the 15-13 lead with a scoring run that put them up 30-23 at the half.

Big moves from senior Andrew Poulton, Matt Beachler and Schneider in the second half helped the Arrows squash their opponent's lead with just over two minutes remaining in the fourth. After tying the game at 54, after two shots from Poulton at the line under the five minute mark, Lowell began to step out into the lead. Adding successful free throws from Austin Branagan, who fouled out to enormous crowd applause moments

later and then Beachler, the Red Arrows went up 57-54. Five more points from Division 1 recruit and Central Michigan University commit Beachler combined with a pair of points from up-and-coming Schneider added up to the huge 64-60 victory. Beachler led all scorers with 28 points.

The team also took pause to honor its six graduating seniors in a special post-game ceremony which featured players, parents and a framed jersey presentation from head coach Travis Slinger. Beachler, Branagan, Poulton, Alex Powell, Zach Petroelje and Joey Schaefer were recognized as part of the special senior celebration.



Points leader Matthew Beachler rises up for two against Forest Hills Northern.

Girls break even in competition this week

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A break-even result forced a tie atop the OK White for the Red Arrow girls varsity basketball team who welcomed two conference competitors last week. The Arrows came out on top over Northview 35-33 and fell once again to Forest Hills Northern 54-49.

Before tumbling at the hands of the Huskies on Friday night, Lowell faced Northview earning a buzzer beater victory that propelled their season conference record to 8-1. After struggling offensively in the first and second netting only 11 points combined, Lowell bounced back strong racking up 12 in each of the later periods, overcoming their previous half-time deficit of 23-11. The Arrows' comeback came thanks to slick and timely shots in the waning moments of the fourth by Kenzie North and Emily Depew.

Down by three with just seconds remaining, North popped off a three pointer to tie the game at 33. With it all on the line and two seconds on the clock Depew broke through Wildcat traffic to knock off the game winning two pointer granting the Arrows the 35-33 victory. Top scorers for the team were sophomore Regan Coxon who added 14 to the scoreboard and junior Cassie Dean who tallied ten.

Friday the Red Arrows took their second go at FHN after dropping their only conference contest to

them earlier in the season. Eager to avenge their earlier defeat Lowell came out storming, leading 11-5 after the first and 20-18 at the half. Margins deteriorated in the third when the Huskies outscored Lowell 19-11 to take a 37-31 lead moving into the fourth. While Lowell out shot FHN in the period 18-17 the Huskies kept pace from the free throw line scoring 14 points out of a possible 22 to maintain their lead and secure the 54-49 win.

The loss boasted a widespread offensive effort for the Arrows, who are now 14-4 overall this season. Coxon led once again with a total of 21 points, followed by Riley Conlan who netted nine and Bridget Garter who produced seven. Also adding points to the scoreboard

were Depew, Darby Dean, North, Carly Hoekstra, Makyla Branagan and Dean. The loss puts the Arrows in a must win position this week against OK White foe Forest Hills Central in order to

propel themselves into a tie breaker situation this Friday against fellow conference leader Greenville who sits at 8-2 and will face Northview under the same circumstances.

This week the team will finish their tour through the regular season with a title deciding pair of OK White contests. The team visited Forest Hills Central on Tuesday and will head to Greenville Friday night with tip off scheduled for 7 pm.

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deceased) of Charlevoix, MI. She graduated in the Charlevoix High Class of 1951 and married her classmate and high school sweetheart, Greg Bryan, on April 5, 1952. Beverly is survived by her husband, Gregory; three sons, Greg (Brenda) Bryan, Geoffrey L. Bryan, Gordon (Linda) Bryan; grandchildren and their significant others, Spencer (Katie Colvin) Bryan, Weston Bryan, Curt (Ashley) Bryan, Katlyn (Marcus) Bryan-Ribant; great-grandchildren, Ilah Bryan, Monroe Bryan, Braylen Phillips; sister, Linda (Richard) Berglund; brother-in-law, Richard (Nola) Bryan; sister-in-law, Bonita Strong; nieces and nephews and their significant others, Richard (Rachel) Berglund, Jennifer Berglund, Bernie (Barbara) Bryan, Ken (Karen) Bryan, Todd (Victoria) Bryan, Lance (Colleen) Bryan, Gretchen Walters, and Katrina Jeffries. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, April 5, Beverly and Greg's 65th wedding anniversary, at 11:00 am at Grandville United Methodist Church, 3140 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wyoming Senior Center, Wyoming Public Library, City of Wyoming Tree Commission, Humane Society of West Michigan or any animal rescue of your choice. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com

