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The community spirit of giving thrives in Lowell during the holiday season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

At no time is the community spirit of giving more evident in Lowell than during the holidays. That spirit began last week Thursday when the First Congregational Church of Lowell joined forces with other local groups and businesses to provide the 10th annual community Thanksgiving.

One of several locations offering free meals and fellowship for the holiday, FCC served more than 200 meals this year, a record number for the event, according to coordinator Shannon Hanley. Working together with King Milling, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Heidi's Farmstand and Bakery, the women's groups at the Lowell and Alto United Methodist churches and others, Haley said the meal aims to bring the community together offering a convenient meal as well as companionship. "The objective of the meal is to



Lindsay Proper serves up freshly baked pies for dessert.

provide a warm and inviting space for people to come together as one community,"

explained Hanley. "We received so many good compliments about the food and the feeling. It provides all the traditional fixings without the work."

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After twenty years, penpals meet at last

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Two women who have been pen pals for two decades finally met each other for the first time at Sweet Seasons Bakery & Cafe in downtown Lowell on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The meeting was a 36th

back-and-forth, back-and-forth, as we set this up."

The two women have been corresponding since they were 14 years old.

"I've known Robin for 22 years, since we were pen pals in school," Curley said. "We started as pen pals, then

"There is something to be said about handwritten notes."

~ Robin Morehouse

birthday surprise for Robin Morehouse of Lowell, whose family conspired with Dublin, Ireland native Emma Curley to finally bring the two friends face-to-face.

"It was Emma's idea; we've been planning it for months," said Lynn Green, Robin's mother. "Emma contacted us in June via Facebook Messenger. We had a group chat with Robin's husband, my husband and myself. There is a long stream of messages

social media took over. It's a good friendship."

"There is something to be said about handwritten notes," Morehouse said. "We always put a bit of extra effort into it, we'd send little pictures and packages back-and-forth. It was always exciting to get a letter in the mail. I could always recognize Emma's handwriting and the letters had fun stamps on them."

Curley can't hang around town very long, but Morehouse said she plans



Friends for decades, Robin Morehouse, left, from Lowell and Emma Curley from Dublin, Ireland, met each other in person for the very first time last week.

to visit Dublin as soon as possible.

"Emma is going to be here until Saturday or Sunday," Green said. "It's a fast trip; she's got a child at home. She's going to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. I have six children, so we normally average anywhere between 16 and 20 people. She didn't want to impose on us, she said, 'I'll get a hotel the whole time I'm here.' I'm thinking that once she gets here, there is no way she's going back to that hotel. Robin has a nice house with an extra bedroom and they've got a lot of stuff to catch up on."

Curley, who had only been to the US before on a couple "shopping trips" to New York City and Boston, seemed impressed by Lowell.

"Lowell is much more built up than I thought it was going to be," Curley said.

"It's a bit smaller than Dublin," Morehouse said.



along main street

ARTISANS HOLIDAY SALE

Rogue River Artisans 35th annual juried fine art and craft holiday sale at Lowell High School. Dec. 2 from 9 am to 4 pm. Over 120 of the area's finest juried artisans and craftsmen. \$1 admission with proceeds going to Red Arrow special activities. A holiday lunch is available.

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Holiday Crafting with Betty – Tues., Dec. 5, 4-5:30 pm. Join Betty Davis for a fun and festive holiday craft at the Lowell Clubhouse!

Breast Cancer Support Group – Tues., Dec. 5, 6-7:30 pm. A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month.

Holiday Social-Rudolph Fun! – Tues., Dec. 12, 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell for a special evening of holiday fun and surprises. We will have dinner, entertainment and of course, Santa will be there. Everyone is welcome!

Cardmaking Together – Tues., Dec. 19, 2:30-4:30 pm. Join us at the Lowell Clubhouse in making handmade cards together! All supplies provided and no experience required.

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., Dec. 19, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing an interesting book. Stop by the Clubhouse to borrow a book.

Mindfulness Workshop – Tues., Dec. 19, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join other members to practice the emotional and physical benefits of mindfulness and learn how to incorporate it into your daily life. Please dress comfortably. Presented by Jan Miller, LPC.

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FOOD COMMODITIES

Food Commodities provides Kent County families at or below 200 percent federal poverty level or in need of food. If you or a family you know could use this assistance please have them stop by the food pantry Dec. 7-8, Thurs. 9 am-11 am and 2-4:30 pm and Fri. 10 am - noon (no need to pre-register). Please call 897-8260 with any questions.

HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET

The annual LowellArts Holiday Artists Market featuring artwork by over 50 area artists will be held through Dec. 23. Artwork and other handmade items by Michigan artists will be available for purchase during the gift-giving season. Gift items include pottery, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, handbags, woodwork, metalwork, wreaths, basketry, ornaments, candles, soaps and more. LowellArts is located at 223 W. Main and gallery hours are Tues. – Sat., 10 am to 6 pm. Details can be found at www.lowellartsmi.org

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Dear EarthTalk: It's obvious that our cars are getting greener every year, but what about 18 wheelers?

- Pauline McRae, Sebastian, FL



Tesla's forthcoming all-electric Semi tractor-trailer can go upwards of 300 miles between charges and is expected to offer the lowest energy cost per mile of any big rig on the road.

We all rely on heavy duty trucks to haul as much as 80 percent of the goods we use and consume. But those ubiquitous 18-wheelers are also a big contributor to the overall pollution footprint of the transportation sector, given they get only 4-8 miles per gallon on average and travel large distances transporting heavy loads. Currently, some two million big rigs make up just five percent of the vehicles on American

roads while accounting for upwards of 20 percent of the transportation sector's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

But like with cars, things are changing quickly for big rigs. The U.S. got serious about reducing truck emissions back in 2010 when the Department of Energy launched its SuperTruck Initiative to improve heavy-

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CORRECTION

The company formerly known as "Buzz Solutions" is now known as "The Hive Wellness Group," not "The High Wellness Group" as was reported in the Nov. 22 Lowell Ledger.



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In total, sixteen turkeys, 80 pounds of potatoes, 21 pies, eight dozen cookies and two bushels of squash were prepared for the meal alongside other items, such as corn and green bean casserole. The meal was served up buffet style with drink and dessert service. Guests were welcomed and seated by volunteers who guided them to festively decorated tables and glass tableware. In addition to the day of the dinner, a team of planners worked diligently for several months to plan and execute the meal. Volunteers also prepared the meal working a combined 25 hours over three days to make the event possible.

