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Get your bid in! Chair-A-Tee special reception and auction this Saturday, Aug. 26

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

All of the Chair-A-Tee chairs will be on display at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, until the silent auction finally culminates with a special reception on Saturday, Aug. 26. The party will go from 2 pm until 4 pm, with bidding accepted until 3 pm. There also will be refreshments and live music from Roger MacNaughton. It is also possible to stop in at LowellArts all week long to check out and bid on the chairs. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am until 6 pm.

Chair-A-Tee is a collaboration between Flat River Gallery & Framing, LowellArts, Gilda's Club, the Lowell Area Chamber

of Commerce and over 70 local artists. A couple dozen chairs painted uniquely by local artists have been on display at businesses around Lowell since July 5, gathering bids for a silent auction. Proceeds generated from the chairs will be donated to Pink Arrow Pride and used to support local residents who are dealing with cancer. Bidding for each chair starts at \$75.

"For a little community to be able to raise that kind of money for Pink Arrow to support so many people is amazing," said event organizer and Flat River Gallery president Kim Gill. "We wanted to do something special at the gallery to honor the project."

Photo by Patti Sevensma, Flat River Gallery.



Idyllic summer evening set the scene for Summer Fest at LAHM

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Guests at the third annual Summer Fest at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, on Friday, August 18, spent an idyllic summer evening on the museum grounds sampling local food and drink and listening to live music.

"It's going great," said Lisa Plank, executive director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. "We're having a nice evening here at the museum. We had a good turnout. Lots of new food and drink vendors here this year. Both of the new breweries in town are here

and so is Painted Turtle Hard Cider from out by Murray Lake. We're happy to have a lot of local groups represented. Everybody gets to enjoy the museum and we get to show our history off."

Larkin's staff poured a selection of locally-sourced drinks, including beer from

Lowell's two downtown breweries and a beer brewed specifically for the event.

"We have quite a selection, actually," said Larkin's bartender Monica Willett. "We have three different wines and we have three beers from Big Boiler and two from New

Union. We also have some from Saugatuck and Grand Rapids."

"They're tasting some New Holland beer, some Leelanau Sands wines and beer from New Union and Big Boiler," said Larkin's bartender Kelly Damstra. "Gravel Bottom's 'Lady LaFramboise' is also very popular. It's a raspberry beer that was brewed specially for this event."

Marie Loughlin, co-owner of Painted Turtle Hard Cider, poured cups of her company's beverage with exotic flavors like apple crisp cider, blueberry cider, coffee vanilla cider and cider brewed with hops. Loughlin said they brew their cider in the traditional English manner, slowly fermented in small batches.

"We are a family-owned and operated business," Loughlin said. "We haven't been in the cider business very long, but we've been in the apple industry for over 30 years. We've lived in Lowell all our lives. A couple years ago our kids came to us and said that instead of retiring, mom



A crowd enjoyed the new configuration of the gardens in the backyard.

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Mysterious engraved stone from 1874 found in a barn

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A mysterious engraved stone from 1874 was recently discovered hidden behind some junk in a barn at Fallasburg Park. The stone is engraved on the front reads the words “Dist. # 2, Lowell, 1874” and along the bottom with the name J.C. Hare. The stone was found by Fallasburg Historical Society treasurer Alan Rumbaugh when he was cleaning out the interior of a barn.

“The stone was in a pole barn behind the Blackmer house,” Rumbaugh said. “I found it under some shelves while cleaning up some old items that were in the barn.”

“We don’t know how the stone made its way from the ground/building in front of the school to the barn behind the Blackmer cottage, but someone must have recognized the historical significance of the marker and stashed it away,” said Ken Tamke, president of the Fallasburg Historical Society. “The Fallasburg Historical Society did for many years own the Blackmer cottage property as part of its holdings. The cottage only recently became privately owned. It was in a cleanup of the barn the stone was discovered.”

The stone was damaged, so the historical society took it to Lowell Granite, 306 E. Main, for repair. When they brought it in, they were informed that J.C. Hare was the original owner of the company and that Hare probably did the engraving personally.

“Because one of the corners of the stone had broken off, we took it to Lowell Granite to see if it could be repaired,” Tamke said. “The stone was signed with initials J.C. and the last name of Hare. Turns out, Hare was the original owner and signed the stone himself. Given the date on the stone of 1874, it may have been one of the first jobs Lowell Granite undertook. Jeff Wilterink offered to fix the stone at no cost so it can be displayed.”

“J.C. Hare founded the Jacob C Marble Works Company in 1859,” said Lowell Granite owner Jeff Wilterink. “Established in 1873, his company is now Lowell Granite Company.”

J.C. Hare was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1843. He and his wife Catherine (Curry) Hare had one child, Blanche. Hare started his first granite business in Lowell in 1859 and eventually started what



This old rock discovered in a barn at Fallasburg Park has ties to one of Lowell’s earliest businessmen.

became the Lowell Granite Works in 1873. According to ads from the 1800s, the original J.C. Hare Marble Works was “one door east of Music Hall Block, Bridge

street,” approximately where the Huntington Bank sits on Main St. today. The company moved to their current location in 1884. Hare died in 1904 at age 61.

Hare was the subject of a brief, enthusiastic profile in the Lowell Journal on May 30, 1883:

“Mr. Hare is among those shrewd, intelligent

business men who possess the ability to make a success of nearly all their undertakings. Starting

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along main street

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Citizen opinion differs over removal of Robert E. Lee's name from Showboat, Teelander officially resigns from city council

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city councilor Alan Teelander gave an emotional speech as he resigned from his seat on the council at their regular meeting on Monday evening, Aug. 21. The council also discussed the showboat, POWs and Airbnb rules at the meeting, which lasted about 42 minutes and was attended by approximately 30 people.

Less than one minute into the meeting, city manager Michael Burns read a statement about the Lowell Showboat. The name "Robert E. Lee" was removed from the boat last Friday. Burns cited an online petition with 1,876 signatures, the resignation of Teelander and the recent violence in Charlottesville, VA, as some of the reasons for the removal.

"Prior to last week, I would estimate that more than 95 percent of West Michigan residents could not have told you the name on the boat," Burns said. "It's simply known to most of us as 'the Lowell Showboat.' We recognize that the name is offensive to many and on Friday we removed it from view."

Five people responded to Burns during citizen comment. Two said they

were against changing the name and three said they were in favor of it.

"I ask the city of Lowell, where will it stop," said Shaw Rentfrow of Zeeland. "If today, Robert E. Lee, then what if tomorrow Thomas Jefferson or George Washington, two great men of their time that owned slaves? [...] And what about Martin Luther King, Jr.? He preached against gay marriage. Will those that disagree with him tear down his monuments?"

"I don't think we should name it anything but 'the Lowell Showboat,'" said Tonia North of Lowell. "Too many people don't understand history right now. Ignorance is what got us here."