GRIFFIN

Betty Jean Griffin, age 95 of Lowell, passed away Monday, February 20, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley; brother, Douglas Cook; sister, Delores Marks; and son-in-law, Roger DePew. She is survived by her children, Sharon DePew, Robert (Judy) Griffin; brother-in-law, Jack Marks; sister-in-law, Joy (Cook) Cooper; grandchildren, Jeff DePew, Joe DePew, Rich DePew, Robert Griffin; 6 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. Betty's family would like to thank her Faith Hospice caregivers; great-granddaughter, Kaylee DePew; Kathleen Simmons; and her neighbors, Cindy and Bernadette for their wonderful care. A memorial luncheon and gathering will be held Friday, February 24, at 11 a.m. at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice, 2100 Raybrook SE Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783; or Pink Arrow Project c/o Lowell Community Wellness, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



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Dear EarthTalk: Isn't the increasing urbanization of our world good for reducing our carbon footprint given the efficiency benefits of greater density?

-- Simon Vorhees, Oak Park, IL

No doubt, the increased density of big cities leads to less energy use and fewer greenhouse gas emissions per capita. "The biggest factor is transportation, first, simply



San Francisco, with upwards of 18,000 people per square mile, is the second densest major U.S. city behind New York. Credit: Dave Glass, FlickrCC

because trips get shorter, and second, because trips are more likely taken by transit, biking and walking, which are more energy efficient than cars," says Dan Bertolet of Sightline Institute, a Seattle-based sustainability think-tank. "Density also leads to less energy use in buildings for two reasons: The housing tends to be smaller, and the shared walls/floors/ceilings in multifamily buildings help conserve heating and cooling."

To Bertolet's point, a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences examining projected emissions from buildings in a variety of urban areas confirms that denser development is more effective at reducing greenhouse gas emissions than weather-proofing or other efficiency-oriented infrastructure upgrades. But researchers warn that increased density alone isn't enough to drive emissions lower overall given a host of other factors.

"Urbanization is often accompanied by higher incomes, higher economic activity and more consumption," says Burak Güneralp, geosciences researcher at Texas A&M and the study's lead author. "So any gains in per capita consumption due to greater density in urban areas may be exceeded by the increase in per capita consumption due to higher incomes." Also, says Güneralp, efficiency benefits of increased density can backfire if not directed by thoughtful policy. "For example, too high a density coupled with poor planning can lead to traffic congestions, which can increase fuel consumption hence carbon emissions."

Another downside of density is the so-called "heat island effect," where development-crammed, pavement-capped city centers can be ~20°F hotter than surrounding areas, leading to increased energy consumption as more people crank the air conditioning, elevated emissions of potentially hazardous air pollutants from tailpipes and outflow stacks, and impaired water quality as streams,

rivers, lakes and coastal areas get flushed with overheated toxin-laden run-off.

Poorly managed development outside the urban core, AKA urban sprawl, can also counteract the carbon footprint gains of increased density downtown. Sprawling suburban development uses more land per capita and forces people to drive long distances in private cars to get to work, school and shopping.

"Metropolitan areas look like carbon footprint hurricanes, with dark green, low-carbon urban cores surrounded by red, high-carbon suburbs," says Chris Jones, a researcher with UC Berkeley's Renewable & Appropriate Energy Lab. "Unfortunately, while the most populous metropolitan areas tend to have the lowest carbon footprint centers, they also tend to have the most extensive high-carbon footprint suburbs."

For his part, Güneralp says careful planning is key. "The important point is that when we think about urbanization and its environmental impacts, we need to consider trade-offs and co-benefits of different approaches as well as the local context," he concludes. "Particularly in growing cities in the developing world, such efforts can improve the well-being of billions of urban residents and contribute to mitigating climate change by reducing energy use in urban areas."

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Eligibility for telephone discount program now includes Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits Program participants

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) says eligibility for the Lifeline telephone discount program has been expanded to include participants in the Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits Program.

“The Lifeline telephone discount program is now available to more people in

Michigan than ever before,” said MPSC chairman Sally Talberg. “Lifeline makes basic local telephone or broadband service more affordable on a monthly basis for income-eligible families throughout Michigan. Qualified participants receive a monthly discount for telephone or broadband service.”

“The Lifeline system offers an affordable way for veterans on a pension to stay connected to vital life services,” said James Robert Redford, director of Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. “We applaud the efforts to make these services available to participants in the Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits Program.”

Lifeline discounts range from \$9.25 per month for those under age 65 to \$12.35 per month for those age 65 or older (for telephone service only). Customers, depending on eligibility and service criteria, may apply the Lifeline discount toward Lifeline broadband services instead of Lifeline voice service.

The Lifeline program was expanded to include participants in the Veterans and Survivors Pension

Benefits Program as part of a decision made by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in late 2016. The FCC’s Lifeline & Link Up Reform Order also gave Michigan until Dec. 31 to standardize and streamline eligibility criteria for the Lifeline program.

To apply for the Lifeline program, contact your local landline telephone company, wireless provider or broadband provider. Some wireless companies may provide free phones and free service for low-income customers. Contact your wireless phone company for details.