Theresa Verburg was one of the many volunteers to take part in the event. Also a regular volunteer at Open Table which provides free weekly meals each Thursday in the same location, Verburg said she enjoys giving back at both events. "I was introduced to Lowell's Open Table organization by some friends that are members and thought it might be a good place for me to expend some of my cooking energy, while also paying it forward. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays that I truly enjoy. I love to see families being able to spend time together and enjoy each other's company. It is a blessing for me to be able to serve in such a way that gives people the opportunity

to enjoy a meal with their families."

Verburg said that she uniquely understands the importance of family togetherness having once been unable to share meals with one of her children. "I was estranged from one of my children for a couple of years and my primary concern as a mother, was whether or not they had a hot meal available to them on a regular basis and also on special occasions. We have since been reconnecting and making the effort to share meals together on a regular basis while rebuilding the relationship."

She also dines at the event and will celebrate with family at a later date, "My two children are grown and have families of their own. Coordinating dinner schedules on a specific holiday is challenging at best, for all of us, so my family has elected to have our holiday celebrations on alternative days in order for everyone to spend more time with their other family members on the holidays."

Verburg said she left the dinner and every Open Table service feeling thankful. "Whenever I am finished I am grateful for having the opportunity to

serve. I am thankful for the myriad of skills that I possess that allow me to serve the community in this capacity. I also hope to make an impression on the people that are being

served to let them know that someone cares about them and their needs. I always look forward to the next opportunity to serve individuals and families in a way that will help nourish

their bodies, minds and spirits," she said adding with a laugh, "for this event, I was also thankful that there were only 80 pounds of potatoes that needed to be mashed that day!"

All leftovers were donated to the Lowell Farm and Wildlife Center to be utilized by the rescue animals at the facility.



Guests enjoy their holiday meal at the tenth annual community Thanksgiving in Lowell.

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Thanksgiving is a typically American holiday...The lavish meal is a symbol of the fact that abundant consumption is the result and reward of production.

~ Ayn Rand (1905 - 1982)

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Lowell Rotary Service Above Self STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Quinne Dular
 Quinne is in her senior year and is currently serving as president of Lowell Interact. She is committed to helping others and dedicates herself to the betterment of Lowell High School and the community. Quinne possesses great leadership skills such as professionalism, maturity, empathy and honesty. She is a great influence on those around her and always displays a positive attitude, an open mind and is respectful to all. The Lowell Rotary Club is pleased to honor Quinne for consistently modeling our motto of Service Above Self.



Karsten Kirkendall
 Karsten, a junior at Lowell High School, has only been in Interact for one year, but he is no stranger to service. In addition to Interact, Karsten is also an active member in National Honor Society and Student Council where he serves as the junior class treasurer. He is a student—especially when it comes to taking charge and making things happen. He brings unique and innovative ideas to the table and uses strong leadership skills and a firm spirit to involve others. Karsten attended the District 6290 Interact Leadership Conference at North Muskegon High School this October. The Lowell Rotary Club commends Karsten for his service above self and is looking forward to seeing all the great things he will accomplish in the coming year.

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.

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duty truck freight efficiency by 50 percent. Some of the technologies that have started to trickle down out of the SuperTruck program into trucks on the road include predictive cruise control, chassis “light-weighting” and battery-assisted air conditioning systems to reduce overnight engine idling. These upgrades are saving operators tens of thousands of dollars in fuel costs annually — the average long distance American trucker spends some \$70,000 a year on fuel — as well as shaving off greenhouse gas emissions.

Then in August of 2016 the Obama administration announced aggressive new standards requiring big rigs plying U.S. roads to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions 25 percent by 2027, which should save more than a billion metric tons of greenhouse gases from escaping into the atmosphere over the next decade—that is, if it’s not overturned (as threatened) by Trump.

To get the ball rolling, DoE launched SuperTruck

II, pledging to match commitments of up to \$20 million by manufacturers working on even more cutting edge technologies to boost the efficiency of big rigs. Peterbilt, Navistar and other truck makers are using these matching funds to bolster efforts to develop newer technologies including active aerodynamics, cylinder deactivation, hybridization, electrified engine components and alternative engine designs.

Regardless, Tesla will be ready with its new Semi. This futuristic all-electric big rig incorporates proprietary lithium ion batteries to power four independent motors—and promises the lowest energy cost per mile in the world of trucking. The Semi also features enhanced autopilot to help avoid collisions, a centered driving position in a cockpit designed to maximize visibility and

control, and a low center of gravity to prevent rollovers, among many other forward-thinking features.

In the meantime, truckers with regular old big rigs can save money on fuel and reduce emissions by adopting better day-to-day practices, such as changing gears gently, avoiding sudden braking and acceleration, and slowing down — a truck can use 25 percent less fuel by driving 65 miles per hour instead of 75 mph.

CONTACTS: Peterbilt, www.peterbilt.com; Navistar, www.navistar.com; Tesla, www.tesla.com.

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viewpoint

to the editor

city should cut back

Dear Editor,

Back on Nov. 1 the Lowell Ledger had an article captioned – Five candidates running for three council seats on Election Day Nov. 7. In the article one candidate came up with three ways to pay for Lowell’s badly needed infrastructure improvements that don’t raise the property taxes.

Option one, keep plugging along with

the revenue we have. Option two, put a special assessment on with the funds earmarked for roads. Option three, implement a slight city income tax. Two of these options would add an additional financial burden to the constituents of Lowell.

To me, a city income tax is a bad idea. I believe they’ll just come up with more things to spend on

and the roads won’t get fixed any faster than what they have been. A special assessment for roads would at least go to the roads and not to everything under the sun.

If I had a choice it would be option number one, keep plugging along with what they have. That’s what the constituents have had to do.

Why should the constituents be burdened with another tax when for the past 35 years hourly wages of the vast majority of our nation have lagged

far behind economy productivity? Since the late 1970s wages for the bottom seventy percent of earners have been essentially stagnant while the cost of living continued to rise. Over the years many have had to adjust their lifestyle because of stagnant wages and it shouldn’t be any different for the city with their loss in revenue. City management should adjust to the loss of revenue not by asking for more revenue but by cutting back just like the public have had to.

Jim Howard
Lowell

outdoors

keep it alive

Dave Stegehuis

In days gone by, deer hunting in Michigan was a universal experience. There was one firearm season beginning on November 15th. Deer were concentrated in the Northern Lower and across the Upper Peninsulas. The typical male hunter wore red plaid wool and carried an open-site lever action 30-30. Time in the woods was spent stalking swamps or sitting on a stump.