"Thank you for taking the name off of the showboat," said Carol Lee of Lowell. "I love the showboat, but when we moved here 30-something years ago, I was even surprised then, with that name on there."

After that came Teelander's resignation from the council. He resigned because an organization called "Progress Michigan" accused him of making racist comments in an email he sent to the "Great Lakes Beacon," an online news

blog. Teelander was moved to tears as he told his story, philosophized, called out various parties he enjoyed working with during his tenure on the council and predicted a bright future for the city.

"We just have fabulous leadership," Teelander said. "I see businesses revitalized. The showboat will be rebuilt in full grandeur. I see parks and trails for exercising and socializing and glorious rivers and plains where our ancestors settled and built the schools and the stores and the factories. Ancestors who lived, loved and died before us to leave a better place for us. It's our duty to do the same for future generations."

According to the city charter, "the city council shall, within thirty days after such vacancy occurs, appoint a person who possesses the qualifications required of holders of said office." Anybody interested in filling Teelander's chair until January 2020 should contact Lowell city clerk Susan Ullery at 616-897-8457 or sullery@ci.lowell.mi.us for instructions.

The council discussed the possibility of allowing Lowell residents to temporarily rent out their Lowell residences through Airbnb. The practice is currently against city ordinance. After some discussion the council decided to pass the issue

along to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's next meeting is at city hall on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 pm. The council also voted unanimously to designate Friday, Sept. 15 "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day" in the city of Lowell.

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7 pm. They will also have a "Coffee with the Council" event at the chamber of commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Sept. 2.



City councilor Greg Canfield, mayor Michael DeVore, city manager Michael Burns, councilor Jeff Phillips, city clerk Susan Ullery and councilor Jim Hodges wore their brand new "Pink Arrow X" t-shirts at the meeting.

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Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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Summer learning and Pink Arrow 2017

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Many people believe that when school is out in June learning ends until August. That is simply not true here in Lowell. In fact, it has been an extremely busy summer of learning for both our students and staff. Student success is a commitment for us and I applaud the number of dedicated staff that choose to work during the summer to provide incredible learning opportunities for students. Arrow Readers on the Move, our mobile reading program, traveled to various destinations this

summer in our community so that students in grades K-5 could check out library books, take Accelerated Reader tests and have fun reading with friends and family. This program offered a very flexible schedule in order to meet the personal needs of our families.

Other summer programs took place at the Wittenbach Wege Environmental Center. Students participated in a master gardener program and a junior master naturalist camp. Students spent time planting various crops, learning how to treat garden pests and increased their knowledge and understanding of Michigan animal habitats and ecosystems. Of course the beautiful trails at the center are open

365 days per year, dawn until dusk, for our entire community to enjoy.

As summer begins to fade and families prepare for the 2017-2018 school year, our minds turn to our Pink Arrow event. This student-led service learning project was started nearly a decade ago and continues to impact the hearts and minds of community members that are going through a difficult cancer journey. I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy this event on September 8th as the football team hosts East Grand Rapids. This event is not just a football game, but a powerful community event to support those with cancer and to ensure that no one faces this disease alone. Someday we will all realize that through our efforts as a community, we will have created a greater awareness of the need to support those that are fighting cancer.

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viewpoint

to the editor

move forward

Dear Editor,
I understand the fact that the name Robert E. Lee needs to be changed due to civil unrest on any topic these days, from statues to logos to printed material. (Will book's be destroyed next?) I am curious is the Civil War even discussed in classrooms anymore or is this a difficult topic?
When I moved to Lowell 20 years ago I was curious as to why the showboat was named after a famous southern Civil War

general. I was told that there was also a famous river boat by the same name. I accepted that, but did feel it was unusual. Why does it need to be named after "anyone?" Why not just "Lowell Showboat?"
I consider myself a historian. I take no sides, not even in all of our recent political turmoil. Last year was the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War. Was it celebrated anywhere? Were states

removed? According to the magazine *American History*, the states had the right to some form of celebration. However, because this also was a celebration of the Civil Rights movement, most states declined to celebrate. I was around for the 100th celebration in 1965-66 and it was a bit more celebrated.
Of all our Civil War generals, gained and lost, North and South. General Lee was, one of my favorites, a graduate of West Point and loved by most northern and southern generals alike. He chose the south because of his birthplace. By making this decision which he knew might not be the best decision, he had to sign

off at the end of the war and surrender his sword. His home and property all eventually confiscated and then it was designated as the resting place of the Civil War and soldiers of the following wars. It is the home of Arlington Cemetery.
China, under chairman Mao, tried to replace and destroy all that was old and replace it with new. Our history can not be replaced, destroyed or changed. It happened! Let's learn from our past mistakes and victories. Let's move forward in peace. Let's not let the bad things repeat!
Janet Twesten Lowell

showboat should reflect community

To the Editor,
It is a shame to see an elected community official (Alan Teelander) lost to the service of the public good due to the negative tactics of a special interest group.
The methods used by Progress Michigan reflect attitudes disinclined to engage in intelligent debate, preferring instead to dismiss opposing arguments, shut down discussion and demand the removal of anyone with views contrary to the concerns of their special interest group.
If, as their name infers,

they are interested in progress, then they should be working to encourage discourse and working toward an appreciation of their views instead of merely dismissing the views of others.
Rational arguments can and should be made for renaming the Showboat to better reflect the community it serves, however that discussion is of limited value if differing views are merely shouted down.
Paul Miller
Former Lowell resident

listen to lee

To The Editor,
Being a 75-year-old American, registered Independent voter, military veteran having served proudly with thousands of diverse ethnic, religious and cultural fellow service members, I've seen and experienced the best and sadly the worst of human nature and the reasons the latter have used to support their beliefs and sometimes riotous evil actions.
The recent riot in Virginia involving hate groups of all ilks and noting our own local discourse regarding the name of

Robert E. Lee on the Lowell Showboat got me to remembering some things I learned in my high school American history classes way back in the late 50s.
Namely, the documented and published fact that Confederate General Robert E. Lee, in 1866 (one year following the end of the civil war) wrote that putting up statues, plaques and other physical monuments to himself, other generals and the Confederacy might well "keep open the sores of war for generations to come." It would certainly seem the

man knew exactly what he was talking about.
But of course, we all know that so-called heritage groups and others, with their own 'personal' agendas, after Lee's death in 1870 went ahead and erected all kinds of memorials that Lee clearly warned against. And so here we all are some 150 long years later with various hate groups, actually infringing on each other's riotous protests, to express their own group's personal hatred for their fellow humans, who just happen to be another race, religion or culture.
General Robert E. Lee, the military leader of the

Confederate Army, himself, wrote and told us all that confederate monuments will "keep open the sores of war." It's abundantly clear that the old adage..... "Those who fail to learn from history are destined to repeat it." Thus, here we all are repeating and repeating to suffer from the sores of a civil war that ended 150 years ago but is clearly still being 'fought' by those who must not have anything better to do than keep those sores open. May God help us all.
Richard Gamm
Lowell, Michigan