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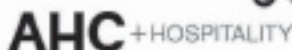
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The connection between obesity and chronic kidney disease

More than 900,000 Michigan adults have chronic kidney disease (CKD) and most don't know it. This March, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will honor National Kidney Month by educating Michiganders about the harmful consequences of obesity and its association with kidney disease and advocating for healthy lifestyles.

The kidneys are the body's chemical factories, filtering waste and performing vital functions that control things like red blood cell production and blood pressure. But over time, the kidneys can become damaged with little or no physical symptoms to warn you that your kidneys are in trouble.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan has one of the highest obesity rates in the nation – 32 percent of adults and 17 percent of youth are obese. Obesity is defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that may impair health. People who are overweight or obese have a greater chance of developing diabetes or high blood pressure, which are the leading causes of kidney disease and kidney failure. Also, people who are overweight or obese are two to seven times more likely

to develop ESRD compared to those of normal weight.

While obesity leads to CKD indirectly through type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, it can also cause direct kidney damage by increasing the workload of the kidneys.

“Obesity is a growing epidemic in Michigan and can be destructive to one's health,” said Dr. Art Franke, chief science officer at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. “Because 70 percent of all kidney disease cases can be prevented, we must get at the root of the problem. That's why during National Kidney Month the NKF is encouraging people to practice healthful habits to live a healthier life.”

The good news is that obesity, as well as CKD, can be prevented. Follow these four steps to get started.

1. Maintain a healthy diet. Focus on eating smaller portions and drinking water rather than sugary drinks. Choose low-sodium options; eat fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables; try healthier variations of your comfort food or high-calorie recipes.

2. Engage in regular exercise. Physical activity is essential for healthy

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- 72. One of many in an arena
- 73. "Four score and seven years ___"
- 74. Norbert, to his momma?
- 31. Likable
- 32. Take a piece from
- 33. Canine affliction
- 34. *a.k.a. buffalo
- 36. Poe's "Annabel Lee", e.g.
- 38. *Fly like an eagle
- 42. Nasa mission, e.g.
- 45. Depart
- 49. Short for although
- 51. *Not Bald one but ___
- 54. Prefix with red
- 56. Baby grand
- 57. X-ray units
- 58. Away from wind
- 59. Kind of cola
- 60. *Snowshoe's seasonal change
- 61. Carpenter's groove
- 62. *Earthworms to a badger, e.g.
- 63. Lemongrass, e.g.
- 64. 3-point shot
- 67. *Prairie ___

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- 3. Corner pieces
- 4. Prone to communicate secret info
- 5. Hindu retreat
- 6. Not this
- 7. Tin Man's necessity
- 8. Last letter of Greek alphabet
- 9. Actress Penelope
- 10. Figure skating jump
- 11. Cain's unfortunate brother
- 12. Extra cautious
- 15. NaNH2 and H3CONH2, e.g.
- 20. What hoarders do
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FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21

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- Defense Secretary Jim Mattis says the United States has no plans to seize any oil from Iraq saying, "All of us in America have generally paid for our gas and oil all along and I'm sure that we will continue to do so in the future." adding, "We're not in Iraq to seize anybody's oil."



- At least two tornadoes touched down in San Antonio, Texas; thousands have lost power and Union Pacific train cars were blown off the track.
- Heavy rains on the West Coast are soaking drought-stricken California causing record floods and mudslides. Mandatory evacuation orders for parts of California were in force and more rain is predicted.

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Obesity and kidney disease, continued

weight reduction. Your goal should be to be active for 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise every week. This can include brisk walking, running, swimming, biking or dancing. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan offers Enhance Fitness workshops in communities across Michigan designed for adults to improve functional fitness and well-being.

3. Get an annual physical examination. Talk with your doctor about your risk factors for kidney disease and ask to get tested for kidney disease. You can also talk to your doctor about a weight loss program that is right for you.

4. Prevent/manage diabetes and high blood pressure. Keep your blood pressure below in the normal range (or the target your doctor establishes) and stay in your target blood sugar range as much as possible.

Throughout National Kidney Month, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is offering resources, community events and more! On March 9, 2017, join the world-wide celebration of World Kidney Day by wearing orange and sharing your photos on social media with @KidneyMI. To find a

local program or event near you or to learn more about the risk factors for kidney disease, visit www.nkfm.org/KidneyMonth

Kidney Disease Facts:

- 26 million American adults (age 20+) have chronic kidney disease.

- More than 900,000 Michigan adults (age 20+) have chronic kidney disease.

- Individuals with diabetes and high blood pressure are at higher risk for developing chronic kidney disease, as well as older individuals, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Arab Americans.

- Kidney disease costs American taxpayers nearly \$100 billion every year.