How times have changed. Deer have moved into the southern part of Michigan in large numbers making deer hunting available to more hunters. Young women have filled much of the space left by retiring hunters. Firearms and archery equipment has evolved to where form and function of newer products hardly resemble older models. Layers of high tech clothing topped off with the latest camo pattern keep hunters warm and dry in the most adverse weather. Factory made portable blinds conceal movement and scent as well as provide a comfortable place to wait for animals to show up in a food plot.

Trail cameras document local animal movement and can be monitored from your recliner at home where Wi-Fi service is available.

Hunters still have the option of going old school and many still do. Most pick and choose what methods and style of hunting provides them with the kind of hunting experience that meets their expectations.

People hunt for different reasons. Meat for the freezer or charitable giving tops the list for many. Others find spending time in nature provides a break from busy schedules. A few hunters develop detailed plans to locate and harvest trophy class animals. Connecting with nature as a participant can give one a new perspective on his or her relationship with the real world. Fellowship with friends and family has always been a priority at deer camp.

Despite great changes in technology, culture, and lifestyle, the hunting experience retains many of the same traditions and timeless values enjoyed by generations of hunters. Let’s keep it alive.



125 years ago Lowell Journal November 30, 1892

Amiel Gosch, whose escape from the Ionia prison was noted in last weeks Journal, was captured about 2 miles south of Elmdale, last Wednesday afternoon by Patsy Hughes and his force of section men on the L. & H. Ry. There was a reward of \$50 offered which the boys gather in. When captured Gosch was very thinly dressed and nearly starved. Patsy loaned him a thick overcoat and the boys wrapped his feet in overalls, he only had on thin, low slippers, and brought him to Lowell on the hand car. He was returned to Ionia on the 3:58 train.

The Madame Fry Concert Co. played to a fair sized, but very appreciative audience last Saturday night, at Music Hall. The entertainment was first class in every particular and music lovers enjoyed a rare treat. It is to be regretted that there was not a larger attendance as the entertainment was under the auspices of band No. 3 of the Congregational church.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 29, 1917

In a game featured by all kinds of trick plays, forward passes, and odd formations, Lowell High school won the foot ball championship of the Kent County Interscholastic Athletic association from Rockford at Ramona Park in Grand Rapids Saturday. The Rockford aggregation presented a big husky appearance,

outweighing Lowell at least ten pounds to the man. Lowell scored in the first two minutes of play, the ball being carried over by Leonard. Brezina added the point that won the game by kicking goal from the most difficult possible angle. Rockford came back strong and two successful forward passes were responsible for their touchdown. Elkins, touted as a star, failed to kick an easy goal. No score was made after this and the ball see-sawed back and forth across the field. Rockford showed especial strength in line plunges and old style foot ball while Lowell played a fast open style which kept their opponents guessing all through the game. The last quarter was marked by a long run by Jones through a broken field from his own five yard line. The game ended with the ball on Rockford's thirty yard line. Clean, hard, superior playing coupled with grim determination won for Lowell over Rockford's heavy weights. The last game of the season will be played at Aldrich Field in Lowell on Thanksgiving day.

Attorney Rolland M. Shivel of Lowell, called for service under the selective draft, has been granted a discharge by the district board for western Michigan by affirming the decision of the local board which reopened his case.—Grand Rapids Herald, Nov. 27. Secretary C. J. Collar of the local board says the case was reopened because the government changed its rulings regarding married men; and that Mr. Shivel had nothing to do with it. He says further that Mr. Shivel is ready and willing to go when men of his class are called.

Frank N. White has a letter from Orra Sinclair, who enlisted recently and is now at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. Under date of Nov. 25 he says: Well, the shots in the arm that you receive for typhus are hard at first. I have had two since I was sworn in. I am writing at the Y. M. C. A., which is a fine place for the boys. Have heard two lectures and seen two movies. The Y. M. C. A. asks us to write the editor of our home paper what we think of its work.

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anniversary

Ketchum



Al and Phyllis (Strouse) Ketchum will celebrate their 58th anniversary on Dec. 5, 2017. They have four children, Sue and Don Sherwood of Ionia, the late Scott Ketchum, Mike and Dawn Ketchum of Fenwick,

Brenda Schullo and friend, Greg Jones of Lowell; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They will celebrate with a family dinner at Olivera's in Ionia.



Phyllis and Al Ketchum

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- flu shot

It's that time of year again where we remind everyone to get their annual flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control recommends all persons over the age of six months receive the flu vaccination. It is especially important that the following high risk individuals get the flu shot:

- Children six months through 59 months of age.
- Adults older than 50.
- Individuals with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, and liver disease.
- Women who are pregnant or will be pregnant during the flu season.
- Residents and workers in nursing homes.
- Any person living with or caring for a high risk person should also get vaccinated.

The 2017/2018 flu shot contains inactivated viral particles from the most common types of viruses that will cause the flu this year. You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine as the viral products are not live. The CDC does not recommend the flu mist nasal vaccine due to lack of effectiveness.

Side effects of the flu vaccine include mild soreness at the injection site and occasional muscle ache.

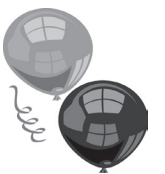
Persons who have previously experienced a severe allergic reaction to a flu shot should not receive the vaccine. People with an egg allergy can get the flu shot as significant reactions are very unlikely.

See your doctor or health care professional for this very important preventative measure.

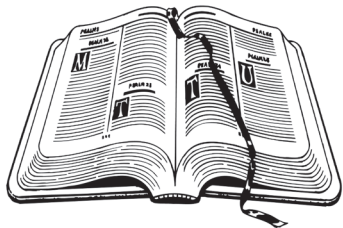
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We asked a few random Lowellians a couple of questions to assess local opinions about this situation.

Should taxpayer money be used to settle these claims? Is the public entitled to know the details of these settlements?



Gloria Bessey
Clarksville

"No, the individual who was filed against should pay. And we should be allowed to know the details since we paid for it."



Jan Fate
Ionia

"Taxpayer money should not be spent to support sexual harassment in any way. The harassers should pay it themselves. If tax money was spent on it, we should have the right to know the details."



Jeremy Drake
Lowell

"They should probably not use taxpayer money for that. Donald Trump should pay for it! He's got enough money and he says he doesn't take a paycheck, so he can afford it. I am so sick of these sexual harassers."