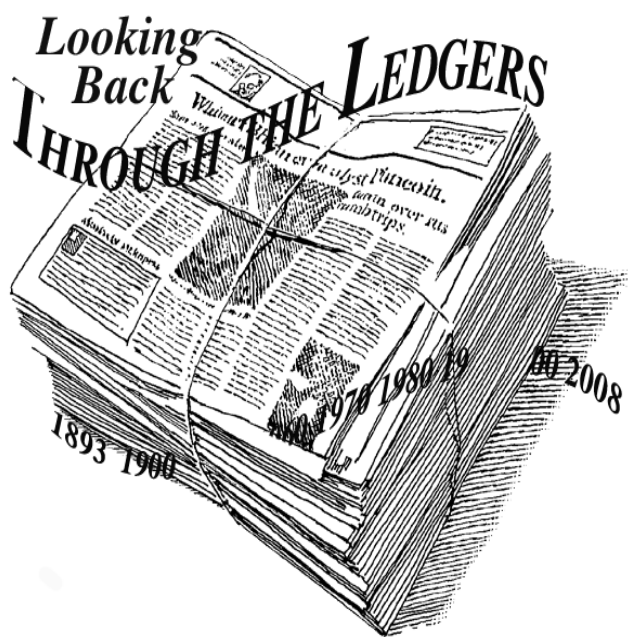
outdoors

bow prep

Dave Stegehuis

Hunting deer with a bow and arrow presents special challenges and requires people to personally connect with nature. The predator prey relationship becomes very real. Bow hunting requires an in-depth knowledge of the habits of the animal and its environment in order to get close enough for an ethical shot.
The hunter must have the physical ability to draw and hold the bow before releasing the arrow on target. Repetition of proper shooting form through regular focused practice promotes consistent accuracy and builds confidence.
Practicing shooting skills under conditions similar to that encountered in the field will provide opportunity to identify and solve problems early so as not to be surprised or disappointed during critical moments of the hunt. For example, shooting a bow on level ground in the summer, while wearing shorts and a tee shirt, is much different from shooting from a tree stand on a cold morning in the fall wearing insulated camo clothing. One may find that pulling the bow to full draw from a sitting position may be impossible under these conditions so adjustments must be made. Shooting from an elevated position

also affects the point of aim and arrow trajectory. It is important to practice under realistic hunting conditions as much as possible.
Archery equipment evolved from very simple to very complex during my bow hunting career of over 60 years. Some folks continue to stick with or return to using traditional equipment. Others take advantage of a variety of compound bows, adjustable fiber optic sights, mechanical releases and carbon arrows with mechanical broad heads. Equipment must be inspected and tuned regularly to assure proper function in order to achieve accuracy for an ethical shot if presented.
Shooting year around is the best policy, but we don't all have the opportunity or discipline to do that. Shooting a bow is a fun recreational sport by itself and does not have to include hunting, so practicing is an enjoyable stand-alone activity. The limited range of a bow makes it easier to find a safe place to shoot.
Cool nights and falling leaves tend to rekindle the hunting instinct, but getting pumped up for hunting season during the summer may be more difficult. Realize that time passes quickly, so now is the time to begin preparations.



125 years ago Lowell Journal August 24, 1892

A party of eight Indians passed through Lowell Monday and attracted considerable attention.
The Opera House Cigar Store's window has attracted considerable notice this week. The window

is a large aquarium in which he has fish, turtles and ferns, and a rustic bridge and a pretty fountain playing, back of the window and along one side is a painted landscape, with an old mill which has a real water wheel run by water. There are boats and fishermen and taken all in all it is worthy of a second look.
While trying to arrest a man and wife at a Reed's Lake pavillion on Thursday night the crowd set upon Constable Leech and the air was soon thick with flying missiles. No less than three beer glasses struck the constable in the head, inflicting severe scalp wounds.
Fred L. Fallas left, Monday, for an eight weeks business trip to the upper penninsula. He will endeavor to dispose of his pickles and sauer kraut up there.
Miss Bertha Robinson, of the JOURNAL, is taking a two weeks outing among the northern resorts. She will spend some time visiting Mr and Mrs H. E. Hogan at South Boardman.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 23, 1917

The indications point to this being an unusually successful Chautauqua year and the Community program which is to be given in Lowell for five days

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area births

Doyle



Patrick and Kati Doyle, of Alto, are happy to announce the birth of their son Connor Patrick Doyle on July 22, 2017, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces and 21 & 1/2 inches long. Connor was welcomed home by his big sister Nora and big brother Casen. His grandparents are Brian and Cheryl Doyle, of Alto; and Paul and Rosemary Palawski, of Davison.

Young gymnast takes a first



Ivy McDonald from RAYG gymnastics and cheer, placed 1st on bars 9.4, 1st on beam 9.25, 1st on floor 9.3, and 1st all-around 36.825 at the State Games of Michigan.

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tinnitus

Tinnitus is the sensation of hearing a "buzzing" in your ear when no external sound is present. It can also sound like ringing, roaring, clicking or hissing. It can be extremely annoying. It may have a high pitch or low roar. It can be present in one or both ears. At times, it can be so loud that it interferes with your ability to concentrate. It may come and go as well.

The most common cause is ear cell damage. For most people, hearing loss causes tinnitus. Hearing worsens with age, typically around 60. Exposure to loud noise like heavy equipment, chain saws, firearms and loud concerts, will also cause tinnitus. Ear wax blockage can irritate the eardrum which can cause this. Ear bone changes called otosclerosis (which tends to run in families) is also a cause. Rare causes include Meniere's disease, TMJ disorders, head/neck injuries and acoustic neuroma.

Medications can cause this. Certain antibiotics, cancer medications, diuretics, antidepressants, high dose aspirin and quinine medications are the most common.

Men and smokers have a higher risk.

Complications include sleep problems, fatigue, trouble concentrating, anxiety and irritability.

Hearing tests and occasionally imaging tests may be used to help diagnose the underlying problem.

There is no cure for tinnitus for most people. The most effective treatment is by using white noise in the background when one is in a quiet setting. Avoid loud noises, caffeine, nicotine and alcohol.

Prevention is key, so always use hearing protection around loud noise and turn down the volume when listening to music with headphones and earbuds.

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Summer Fest, continued

and dad should start a hard cider business. My daughter and I went to cider school in Seattle, WA and we learned how to make hard cider. We

use the English method, our professor was from the UK. The reason our company is named Painted Turtle is because that's the Michigan

state reptile. A lot of people don't know that. We wanted to represent Michigan. We use only Michigan apples and Michigan

ingredients. We don't go out of the country for apple concentrate."

All the food at Summer Fest was provided by local

restaurants, including Heidi's Farmstand, Flat River Grill, Miss P's Catering, Main St. BBQ, BC Pizza and Sweet Seasons.

Two employees from BC Pizza were set up in the old fur trader's cabin doling out what looked like infinite slices of pizza.