- As the incidence of obesity in children increases, so does the rate of type 2 diabetes, which is a leading cause of kidney failure. One in three kids born in 2000 will develop diabetes.

- More than 2,800 people were waiting for a lifesaving kidney transplant in Michigan on February 1, 2017.

- African Americans are nearly 3.5 times more likely to develop kidney failure from diabetes than Caucasians.

Questions about the deal maker in chief resurface from 25 years ago

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

While perusing through old Ledgers collecting items for her weekly column Looking Back, Joanna Barr found an interesting question that ran 25 years ago this week. In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted of raping Desiree Washington, an 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant. After Tyson was found guilty and sentenced to six years in prison, Trump gave several

interviews to various media outlets where he repeatedly stated that Tyson's punishment was too harsh and that Tyson should only have had to pay a fine. The future president also seemed to blame the victim for her own rape, telling NBC News, "You have a young woman that was in his room, his hotel room, late in the evening at her own will. You have a young woman who was seen dancing for the beauty contest [the day after the

rape], dancing with a big smile on her face, looked happy as could be." Trump told Howard Stern's radio show the verdict was "a travesty" and that program was also where he proposed the rape buy-out.

"Maybe \$20 million, a lot of money," Trump said to Stern. "The proceeds from his next fight, his next two fights, for rape victims and I think that's a lot better than having Mike Tyson serve jail for 10 years or something."



Allyson MacPherson

"Rape is not something you can buy your way out of, ever. Trump right now is just out of control. There is a whole checks and balances system and he is just ignoring it. Which is funny because a couple years ago our president signed some executive orders for the greater good and got called out for it. Trump is using them for the exact opposite. As a autistic, neurodivergent, liberal, millennial woman, frankly none of his campaign rhetoric or policies ever struck a chord with me. There is a disconnect between Trump and the American people because everyone let their guard down thinking his campaign was a huge joke, plus a lot of elitist thinking, now he is in office. It's strange, though. The worst thing happening, a fascist getting into office, has brought so many people together. It's good that there is solidarity where there wasn't before, but I don't acknowledge him as president."

Should the President of the United States get involved in making deals like this, perhaps with other nations or industries?

And how do you think Trump is doing since he took office?



Vicki Vogt

"Oh my goodness, no. Of course not. Because now, for one thing, it wouldn't be his personal money. It sounds like this was a back-end deal using his own money. Now it's not his money, so with anything like that there should be transparency. And some things can't be handled by throwing money at them. We need to know the whys behind what he's doing. He is not doing well so far. Very, very basically, I don't think the presidency should be an entry-level position into governing. We don't know what he's going to do because there's no track record. Some have the opinion that we're watching him too closely. Well, that's why we have to."



Jason Holdridge

"It's situational ethics. Does the greater good justify the means to the end? I'm more of a purist, so I don't think the means justify the ends, even if the end is very, very noble and good. If the path to get to the good means you have to deviate from your moral compass, then I would try to find another way to get there. There is so much smoke because of the mortar shells and bombshells, I just want to see the dust clear and of the smoke and the fog clear before I know what in the world is going on. It seems like every day there are things said about him and things he's doing. I'm not sure what's true and what's fabricated. Time will tell. I know he's only a few weeks in, but I can honestly say in any administration I have no idea what's really going on. And when I think I know what's going on I probably am disillusioned and proving myself to be a fool. You realize you're a part of revisionist history in the making. Between the media and the information age we live in, we have access to basically whatever we want to hear. I can go to whatever media echo chamber validates my

preconceived notion of what I want to believe. This particular election is exposing how unable we are to converse with each other about differing opinions."



Dave Beach

"Is that what he's trying to do? I guess I wasn't aware that he was trying to make deals like that. You're thinking that would be an unprecedented presidential action? I doubt that it's unprecedented. I guess I'd have to see some data. Not enough information. I doubt that Donald Trump himself would be involved. It would probably be more in the clandestine arena, the way things used to be during the Cold War. It appears that he is not doing very well, but then sometimes I don't think he is that forthright in explaining his motives and objectives. Maybe they'll come out down the road. It's hard to see where he's headed, what he's doing. We don't know everything and that's probably a good thing. My own position is, I'm willing to give the guy a chance. Let him put together a group of people and see where they want to go. Things just seem chaotic now. I'm not envious of his position or what he has to do."



Jerry Grieser

"No, I don't think he should, I'm sorry. It's all just behind the scenes and there are a lot of unknowns involved with it, especially with his finances and other peoples'. He is not doing well as president."



Teresa Beachum

"I'm taking the wait and see approach with Donald Trump. I just think that we have to give him time to set the stage of his agenda. In a month we can't form an opinion as to what our four years will consist of. I don't approve of Donald Trump making back room deals, but there are provisions that allow him, in his position, to do certain things. We just have to take the wait and see approach."