John Gonzalez
Lowell

"No, we shouldn't be paying for that. The congressmen should pay it out of their salaries. They're the ones with the problem."



Makyla Martinez
Lowell

"No, they should not use taxpayer money. It's not our problem, why should we pay for it? We definitely should not."



William West
Lowell

"No, the people who were harassing others should pay for it themselves. That money could have been used for schools and things like that."

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-01 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on November 20, 2017 Ordinance No. 17-01 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

1. Section 3.24 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance contains regulations for private roads; Section 3.24 G. contains regulations for private roads serving seven or more parcels. The following language is proposed to be added to Section 3.24 G.:

3.24 ROADS—PRIVATE

G. Design Standards for Roads Serving Seven or More Parcels: Private roads serving seven or more parcels shall meet the following design standards. These requirements shall apply to the entire length of a private road (including all segments or portions of a private road on which fewer than seven parcels have frontage) when there are a total of seven or more lots or units utilizing any portion of the private road for access to a public street or road. (Amended February 21, 2005) (Ord. No. 15-01, eff. Mar. 4, 2015)

8. All cul-de-sacs must terminate with turnarounds having a right-of-way radius of 50 feet and a paved turning radius of 28 feet.

9. Location of road easements and site layout must respect the physical features and existing terrain of the site to maximize efficiency of design and site aesthetics.

2. Section 3.24 of the Zoning Ordinance is proposed to be amended by adding an improved drawing of typical cul-de-sac detail that does not change the requirements for cul-de-sacs, but clarifies the requirements.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance No. 17-01 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Aiden Nash Avenue, SE, Alba, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

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Local crafter dabbled in many careers before becoming prolific in knitting, crocheting and sewing

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Patricia Niemisto has dabbled in a lot of careers over the years. She has been

an opera singer, violinist, organist, bookkeeper, office manager, veterinarian, and a secretary. She has worked in

insurance, banking, animal husbandry, homeopathic medicine and has had two poems published by the

Library of Congress. She has also been winning awards with her sewing skills since the 1960s.

"I've done a lot of different things in my life," Niemisto said. "During all those years I've been doing crafts. I always thought that if I put my mind to it, I could do anything."

She creates blankets, afghans, quilts, rugs, clothing, dresses, dog coats, hot pads, slippers, embroidery, baby clothes, wedding apparel, winter hats, mittens, scarves, ski masks, fingerless gloves, Renaissance costumes and is currently working on a huge, elaborate, multicolored Navajo blanket with beads, stones and feathers. That blanket is getting so big she can barely lift it.

"My whole family knows, if I'm sitting I'm knitting," Niemisto said. "I'm crocheting, I'm busy. I drive people nuts sometimes because I can knit without looking at my work. My fingertips are sensitive so I can feel where the stitches are and I can feel what the knitting needles are doing. Sometimes I have to watch when I'm crocheting when I'm changing areas or changing stitches. I kind of have to watch that a little bit more. I just dress up a simple pattern. That's what I do. I don't ever copy anything. Not very often. I bought a sweater at Goodwill that was way too big for me, so I thought, 'Hmm, I could make something with that!' I pulled all the yarn out of it and made it into something different. I like mixing knitting and crocheting. I do that often. Or I'll mix sewing and knitting. Often I sketch a plan out ahead of time. Sometimes I follow it and sometimes I don't. I'm



Most of the items Niemisto crafts are for sale.

getting where I don't hardly follow anything anymore, I just write it up as I go. There is some math. You have to count the stitches as you go and you have to make sure it's the right size. You're trying to make everything fit together. I just have to figure out how much material I need. There are five blocks per square, then I just figure it out from there. If you know how big a piece is supposed to be, you have to make sure you work within those parameters. Sometimes it just comes out the way it comes out."

Due to an injury, Niemisto can no longer work and relies solely on income derived from her crafting skills. Everything she creates is done either from a customer's instructions or out of her imagination.

"I do a lot of orders," Niemisto said. "First, I will figure out how much yarn they need. They either have to provide the yarn or send the money for the yarn and I'll go pick it up. Then before they can get the garment they have to pay in full. If you have a picture of some garment you would like a copy of, I can usually make it. There's not too much I can't look at and figure out how to make. That's what I enjoy the most. My ten-year-old granddaughter Willow, in Texas, designed a sweater and I made it for her. I was surprised and impressed by what she came up with. I think she did an astounding job with it, I was totally floored."

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Patricia Niemisto among some of her creations.

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Book on Hastings industrialist now available

For much of his life, J-Ad Graphics publisher Fred Jacobs wanted to document the stories he'd long heard of the late Hastings industrialist Emil Tyden. Jacobs commissioned author Doug VanderLaan to write the book and last week, he received the first shipment of books chronicling the life and times of the noted entrepreneur.

As a youngster, Fred Jacobs didn't miss meeting Emil Tyden by much. Jacobs was barely two years old when the renowned entrepreneur and inventor died in Hastings in 1951, but stories of the man have filled Jacobs' mind for more than 50 years.

"I've studied him for so long that I feel like I know him," said Jacobs, who came into a treasure trove of material when his family purchased the Hastings Banner and its voluminous files in 1981. "His story was an amazing one and so many people, even today, are unaware of the international fame he attained for his inventions, his ability to solve mechanical challenges and his gift of helping anyone around him to be successful themselves."

Though the effort to compose the book, Tyden: An Ordinary Man Who Made Others Extraordinary, took Jacobs and author Doug VanderLaan nearly three years to complete, Jacobs said there's still more being uncovered about the Swedish immigrant who helped lead America into the 20th century. As the stories for the book were collected, it became apparent that Tyden modeled a business principle that can still be evidenced in the place Tyden called home, Hastings.

"One of his guiding principles was to make others successful," Jacobs said. "By focusing on that marker, Tyden saw success multiply through families, companies and entire communities. And, as proof of his business wisdom, that success always came back to him."

"Tyden and his business acumen led to the beginning of four manufacturing industries in Hastings that still exist today in some form. A couple of others that began with ties to those businesses are still thriving and a handful more have started and are flourishing today under the same principles that Tyden brought to this city and to Barry County."

Through the colorful stories of his life in ventures that ranged from Philadelphia to Idaho, from Alabama to Iowa, Tyden is the inspiring story of 17-year-old immigrant who arrived in America in 1882 with barely a few dollars in his pocket and used his gifts to build a life of renown. In one of his early business ventures, Tyden helped



Finally, after years of hard work and collaboration with Doug VanderLaan to author the book, Jacobs is able to hold sections of the book, literally, hot off the press.

build the infrastructure for what was known as the Chicago World's Fair in 1892.