"We have chicken bacon ranch and pepperoni pizzas and some breadsticks," said BC Pizza's Savannah Lopez. "We have gone through ten large pizzas and a party tray of breadsticks and we've only been here for half an hour."

Juliet Hoke used miniature spoons to intricately stack petite amounts of savory ingredients onto tiny slices of cucumber, a recipe created by Flat River Grill chef Jim Stoutjesdyk.

"These are called cucumber crisps," Hoke said. "They have whipped feta dill on the bottom and guacamole, marinated tomatoes and red onion with vinegar and lemon. It's savory and salty. I have lots of repeat customers back here."

Miss P's Catering owner Julie Dykhouse said she had to race to keep up with the demand for her various types of crostini. That is a little toasted slice of baguette with a delicious topping.

"This event is great and wonderful and amazing I'm glad they like us, but I'm serious, we can

hardly keep up," Dykhouse said. "We are doing sundried tomato, pesto and mozzarella cheese crostini, one with brie, cranberry sauce and chopped apple and a marinated shrimp with cheddar cheese."

Heidi's Farmstand and Baker owner Luanne Kaeb, who also works at the museum, brought an assortment of homemade apple, blueberry, cherry and raspberry turnovers and pastries, as well as fresh fruit from her farm.

"The strawberries got ripe early this year, so these strawberries are really sweet, sweeter than you get in June," Kaeb said. "This event is going great; everybody is having a good time."

All proceeds generated at the event will go to benefit the museum and its programs.

"Summer Fest is a fundraiser to raise money for museum programs and operations," Plank said. "It was conceived to be a fun way to share the museum with people, along with the wonderful food and drinks being created in our community."

For more information about everything the museum is up to, visit them in person at 325 W. Main, call them at 616-897-7688, email them at history@lowellmuseum.org, visit them on the Internet at lowellmuseum.org or find them on Facebook.



The Easy Idle String Band played a selection of funky bluegrass tunes all night.



Luanne Kaeb from Heidi's Farmstand served homemade apple, blueberry, cherry and raspberry turnovers and pastries.



Painted Turtle Hard Cider co-owner Marie Loughlin said she went to "cider school."



Bartenders from Larkin's served beer and wine from various West Michigan companies.



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Camp Casey makes horsey house calls to children with cancer and rare blood disorders

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Camp Casey is a free horseback riding program for children with cancer and rare blood disorders. They offer horse-themed experiences for kids with cancer, sickle cell anemia, and/or aplastic anemia, including many local families.

“We provide horseback riding programs for children with cancer and rare blood disorders,” said Camp Casey representative Katie Patterson. “By the end of this season, we will have served approximately 25 families from the Lowell/Grand Rapids area with Horsey House Calls over the past two years. We’ve served a large number of families through our Cowboy Camp Out program too.”

Their Horsey House Calls offer a totally unique experience by literally showing up at a kid’s front door with a live horse to play with.

“We coordinate a date and time with the parents and then show up to surprise their kids with a full-sized horse right at their front door,” Patterson said. “We go on to spend about two hours with the family and their friends for a day of ‘camp’ in their own yard. We bring two trained staff members, one therapy horse and six trained volunteers,

along with all the supplies and goodies we need to go horseback riding, groom the horse, do craft projects, play games, make horse treats and all in all have an awesome day. We accommodate up to 30 people in total and can offer rides to 10 children. Mom and dad can invite friends, family and neighbors to enjoy the day and we wrap everything up with a pizza party. When we’re done and all the kids have had a chance to ride, we pack everything up and leave behind only memories and art projects. Afterward, the family is mailed a USB drive that contains all the photos from the day.”

Camp Casey offers a welcome distraction from reality and can help a kid build confidence.

“Horsey House Calls empower children with the confidence to try something that’s new and maybe even a little scary,” Patterson said. “We use full-sized horses, often draft breeds, not ponies. If the child is nervous to ride, they quickly learn there’s nothing to be afraid of and by the end of their turn, they can’t stop smiling. While the kids run around and have fun with our horse and volunteers, the parents can just sit back and enjoy watching their kids be kids. Everyone is enjoying themselves too



Camp Casey’s “Horsey House Calls” have been featured on the Today Show and in the Huffington Post.

much to even think about cancer.”

Camp Casey is dedicated to a young lady from Eaton Rapids named Casey Foote. She passed away from bone and brain cancer just after her 12th birthday. Foote loved animals and she especially enjoyed spending time grooming and riding her favorite horse.

“Our executive director Molly Reeser founded Camp Casey in 2004 after her young friend Casey died of cancer,” Patterson said. “What started as a traveling day camp has grown into a totally unique, mobile program that is able to accommodate children and families at any stage in their treatment. Oftentimes the children we serve with

Horsey House Calls are too sick to go away to camp themselves. This allows them to enjoy a camp experience of their own and the best part is they get to share it with their family and friends.”

On their Cowboy Camp Outs they take kids and their families overnight to a dude ranch up north.

“Our Cowboy Camp Outs take place two times each summer,” Patterson said. “We make accommodations for our families at a dude ranch-style resort in northern Michigan.”

For more information about Camp Casey, call 877-388-8315 or visit camp-casey.org

Mysterious stone, continued

business ten years ago, with no capital, without an established reputation, and when the whole country was in imminent danger of bankruptcy, he had not one chance in a thousand of a success of his business. His only chance was to make a living and persevere. To persevere in a business that barely paid him enough to keep body and soul together required an unlimited amount of courage, but he did it. After a few hardships, a brighter sun shone in his pathway. Business commenced seeking him, instead of him seeking it. His reputation for doing such excellent work commenced to extend beyond the limits of our then small village. By perseverance and pluck - the two necessities to success - he has cautiously, yet steadily, continued to climb until he is now within sight of the top round of the ladder of business fame, and he enjoys a well-earned

reputation of turning out only such work as is first-class in every particular. His reputation is not local. Hardly a town in the vicinity of Lowell but that contains samples of his excellent workmanship in the form of handsome monuments. No more complete works exist in towns of three times the size of Lowell and we vie with others in saying that our citizens should feel proud of such an establishment. Mr. Hare’s business career in Lowell is an excellent example for others; starting with nothing, with the chances heavily against him, and making in the end a complete and glorious success. He can well be classed among the self-made men of our town.”

Despite the care somebody took to stash it away, the stone suffered some damage over the decades.

“The stone was made out of limestone,” Wilterink

said. “A corner was broken off and we mortared it back together.”

Nobody is exactly sure what the stone was used for, but they speculate it was on or near a school.

“It was not a headstone and it was not used to mark a grave,” Wilterink said. “More than likely it was placed in a building’s structure for signage.”

“We assume it was used at our schoolhouse,” Rumbaugh said. “The Lowell Historical Museum found an old map that had ‘District 2’ showing and our schoolhouse seemed to be in that district.”