As a land agent for the Union Pacific Railroad, Tyden helped build a settlement of unemployed fellow Swedes in New Sweden, Idaho, where the group "invented" what became known as "The Idaho Potato."

Railroad life also gave Tyden the idea for his greatest invention: the boxcar seal which revolutionized product travel security and was sold to 90 percent of all railroads in the world. More than four billion of those seals were made over the years in the little factory in Hastings. The boxcar seal became a product of intrigue, too. In 1938, the Tyden invention became a plot twister in the Dick Tracy cartoons in two nationally syndicated Sunday newspapers.

Tyden's devotion to

the success of others often overrode other exciting opportunities, yet another source of the admiration Jacobs has for the man.

Tyden did pursue a lifelong dream later in his career when he was able to become more directly involved in farm operations on land he had been accumulating in the state of Iowa, fertile ground he had noticed during his days as a land agent with the Union Pacific Railroad. In the 1940s, Tyden was heading an operation of more than 3,000 acres in multiple locations. He brought to the operation his brilliance as an inventor, a businessman and entrepreneur, not to mention his passion for farming. In a part of the country still trying to recover from the Great Depression, Tyden established a business model that assisted neighboring farmers to recover and prosper.

"To make the boxcar

seal, Tyden built an automated assembly line of intricate machines," Jacobs

said. "When John and Horace Dodge wanted to break from Henry Ford and build their own car in 1914, they approached Tyden because they knew a similar production system for an automobile could change the industry at that time. But Tyden turned them down and stayed in Hastings."

Jacobs conceded it may never be determined conclusively why Tyden turned down what could have been his chance to participate in the world's

greatest fortune of that day. However, common belief is that Tyden was just too devoted to his Hastings workforce and business interests to leave the community high and dry.

"It's just another one of the incredible stories that characterized this man's life. To now have the story in print form, they'll exist for all the world to know and enjoy for all time," Jacobs said.

Tyden: An Ordinary Man Who Made Others Extraordinary is currently available for purchase at \$24.99 online at Tydenbook.com, at The General Store and Al Fresco in Hastings, and at Printing Plus located on the J-Ad Graphics campus at 1351 N. M-43 Highway in Hastings. Placement at Schuler Books in Grand Rapids and East Lansing are expected soon.



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Local crafter, continued

Niemisto said that her seam work is as good as or better than any tailor. She leads various workshops at Gilda's Club of Lowell if you want more tips from her.

"You usually can't find my ends," Niemisto said. "You can't hardly tell there's a hem on a garment from the outside. I could hem your pants and you couldn't see the seam. I just

figured it out myself how to do it. I pick up one or two threads from the weave to do it. If something can be made without a seam, it's not going to have a seam. I learned how to do that when I was really young, when I was first starting to learn how to do stuff. There are no seams in my garments, my sweaters, my dresses, whatever I'm making, because I've learned how to

make them from the neck down. You set the sleeve stitches off, you add about four stitches and finish your garment. When you go to work on those sleeves you pick up those four stitches, no seam. No seam at all."

Lately she's been into using a special type of multicolored yarn quite a bit in her creations.

"Variegated yarn is a riot to use," Niemisto said. "It has strips of color through it and wherever the strips go, depending on how many stitches you have and how big your needles [are], is where the colors will lay. It's kind of different, kind of zig-zaggy. It's fun to work with because you never know what it's going to do."

Niemisto spent most of her life in Clinton County, about 20 miles north of Lansing.

"I grew up over by St. Johns," Niemisto said. "I went to a one-room schoolhouse from kindergarten through eighth grade. I was in the last class in that building. They built a new high school in St. Johns, so then I was in the last class at the old high school. I shut everything down!"

She got her start with the needle and thread as a small child by copying patterns out of the newspaper.

"I was about seven years old when I got interested in crochet," Niemisto said. "I was too young for 4-H because you

had to be eight and they didn't teach crocheting then anyway. So I taught myself how to crochet and when I was old enough for 4-H I took sewing, knitting and cooking. Then when I was about ten years old I took a little, tiny picture of Jesus about two inches square from the bottom of a newspaper page where they had a bunch of different ads for craft items. I took graph paper and a magnifying glass and I sat there painstakingly drawing it all out on the graph paper for hours, maybe just to see if I could. That's the only thing I can think of. I guess I had good eyesight! I eventually made it in 1973 when I got married and donated it to the church."

She was married to a soldier and got to spend some time having adventures overseas.

"I lived in Ipswich, England, for two years when my first husband was in the Air Force," Niemisto said. "Ipswich is northeast of London. When he got some leave we spent the summer hitchhiking all over Wales, clear up to Inverness, Scotland, where Loch Ness is. You could sleep in a little trailer on a road near the castle or you could go sleep on the castle grounds if you wanted to. You can't do that now, it's a big, built up tourist trap now. Then it was just a trailer."

She has three children, divorced one husband and then was widowed by another. She moved to Lowell in 2004.

"I met my second husband Ernie about five

years after I got divorced," Niemisto said. "He treated me better than anybody has ever treated me, like I walked on water. We had 19 months together like that. He had open heart surgery in September of our second year. Then he started having pains he wasn't telling me about because he swore he would never do the surgery again. It's pretty horrific pain and it takes a long time to heal. He wasn't taking care of himself; he went back to his old eating and lack of activity patterns. He was 59 and-a-half years old, so he was able to get into his retirement account. He paid off all of his debts and even paid off a few of mine that Thursday. On Sunday morning around midnight he was dead."

Although Niemisto's sole source of income is from sales of her goods, sometimes she can't help giving certain pieces away for free when the impulse strikes.

"We had the teenagers from 'Up With People' to perform at our church one time," Niemisto said. "One of the girls fell in love with a blue gauze dress with a spiderweb top that I had made. She liked it, so I said, 'It's yours!' and gave it to her. I made a fuzzy hat recently. I had just finished it that day when a waitress at the Backwater Cafe saw me wearing it. She fell in love with it, it was the same color as her coat. I pulled it off my head and handed it to her. That's what I do."

To contact Niemisto call 616-644-6177 or email mona_mia@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-03 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on November 20, 2017 Ordinance No. 17-03 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

An amendment to rezone the following described parcels from C-2 Commercial District and R-4 Multi-family District to R-3 Urban Residential District:

Parcel Identification:

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-400-003
Property Address: 11892 64th Street SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-400-017
Property Address: 11798 64th Street SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-200-022
Property Address: 11751 64th Street SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-200-016
Property Address: 11783 64th Street SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-400-018
Property Address: 11872 64th Street SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-200-024
Property Address: 6355 Alden Nash Ave. SE

Parcel Number: 41-24-04-200-023
Property Address: 11635 64th Street SE

Area to be rezoned, generally:

Parcels on the north and south sides of 64th Street, between Bancroft Avenue SE and Alden Nash Avenue SE, except that area already zoned C-2 commercial which is the southern 580 feet and the land lying east of the Pratt Lake Drain of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance No. 17-03 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2017-5

Notice is hereby given that amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance regarding Landscaping and Mowing Services were adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 20, 2017 and are summarized as follows:

Chapter 2, Definitions: in section 201.202, a new definition of Landscaping and Mowing Services is being added.

Chapter 3, Commercial District: section 201.308 C, is amended to add this use as a special exception.

Chapter 3, Industrial District: section 201.309 B 1 v amendments are to add this use as a permitted use

Violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction. This Ordinance will be enforced and administered by the Township Zoning Administrator, or such other Township official as may be designated from time to time by resolution by the Township Board.

The complete text of Ordinance 2017-5 is on file at the township office, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, and copies are available during regular business hours. The offices are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. It is available on the township website at www.vergennesbwp.org.

This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication unless a notice of intent to file referendum is filed within such time and, if so, then this ordinance shall take effect at such time as is provided by MCLA 125.282 as amended.

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Varsity hockey kicks off season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell Caledonia varsity hockey skated back into action over the past two weeks. They lost their first dual of the season 2-1, last Wednesday, then participated in a Thanksgiving tournament over two days last weekend.

L/C kicked off their official schedule at the Georgetown Ice Center against the Jenison/Zeeland West cooperative team. After a scoreless first period,

LC was the first to find the back of the net when senior forward Ethan Pinto assisted fellow senior forward Austin Whaley to the score of 1-0. Jenison/Zeeland West came up with the equalizer before the end of regulation forcing overtime to finish the match up which ended with LC on the south end of the 2-1 result.

In Birmingham for the Thanksgiving tournament the team donned their black and white jerseys on Black

Friday and Small Business Saturday while much of the public was shopping to take on two east side opponents. First facing Clarkston to the tune of a 4-3 victory, LC saw two goals from junior forward Hunter Fridley and one from senior defensive player Daniel Huver to tally three goals in the first period. Assists were credited to Whaley, senior Charlie Hayes, senior Brennan Mitchell and junior Carter Osborn.

With Clarkston fast on their heels with two goals of their own, defenseman Hayes added a fourth goal assisted by junior Brendan Irons putting LC up 4-2 in the third period. Their opponent managed to

strike once more but LC maintained their one goal advantage until the final buzzer to pick up their first season win.

In their second match against host Birmingham United, Whaley teamed up

with junior Charlie Kotarski to knot the score at 1-1 in the first after Birmingham opened up scoring. Unable to get past the goalie for the rest of the game LC eventually fell 2-1.

Next up for the team, that is coming into the season as the reigning regional champion for the first time in the program's history, is another road match, this time in Midland this Friday. The team will compete closer to home the following Wednesday when they face Rockford at 8 pm. They will host their first home competition of the season next Friday at Kentwood Ice Arena beginning at 8 pm.

Informal ski and snowboard club open to grades K-12

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Whether you are ready to hit the top of a massive ski slope or more well-suited to the bunny hill, the Lowell Ski and Snowboard Club is a perfect fit for Lowell students and families looking to get outdoors this winter. Open to all K-12 students and their immediate families, the club meets at the Cannonsburg Ski and Ride area in nearby Belmont.

Murray Lake kindergarten teacher Karla Byrne heads the casual club on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8 pm. This is the third year Byrne has been at the helm. "All three of our children attend Lowell schools and they love to ski. Winter can be a long few months. Finding a winter sport helps to pass the time and gets you out to enjoy all the snow. Skiing and snowboarding are activities

you can enjoy at all stages of your life."

The club is more of a gathering time. According to Byrne, "We're a pretty simple club. Our goal is just to get more kids and families out learning the sports of skiing and boarding. We set up a table inside the lodge for students to come in, take a break and warm up. Other schools around the area also are there, so it's fun to make

connections with students from other districts as well."

Participants simply purchase discounted punch cards to participate, with each punch counting as a day's lift ticket at the facility. The same tickets may be utilized any day or time during the season with additional tickets available for purchase. Cardholders also get discounted equipment rentals.

"Although our club doesn't provide lessons, Cannonsburg's Ski and Ride school does an amazing job," explained Byrne, "We have had students at all abilities come out and give it a try. It's fun to see how quickly the novice skiers/boarders progress from the beginner hill to intermediate hills in just a short amount of time. It's also so much more fun to learn with friends."

Byrne says that skiers will enjoy the reduced rates and sharing the sport with others from the district.

Club registration forms are available in each of the districts' school offices or online by emailing KByrne@lowellschools.com Forms should be returned to Murray Lake Elementary by December 1.



It's almost time to grab sleds, gather friends and discover the thrill and beauty of Michigan snowmobiling. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages residents and nonresidents to purchase their snowmobile trail permits and ride more than 6,000 miles of designated trails and thousands more miles of public roads and lands. Michigan's snowmobile program is 100-percent funded by trail permit and registration dollars – dollars that are directly reinvested into the program for the benefit of snowmobilers.

Ron Yesney, the DNR's Upper Peninsula trails coordinator, said the purchase of a snowmobile trail permit not only gives the buyer access to one of the nation's most interconnected snowmobile trail systems, but also directly helps fund grooming, signage, maintenance, bridge and culvert construction, purchase of new equipment, liability insurance; maintenance of trailhead amenities (signage, bathrooms, plowing of parking lots) and other snowmobile-related expenditures.

"Snowmobilers are encouraged to purchase their

Snowmobile trail permit dollars serve as backbone of Michigan snowmobiling program

snowmobile trail permit early in the season," said Yesney. "The DNR uses the funding to support the more than 60 nonprofits, clubs and local units of government that receive grant funding for the purpose of grooming, signing and maintaining trails across the state."