“It is our belief that originally it was positioned outside of the school, perhaps by the flagpole, but that’s only supposition,” Tamke said. “Or it could have been placed, as Mr. Wilterink suggests, as part of the building’s structure.”

Indefinite plans are underway for a permanent

public display of the stone at Fallasburg Park.

“We plan on building some type of a base and displaying it inside the schoolhouse,” Rumbaugh said. “It was probably

outside originally but we would rather be certain it is secure inside rather than take a chance by placing it outside.”

“The Fallasburg Historical Society has plans

to have a special stand built for it so we can display it inside the Fallasburg schoolhouse,” Tamke said. “This is a really neat piece of local history, for both Lowell and Fallasburg.”



Lowell Granite, 306 E. Main, has been in this location since 1884.

Pink Arrow Health Fair draws hundreds for fun with a purpose

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A little rain didn't hurt attendance at the Thursday, Aug. 17 Pink Arrow Health Fair. Hundreds of people enjoyed free lunch, free ice cream, a blood drive, mammograms and lots more.

"It's going well, the mechanics of the whole event are going beautifully," said Pink Arrow Pride organizer Teresa Beachum. "Mother Nature is putting a little damper on it for us, but it could be a lot worse. It's going to be hit or miss all day long. Overcast skies are good with me, but the rain needs to move away! Fun things are happening, it's making people smile. Everything is going well."

Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Roger LaWarre said he expected to grill about 800 hot dogs during the event.

"It's going very well," LaWarre said. "We're hoping that we'll get more people, but the rain doesn't seem to be dampening anybody's spirits. This is good stuff."

The health fair was also the public's first opportunity to purchase this year's "Pink Arrow Force X" tenth anniversary t-shirt. The volunteers running the t-shirt booth didn't catch a break all day

"We are busy as ever and it's wonderful," said Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Donna Miller. "I was kind of worried about the rain keeping people home but it hasn't affected it. It's good, we're very pleased. It's going great."

Robin Martin from Saranac got her two gallon button during the blood drive at the health fair.

"I think it's a really good event," Martin said. "I like how everybody comes into town for this, it shows great support. I like all the booths that are set up, the food, the shirts, the ice cream, the entertainment, I think it's all great. I have been to this many times. It's a little wetter this year, usually it's pretty hot and muggy, but I think it's great."

All-Weather Seal donated \$1 for every t-shirt

sold at the event and they also had a game where contestants popped balloons to win money that was donated to the cause.

"We are also doing a game where kids pop a balloon and whatever bill is in there, a \$20, a \$50 or \$100, we donate it to Pink Arrow Pride," said All Weather Seal employee Lakota Tidd. "It's just a fun game that kids can play."

There were some people filming at the health fair, getting footage for a movie about Pink Arrow Pride.

"There is a camera crew here from Grooters Productions out of Holland," Beachum said. "They hired a new employee who was originally from Lowell. She started mentioning Pink Arrow Pride a couple months ago as a new employee so they got right on the horn. They are trying to do a documentary about the grass roots aspect of Pink Arrow Pride. They've been out to see our stadium,

they interviewed a football player, they interviewed the t-shirt volunteers, they flew a drone up and down Main St. and got the banners and the fire hydrants dressed as Pink Arrow Minions."

Spectrum Health Cancer Center Betty Ford Breast Care Services had the mammography mobile out for its first trip.

"The mammography mobile is here for the first time," Beachum said. "They are not only doing mammograms, but they are also giving tours of that bus. It's a brand new vehicle, bright and shiny, right out of the showroom. We are thrilled to partner with Spectrum. They asked to be a part of this event so we invited them here. We are really happy to have them here."

The Pink Arrow games (football, volleyball and soccer) against East Grand Rapids will take place at Lowell High School's Bob Perry Field on Friday, Sept. 8.



The health fair was the public's first chance to get this year's Pink Arrow t-shirt.



The mammography mobile made its debut at the health fair.



Robin Martin of Saranac earned her two-gallon button during this blood drive where multiple buses from Michigan Blood were on site.



A film crew interviewing event organizer Teresa Beachum for an upcoming documentary.

The Ice Cream Ca-Bus gave out 300 free ice cream cones.



Students at the Luc James Music Studio in Ada performed.



Lakota Tidd from All-Weather Seal. The company donated \$1 for every t-shirt sold at the health fair.



Sports Summaries

VOLLEYBALL

The ladies of the varsity Red Arrow volleyball team headed to Grand Haven High School last Saturday for tournament action officially kicking off their fall season. The team went 2-2 overall, finishing second in the event's gold bracket. Wins were logged against opponents Grosse Pointe North and Saint Joseph and losses to Grandville and host Grand Haven. Leading in stats for the day were Carly Hoekstra with 24 kills, Sydney Powell with 71 assists. Abi Mangus and newcomer Meghan Meyer combined for ten aces. Meyer also logged four blocks. The team will compete twice more on the road before hosting their home opener against Cedar Springs on September 12.

BOYS TENNIS

Lowell boys varsity tennis busted out the brooms last Wednesday evening producing a sweep over their opponents from Lakewood High School. The perfect 8-0 finish was earned in straight sets. The team will look to capitalize on

the positive momentum at a pair of away tournaments this week and will hold their second home match on August 28 versus Unity Christian.

FOOTBALL

Lowell's gridiron men will head to the east side of the state this Friday to begin their season against opponent Warren De La Salle as part of the Prep Football Classic presented by the Detroit Sports Commission and sports equipment manufacturing sponsor Xenith. The game will take place at 7 pm at Wayne State University where the team will make their first appearance in the football kickoff celebration which features many of the state's top team talents. Pre-sale tickets are available inside the main office at Lowell High School during regular school hours at the rate of \$9 each. Tickets are also available at the door for \$10. Parking fees will apply at the event.

GIRLS SOCCER

Four-year varsity soccer standout Darby Dean recently committed to continue her education and athletic career at Ferris State University. Serving successfully as a midfielder for the Red Arrows, Dean is also a force on the girls varsity basketball team and spent two seasons as the kicker for the varsity football program.

GIRLS GOLF

Red Arrow Kenzie Uhen led her teammates on the golf course last Wednesday earning a medal and a top ten with a 92 stroke finish at the Kent County Classic. Overall the team finished in the seventh position with a combined card total of 397 falling just one stroke behind sixth-place finisher Byron Center High School. The tournaments top five was rounded out by East Grand Rapids, Rockford, East Kentwood, NorthPointe Christian and champion Caledonia who carded a total of just 335. Other top scorers for Lowell were Tristin Fogerty Thomas who swung a 98, Mary Jo Buechler who tallied 102 and Lexie Kapcia who came in at 105.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium
 8/18 Girls at 4:30 pm & Boys at 5:15 pm Jamboree #1*

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course
 8/24 at 3:30 pm Lakewood*
 8/28 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #2 at Cedar Springs
 8/29 at 3:30 pm Wyoming High School*

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at Lowell High School
 8/28 at 4:15 pm Unity Christian*
 8/30 at 4:15 pm Cedar Springs
 8/31 at 4:15 pm Jenison

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a game at Lowell High School
 8/28 at 4:30 pm at West Ottawa

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium
 8/25 at 7:15 pm Rockford
 8/28 at 6:45 pm Northview*
 8/30 at 6:45 pm at Greenville

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a game at Red Arrow Stadium
 8/25 at 7 pm at Warren DeLaSalle

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING:
September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Public hearing to be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, Michigan

APPLICANT: The Barn for Equine Learning

REQUEST: The principal provisions of the application for the Special Land Use permit can be summarized as follows:

The applicant is requesting a Special Land Use permit in the Ag-2 Rural Agricultural zoning district under the provisions of "Horse Boarding Stables." The parcel size included in the request total 43 acres.