The snowmobile trail permit is valid for one year, which begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30 of the following year. The permit enables snowmobilers to ride state-designated trails and public roads and public lands (where authorized). State-designated trails are open Dec. 1-March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground.

Snowmobile trail permits are sold for \$48 and are available for sale:

- Online through DNR E-License at www.mdnr-elicence.com
- Online through the Michigan Snowmobile Association at www.msasnow.org
- In person at a number of DNR customer service centers
- In person at a number of DNR hunting and fishing license vendors

Snowmobilers should remember that snowmobiles must be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State (unless sleds are used solely on private property). Registration is good for three years and those registration dollars support the purchase of easements, law enforcement on trails and safety education.

Yesney said it's also important to note that more than 50 percent of designated snowmobile trails are located on private land at the sole discretion of individual landowners.

In recent years, approximately 400 miles of trails on those private lands have closed because of excessive trespassing (riders not staying on trails) and modified exhausts (loud pipes).

"Because of the hard work of our trail partners and the generosity of private landowners who allow access to their property, Michigan has quality trails and many beautiful places to ride," Yesney said. "We ask all snowmobilers, please, to ride safely, respect private property, don't modify your exhausts and enjoy the ride."

For more information on snowmobiling, contact Ron Yesney at 906-228-6561 or yesneyr@michigan.gov

Learn more about the state's snowmobiling trail opportunities – including permits, trail reports, safety, maps and more – on the DNR website www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling

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

Michigan's snowmobile program is 100-percent funded by trail permit and registration dollars. To purchase a snowmobile trail permit for the 2017-18 season and ride more than 6,000 miles of designated trails and thousands more miles of public roads and lands, visit www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling/

obituaries

FRIES

Susan Marie Fries, age 49 of Ada, passed away from accidental automobile injuries on Monday, November 20, 2017 in Cascade, MI. She is survived by her loving husband of over 23 years, Timothy; daughters Emily (fiancée Matt) and Mackenzie; parents Ken & Caroline Hall of Manistee; brother Ken (Dee) Hall Jr. of Trufant; sister Anne Wissman; mother & father-in-law Donald & Carol Fries of Sparta; brothers-in-law, Daniel & Ronald Fries of Sparta. Susan was employed at Kent County Circuit Court for 23 years and loved her co-workers. She was a loving, caring wife, mother and friend. Susan loved shopping, family trips to Manistee (especially to the casino with her mom) and Marco Island, FL; and anything with her daughters, who were her world. Memorial visitation was held Sunday, November 26, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, Susan would have wanted you to take a loved one to Starbucks or Biggby Coffee, give them a big hug, and tell them how much you love them.



SULLIVAN

Marilyn Jane Sullivan, age 73, died peacefully in her Ada home after a courageous battle with breast cancer on Tuesday, November 20, 2017. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Patric; son Sean (Wendy); daughter Erin (Mark) Lounsbury; sisters Virginia Moore, June (Carl) Kerr, grandchildren Rylan and Brianna Lounsbury. Marilyn, born May 15, 1944, was the youngest of twelve siblings. She attended Lowell High School and Davenport College. She retired from Amway Corporation after 33 years of service. Her most recent duties included assisting in Amway International openings in Mexico, Portugal, and Korea, Manager of Sales and Marketing for Amway Spain, and Director of Marketing for Amway Indonesia. After retiring in 2001, she moved to Pentwater Michigan and along with her husband Patric, launched several businesses, including Marilyn's Style Gallery and Boutique. While a resident of Pentwater, she served two terms on the Pentwater Village Council and as president of the Pentwater Chamber of Commerce. Moving back Ada in 2015, she opened Marilyn's Style of Ada Gallery and Boutique. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2018. Marilyn campaigned for Cancer Society of America where donations in her name would be appreciated.



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Disability benefits offer a financial lifeline if you're struck by a serious medical condition that makes it impossible for you to work and provide for yourself and your family and is expected to last at least one year or to result in death. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Child benefits support your minor children while you're receiving Social Security retirement benefits or disability benefits. This financial support also is available to adult children who become disabled before age 22. Grandchildren and stepchildren may qualify in certain situations. Please see: www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids.

Spousal benefits supplement a couple's income if one of the two never worked or had low lifetime earnings. In some



cases, this benefit is also available to divorced spouses. Please see: www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/applying6.html.

Survivor benefits ease the financial burden on your loved ones after you die by providing monthly payments to eligible widows, widowers, children, and dependent parents. It's likely the survivor benefits you have under Social Security carry greater value than your individual life-insurance policy. Read more about survivor benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors.

You must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive any type of Social Security benefits.

Currently, Social Security provides benefits to more than 61 million American workers and their families. And we'll be there for you and your family through life's journey.

Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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TRY A DIFFERENT TAKE ON TURKEY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Turkey is a holiday dinner staple in many families. While many might scoff at the idea of altering their holiday turkey traditions, others may embrace changing things up, feeling that the joy of cooking often lies in experimentation. Those unafraid to try something new might want to cook up the following recipe for "Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney" from Laurey Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey).

Turkey Roulade with Cranberry Chutney

Serves 6

- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 1 pound turkey meat from turkey breast and/or thigh meat, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup Marsala
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Unbleached all-purpose flour, for the pastry
- 1/2 cup celery sliced on the diagonal
- 1/2 cup sliced button mushrooms
- 1/2 cup Cranberry Chutney (see below), plus more for serving
- Fresh parsley sprigs for garnish

1. Following the instructions on the package, thaw the puff pastry. This will take 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the type of pastry. You should be able to unfold it without it breaking. Set aside.
2. Pulse the turkey in a food processor until it is the consistency of ground beef. Add 2 of the eggs, the chicken stock, the Marsala, and the butter. Pulse again briefly, until just combined.
3. Roll out the puff pastry on a floured surface until it is a 12- or 13-inch square. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper and place the pastry on top.
4. Form the minced turkey mixture into a log and position it down the center of the prepared puff pastry. Make an indentation down the length of the turkey and place the celery, mushrooms, and cranberry chutney along the indentation. Cover the indentation with the meat, forming a log once again.
5. Wrap the puff pastry around the turkey, neatly folding the ends and top together, rolling or tucking the edges together, and pinching to seal any gaps. Make the pastry-covered log as round as possible, like a Yule log — try to avoid a flattened version, like a strudel.
6. Preheat the oven to 450 F.
7. Combine the remaining egg with 1 tablespoon water in a small bowl or cup. Stir well until completely mixed. Brush the roulade with the egg wash, being careful to brush every bit of the exposed pastry.
8. Bake for 10 minutes at 450 F, then reduce the heat to 375 F. Continue to bake for 30 to 45 minutes longer, until the pastry has risen and is a toasty, golden color and the turkey has reached an internal temperature of 165 F. Generally speaking, once the pastry has cooked, the meat will be cooked, too. Remove the roulade from the oven. Transfer it to a serving platter, using the parchment paper to help you. Allow to rest for about 10 minutes.
9. Slice and serve, garnishing with the parsley and accompanying with a bowl of extra cranberry chutney.