PROJECT ADDRESS: 3203 Timpson Avenue, SE, Lowell MI, 49331

LOCATION: The parcel proposed for Special Land Use permit is currently utilized as a farm.

Permanent Parcel Numbers:
41-20-17-400-040

The application is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Lowell Township Clerk during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the Special Land Use permit. Written comments concerning the application may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

August 14, 2017

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission
Kent County, Michigan



TIPS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE POLICIES

by Dan Sherman, MA, LPC



Dan Sherman, MA, LPC, is a clinical financial consultant for Mercy Health Saint Mary's, The Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids, MI.

Open enrollment for Medicare policies is something we might like to avoid. Often, there is little understanding of the basic terms like “deductible,” “max out of pocket,” “co-pays,” and “co-insurance” and how they affect the financial well-being of the enrollee. Nor do many understand the differences between HMO, PPO, POS, HSA, or PFFS, and how these differences play a major role in the financial well-being and access to care for those needing medical attention.

Unfortunately, many people experience decision paralysis. They end up making uninformed choices or keeping their current plan, even though it may not be in their best interest to do so.

Medicare beneficiaries can choose from at least 50 to 60 different coverage options. However, do not despair. Below are a few tips that can help empower you to be more informed as you walk through the open enrollment process.

1) **Acknowledge your knowledge gap.**
Accept and

acknowledge that the Medicare system is confusing. A recent study found that 75 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have little understanding of their enrollment options.

2) **Take the time to learn the basics.**
a. Understand the difference in types of policies such as HMO, PPO, POS and PFFS plans.
b. Learn how these differences may affect where you go for care.
c. Learn how much the care will cost you.

d. Begin learning online through good resources:

- MMAP (www.mmapinc.org) and
- Family Foundation (www.kff.org) are good

online resources to start the learning process.

For more in-depth and one-on-one assistance, you can contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-803-7174 and ask to speak to someone in the MMAP program.

Investing a little time now in learning about these differences can save you a lot of time and money down the road. Don't ask your neighbor what Medicare plan he has, and think that's okay for you.

3) **Ask questions.**

Once you have a basic understanding of insurance, take the time to ask questions of your health insurance agent. Do not sign up for a plan until you know:

- What medical providers are in the network of your health insurance plan?
- What are your co-pays for physician visits, hospital stays and emergency visits?
- What the deductible and out of pocket max that

you will pay for health care for the year?

You should also inform your insurance agent of your health status so that the health insurance agent can tailor your plan to your specific medical needs.

4) **Attend seminars.**

But be cautious about who is providing the seminar. Is the seminar provided by the insurance company who will only promote their own policies? Seek advice from a professional.

Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center offers free Medicare seminars. You may choose one session:

- Tuesday, October 17
- Friday, November 3

Both are held from 10 a.m.–noon and are located at the Pine Rest Postma Center, 300 68th Street SE Grand Rapids. Registration is required as seating is limited by visiting www.mercyhealthevents.com/medicareseminar or by calling 616.685.1869.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING: September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Public hearing to be held at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, Michigan

APPLICANT: Impact Church

REQUEST: The principal provisions of the application for the Special Land Use permit can be summarized as follows:

The applicant is requesting a Special Land Use permit in the C, General Commercial zoning district under the provisions of “Churches, Public or private clubs, lodges, or similar places of assembly and banquet halls”. There are two separate parcels in this request being 0.76 acres and 17.14 acres. The combined parcel sizes included in the request total 17.9 acres.

PROJECT ADDRESS: 11930 Fulton Street SE (M-21), and 11840 Fulton Street SE (M-21), Lowell MI, 49331

LOCATION: The parcels proposed for Special Land Use permit are currently utilized as the Noon Equipment business being east of the Subway Restaurant and west of Walgreens.

Permanent Parcel Numbers: 41-20-04-476-002 & 41-20-04-476-007

The application is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Lowell Township Clerk during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the Special Land Use permit. Written comments concerning the application may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

August 14, 2017

Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission
Kent County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW AND ADDITIONAL SUBSECTION 5.03(r) REGARDING COUNTY AND YOUTH FAIRS, OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USES AND SIMILAR USES.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: Monday, September 11, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: Lowell Charter Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE
Lowell, MI 49331

Any interested party is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed amendment or submit written comments until the date and time of said hearing. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours or viewed on our website: www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
August 14th, 2017**

Motions Approved:

1. Amended Sewer Ordinance 002-2017
2. Resolution 2017-018 to Rescind Resolution 2017-017 Establishing Township Property Tax Rates for 2017.
3. Resolution 2017-2019 to Establish Township Property Tax Rates for 2017.
4. Resolution 2017-2020 Implement Ordinance No. 2016-001 Fire Lanes
5. Resolution 2017-2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan and FEMA Grant

Budget Amendments

1. Approved budget amendment providing finances for the Planning Commission Master Plan for 2018.

Our next Township Meeting will be September 11, 2017 At 7:00 p.m.

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

obituaries

Tolger

Dale Robert Tolger, age 81 of Lowell, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer Friday, August 18, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Fran (Byrne); children Linda (Mark) Davis, Keith (Connie) Tolger, Kevin (Stephanie) Tolger; sister Donna (Joe) Niewiadomski; brother-in-law Mel Byrne; sister-in-laws Betsy (John) Rinard, Barb Schneider; grandchildren Jason, Heather (Mike), Kristi (Steve), Meghan, Stephen, Beth, Troy; great-grandchildren, Layla, Amelia, and Steve. Dale was a teacher for 35 years; working 3 years at St. Patrick School in Parnell and the remainder at Northview High School. He was a gold card member of the Casino Club, and loved fishing and golfing. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, August 22, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada, MI 49301. Rev. Mark Peacock presided. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick School, 4333 Parnell Ave. NE, Ada MI 49301; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis TN 38101-9908.



Thank You

Dear friends,
On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of support from those in the greater Lowell area. Shannon's cancer fight and passing has been tough for so many that loved her and were touched by her loving and giving spirit. I am so thankful that we, as a family, are able to have received the support that has been offered cheerfully and filled with grace. God Bless! Thank you all so much!

~Chris Goggins

Looking Back, continued

August 25 to 29 inclusive, includes a splendid list of attractions. Special features of the Chautauqua this year will be "Patriotic day" and the Junior Chautauqua for boys and girls. Many children have already earned the money to pay for their Chautauqua tickets and as a reward will receive a special badge from the playground supervisor on her arrival.

Year's crops swept away on Bevier Farm. Fire inflicted a bad loss on the farm of S. E. Bevier in South Boston Monday noon, destroying three barns, a hog house, poultry house, ware house, all this year's hay, two loads of wheat, besides a quantity of grain already threshed and a mowing machine. Threshing had been in progress, and the men were at dinner when the fire was discovered and the manner of its origin is unknown. The buildings were partially insured; but the loss is especially disheartening to the tenant, Ray Casner, who saw the fruitage of his year's work swept away. Ed. Tucker, owner of the threshing machine, had his hands badly burned. One of the two houses on the farm was threatened but was saved by hard work.

a few. Each member of his group showed their fine creative musicianship in solo numbers that were well programmed and vocalist Jewel Brown was just plain tremendous.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 26, 1992

Ax wielding Ada man decimates cruiser. Officials apprehend assailant Monday for violent weekend rampage. An Ada man, apparently under the influence of alcohol, became violent when police began questioning him as to why he abandoned his car and his pit bull on South Division late Friday night, early Saturday morning. Burt Vern Vosberg, 34, was arrested Monday at a friend's home on two counts of woeful and malicious destruction of property, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of a felony with a firearm. Lowell Police were patrolling South Division late Friday night when they noticed a car sitting off the road on the left hand side down in the ravine. After checking for the correct registered owner, police drove out to the Vosberg residence to find out why he left his car and dog on South Division. As police began speaking to him, Vosberg became violent and began threatening the officers. Using what police described as a large kitchen knife, Vosberg came outside and began approaching the officers with the knife. As the officers backed off, Vosberg circled the police car and then began to stab at it. First, puncturing the driver's side front tire and then the trunk of the police car. With the strike to the trunk, the knife bent in the shape of an "L," cutting one of Vosberg's hands. After discarding the knife, the Ada man picked up an ax and went back to work on the police car. Before he was through, all the police car windows were broken out and there were a number of cuts made with the ax into the hood of the car and throughout the rest of the vehicle. Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said Vosberg made lethal force threats to the officers if they came near him. "In situations like that it is better to let the assailant cool off before approaching him and risking personal danger," Emmons said. After Vosberg finished destroying the five-month old police cruiser he ran off into the woods. Shortly thereafter police heard a gun discharge. "While in the woods he made threats with his gun," Emmons said. One of Vosberg's shots with the gun hit a LIFE Ambulance which was dispatched to the scene for safety reasons. Emmons said, once out in the woods, the few glimpses police did get of him showed that Vosberg had removed all of his clothing. Making the decision to discontinue its hunt for Vosberg early Saturday morning, Lowell Police Sergeant Al Eckman was able to contact Vosburg by phone on Saturday afternoon through a number attained from his parents. "I tried to talk him into giving himself up, but he said he needed to talk to his wife and a lawyer," Eckman said. The Kent County Sheriff's Department and Lowell Police renewed their search Monday morning. They caught up with Vosberg at a friend's house where the arrest was made.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 27, 1942

The Mart Simpson home is in a deuce of a pickle. They lost their sugar ration book.

Keil's Greenhouse is continuing its program of expansion. Improvements just completed include a new wall on the north side and more new sections of glass.

Looks as if the wooden ice box will be back in the American home. The ice box is one of many items in which wood will be replacing metal. And you'll probably be seeing more wooden wash tubs and pails around the house than you have for years. However, the high quality timber will go first of all for military purposes.

Next month a lot of feet are going to be stepped on, a lot of arms are going to ache. The Office of Defense Transportation says that by mid-September the nation's local transportation systems will be carrying the heaviest load in their history. A lot of us will be hanging onto straps and stepping back into crowded cars and buses. But that's war!

50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 24, 1967

The maiden voyage of the new Lowell Showboat is now history. The weatherman proved uncooperative on the first August date for the Showboat, with rain threatening all afternoon, sometimes in short showers, and cold which chilled the crowd into restless unresponsiveness. The cold is predicted to continue for most of the week. The first, and almost the biggest, laugh of the evening came as the boat rounded the bend, imperilling the power poles and lines with its futile maneuverings, and was unable to dock under its own power. A rescue was effected by Wendell and Noel Christoff and the Kent County Sheriff's boat who grabbed lines and eased the big boat into its proper place at the dock. The show proved to be worth waiting and freezing for, with all the professional acts of exceptional high caliber this year. The material was suitable for family viewing and the show was well paced by interlocutor Gordon Gould. Laughs abounded during the routines of Lenny Colyer and Doug Hart and Avis. Both acts are sound and fast, amusing and different. The chorus, again under the direction of Forest Hill's Director of Music Gerritt Lemain, was outstanding and the Gordon Raynor dancers proved to be the most original and talented dance group to hit the Showboat stage in many a year. By the time Louis Armstrong came on, the crowd was beginning to give up and go home to get warm. Many of the patrons were not properly dressed for the cold and so missed the best part of the show. But when the shuffling was over, and only the hard core Armstrong fans remained, the personality and music the "Mr. Music" himself was worth the discomfort. On stage for the better part of an hour, Armstrong presented many of his top hits—"Blueberry Hill," "Sleepy Time Down South" and the unforgettable "Hello Dolly" to name

"The Oaks" nearly ready for development. Jack Ryan shakes his head as he reflects back on the process he went through in order to clear the way for development on his 17 acres of property located just south of the Lowell Township offices at 2820 Alden Nash. "It's a lot more work than I imagined," Ryan said. Ryan expects to have the access road (Ryan Ridge Drive) completed by the end of the week. "The only thing left to do will be the mulching of the banks and putting in seed," Ryan explains. Development on the 17 acres, which has been divided up into seven parcels (all just a little over two acres), may begin as early as September. Ryan said three of the seven parcels have already been sold. The residential development will be called "The Oaks." The chief engineer at Lowell Light and Power the last 34 years purchased the 17 acres from the County. After purchasing the land he sought approval from the Lowell Township Planning for the development. After getting approval, Ryan sought a building permit for a private road from the Lowell Township Supervisor. The private drive, which is being put in by O.E. Bieri and Sons, will be inspected by Township Road Inspector, Dave Miller. "The Oaks is going to be a small, pretty development," Ryan says.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Dear EarthTalk: Since when did Michael Bloomberg become a great environmentalist?
 -- Jackie Miller, New York, NY

Michael Bloomberg was primarily known as a financier and media tycoon long before he became one of the most beloved mayors in New York City history. But what most people still don't know about Bloomberg is that he is fast becoming one of the world's great environmentalists through his work to hasten the transition to renewable energy and mitigate the effects of climate change. Indeed, working to stave off cataclysmic global

warming is nothing new to Michael Bloomberg. In 2005, he represented New York City as a founding member of the C20 Cities Climate Leadership Group (later expanded and renamed "C40") where the world's largest cities forged a working agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2010, still-Mayor Bloomberg took over as chair of C40 and is credited with spearheading the establishment of measurable benchmarks for success and expanding knowledge-sharing between cities and partner organizations while staging two landmark mayoral climate summits in Brazil and South Africa. During his three-year stint as chair, C40 grew to include 63 major cities.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg has been quietly directing hundreds of millions of dollars toward climate-related environmental causes through his Bloomberg Philanthropies. In 2011, he made waves with the fossil fuel industry by donating \$50 million (and later another \$30 million) to help the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign close half of all U.S. coal power plants (and replace them with clean energy) within six years.

In late 2013 Bloomberg teamed up with former U.S. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and another billionaire environmentalist, Tom Steyer, on Risky Business, an initiative to assess and publicize the economic risks to the U.S. associated with climate change. Their inaugural report identified the "large and unacceptable" economic risks from unmitigated climate change to American businesses and long-term investors, while a follow-up analysis two years later details how cities and states can respond.

In January 2014, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-

moon appointed Bloomberg as Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change. That same month, the Bloomberg Philanthropies went big on oceans, committing \$50 million over five years to the Vibrant Oceans Initiative to help reform fisheries and increase marine wildlife populations.

Most recently, Bloomberg led the charge to align voluntary emissions reductions efforts by U.S. cities, states and businesses to meet Paris climate accord goals even without buy-in from the Trump White House. He points out that the closing of dozens of coal plants across the country is already helping to get the U.S. within two-thirds of its Paris targets and that the last third is within reach if the private sector and cities and states resolve to do it.

Bloomberg then pledged \$15 million to help the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change make up for climate mitigation funding it would be losing with the U.S. pulling out of the climate deal. And a good chunk of his subsequent \$200 million commitment to back inventive municipal policies to give mayors a stronger hand in national politics is slated to fund climate solutions.

It's no wonder that environmentalists are among those calling for a Bloomberg presidential bid in 2020.

CONTACTS: Mike Bloomberg, www.mikebloomberg.com; Bloomberg Philanthropies, www.bloomberg.org; Risky Business, www.riskybusiness.org; Vibrant Oceans Initiative, www.investinvibrantcoceans.org.

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Invasive species course designed to help property owners

Land owners looking to take back their land from encroaching invasive species may join the Barry, Calhoun and Kalamazoo Conservation districts at the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary for a course that will equip owners to manage non-native intruders.

Starting Sept. 14, the invasive species management course will feature sessions from guest speakers with a variety of experience in invasive species management. Participants will learn necessary steps for strategic management, from identification and surveying to site restoration. The course will culminate in a customized invasive species management plan specific to attendees' properties and goals.

Participants will need a computer with internet access in order to take part in the course, either at home or a reliable public facility.

Portable computers or smart devices are not required but would be helpful to have in class. The course will meet Sept. 14, 21 and 28, and Oct. 5, 12 and 19, all from 6 to

8 p.m. at the bird sanctuary near Augusta.

The cost of attendance for sanctuary members is \$100, or \$120 for non-

members. Registration is required, and participation is limited to 45 individuals. The course is funded in part by the Michigan Invasive

Species Grant Program.

The W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary is at 12685 East C Ave., Hickory Corners.

More information about

the course is available by emailing sarah.nelson@macd.org or calling 269-908-4135.



Invasive species, such as this Japanese knotweed, are spreading every year and presenting more challenges for property owners. (MSU photo)

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| 61. Mohammed, alt. sp. | 72. Does something wrong | 33. Yummy reward |
| 65. Having three dimensions | 73. Japanese capital | 34. *Cher's "I Got You Babe" partner |
| 66. Chapter in history | 74. Affirmatives | 36. "Brave New World" drug |

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6. Plumbing problem
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9. "_____ Your Enthusiasm"
10. Tart garnish
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26. Predecessor to "truly" in a letter
42. Opposite of depression
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49. Musical gift
51. *Mary-Kate's twin
54. Clingy one
56. *Rocky and Bullwinkle, or flying squirrel and _____
57. Teenager's woe
58. Plaintiff
59. Type of ski lift
60. What snob puts on
61. "Buddenbrooks" author
62. Rump
63. "All for one, one for all" sword
64. Change for a twenty
67. *"The Murders in the _____ Morgue"

Puzzle solutions on page 12



- Social satirist Dick Gregory died at the age of 84.
- Perennial MDA fundraiser and comedian Jerry Lewis, died at 91.
- Trump requested network time Monday night to say that he plans escalating war efforts in Afghanistan but will not release dates, troop numbers or dollar amounts.
- Trump's chief strategist Steve Bannon has been fired and has returned to Breitbart News. Trump tweeted, "I want to thank Steve Bannon for his service. He came to the campaign during my run against Crooked Hillary Clinton - it was great! Thanks."



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Sizzlin' concert series close to winding down for the season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert was back in full swing last Thursday as local Indie favorite Olivia Mainville and The Aquatic Troupe were invited to take the stage.

Delayed one week due to poor weather and a second week to make room for performances at the Kent County Youth Fair, the series experienced slightly lower attendance than usual as gray skies once again loomed over the Riverwalk. The dark vintage folk set of Olivia Mainville and The Aquatic Troupe was a perfect fit for the overcast conditions offering up haunting vocals well-suited to the weather.

Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Mainville, a native of Grand Rapids, began playing both the viola and upright bass in her school's orchestra leading to her first major appearance in 2012 at the Wheatland Festival. Still in her early twenties Mainville released

her first solo album in 2014 titled Full Steam Ahead.

One year later alongside the newly formed Aquatic Troupe, the band was named the 2016 WYCE Jammies Folk Contemporary Album of the Year for Mainville's second release, The Saddest Thing.

The Aquatic Troupe consists of percussionist Adam Schreiber, Bleu Quick on trombone and vocalist and bass player Brandon James.

This week, the summer series will wrapup with a two-part finale on Thursday and Friday evenings. On Thursday, at 7 pm the funk and R&B outfit The Hip Pocket will take the stage. On Friday, attendees will celebrate the close of the season and help raise funds to rebuild the Lowell Showboat. The concert labeled Rockin' for the Showboat will feature six local heavy hitters. Starting an hour earlier at 6 pm he performers will be Alive & Well, The Preservers, The Adams Family, Josh

Rose, Time Hungry and The Upstage Crew Blues Band.

Both shows are free

to the public. Fundraising opportunities to support the Showboat rebuild will

be donation and purchased based and will feature additional food and spirits

from local vendors, as well as a limited edition keepsake glass.



Clockwise: Brandon James, Olivia Mainville and Bleu Quick on stage during the two hour concert along the Riverwalk.

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