Cranberry Chutney

Makes 3 cups

- 1 1-pound bag fresh cranberries
- 2 navel oranges, unpeeled, cut into 6 wedges and then into thin slices
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1/2 cup honey, preferably cranberry honey
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1. Pour the cranberries into a 2-quart pot. Add the oranges, raisins, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt, apple cider, honey, and vinegar. Bring to a boil, and then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the chutney thickens, about 20 minutes.
2. Remove from the heat and serve warm or, if you prefer, chill and serve cold.

Looking Back, continued

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 3, 1942

Boys and girls, take good care of your toys. The War Production Board has ruled that no more toys, games or repair or replacement parts for toys and games may be produced that contain certain metals and other critical war materials. Even the use of metal, plastics and cork for fishing tackle is forbidden.

A number of Lowell people were agreeably surprised, Tuesday afternoon, when they happened to tune in to a broadcast direct from London, and heard the voice of Earl Doyle, saying that he was from "the best little town in the world, Lowell, Michigan." Earl said that at that moment he was helping unload supplies from the States.

Here's a good hunch on gasoline rationing! By properly endorsing your ration coupons at once, you will avoid inconvenience of having to do so when you buy gasoline at the service station. Also, this advance measure will help protect your ration book from possible misuse in the case of loss or theft. The Office of Price Administration points out that it is not necessary for ration holders to wait until they buy gasoline before endorsing coupons. So write your name on the back of your coupons immediately.

Coffee rationing became effective last Monday. Local food stores report that buying was moderate that day and has since so continued. Looks as though everybody is learning to share and share alike.

Weather: Snowy and blowy. Snow piling up along Main Street curbs, and hope the village will keep it hauled away. People don't like to have to wallow through banks of snow. Later—A near-blizzard has developed and highways are piling up with snow. Rural carriers and school buses having quite a time of it. Thursday morning—At this writing the worst of the storm seems passed and the highways will likely be cleared by the end of the day.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger November 30, 1967

Jessie James Hudson and Alvan Masley, two Alabama migrant workers, were arrested by Lowell Police last Wednesday evening where they were suspected of shoplifting in a local store. That Jessie James bit got the local officers and they were both given two days in jail for giving false information to an officer.

At the regular meeting of the Lowell City Planning Commission Monday night, the request of Douglas Dok, of Dok Realty, Inc., to rezone a proposed 58 lot plat in Valley Vista's addition from A-1 to A-2 was approved. Approval by the Planning Commission will send the request back to the City Council for a hearing and action. The approval was qualified by the Planning Commission who will later have to approve the plat. The Commission members told Dok that they would approve the plat if at least 56 percent of the lots were larger than the 70 ft. that has been the smallest size in the plat. Mr. Dok told the Commission that he was willing to install cement curbs and gutters in the plat which is better than the blacktop curbs formerly used. Also needed to service the 58 homes proposed for the new plat will be a sewage lift station estimated to cost some 121,000.

Urges adoption . . . The Planning Commission received a communication from John Paul Jones, the city's consultant for urban renewal, which stated that the acceptance of a workable program hinges on adoption of City codes. The present application has been turned down and further consideration will not be given until Lowell adopts and puts into operation a fire prevention code, a building code, a housing code, a plumbing code, and an electrical code. An inspection and enforcement program would have to be in effect for 15 to 18 months, before applying for urban renewal funds again. The City would no[t] doubt have to hire additional personnel to handle the duties of inspection and enforcement.

Bill Heim, veteran Main St. Service Station operator announced this week that he is retiring after 36 years

in the same location and selling Texaco products. Bill will be catching up on hunting and fishing and stopping in at the station occasionally to see his friends. Jim, Heim's son, reported that he is going to work in the service department at McQueen Motors. New proprietor of the Texaco Station will be Ron Noall who has been with Skelly Oil at the Alto Storage plant. He plans to continue the same high quality friendly service and invites everyone to stop in and get acquainted.

A record breaking county & school tax bill is going into the mail this week from City and Township treasurers. In Lowell the total billing will be \$295,169.51; real estate accounts for \$200,495.96 and personal property \$94,673.55.

Thieves broke into Jackson Motors on West Main Street in the early morning hours of Monday, by breaking a rear window and opened the garage doors and drove off in a 1968 Dodge Station Wagon being readied for delivery to Lowell High School. They left a 1967 Pontiac at the rear of the garage; Police discovered this belonged to a worker at an Ionia garage where a Hertz car was found that had been stolen from the company's garage in Lansing. The Jackson Motors car was still missing Tuesday.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 2, 1992

Alto Fourth-graders tune out T.V. Gannett Outdoor Advertising donated a billboard just east of Ada to the Alto fourth graders. The billboard gave fourth-graders support for their "Television Busting" campaign. The 85 fourth-grade students took a pledge to go 20 school nights without watching television. The idea behind the campaign is to promote family-oriented activities and reading. The project ran from Oct. 19 through Nov. 19. This is the second year Fillman has done the project. Over a \$1,000 worth of prizes were donated by merchants.

Elementary students cook up Thanksgiving Day feast. For eight-year-old Tara Bogandik preparing a Thanksgiving feast for administrators and teachers meant whipping up mashed potatoes and preparing the dressing to stuff into the turkey. For five-year old Matthew Witherell it meant setting tables and whipping up some whip cream. "I got to lick the beater too," he explains. Runciman Elementary teachers Brent Noskey and Cindy Donohues' classes, as an extension of their Native American unit (studying Pilgrims and Indians), worked cooperatively to prepare the feast that consisted of pumpkin pie, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter, apple crisp, whip cream and ice cream. Noskey's students were attired as Indians, and Donohue's were attired as Pilgrims. Just as history has recorded, the Indians had to show the Pilgrims how to prepare food. So Noskey's class did the cooking. The setting of the table and the serving was handled by the Pilgrims (Donohue's class). His classes have studied and celebrated the feast for the past five years; it has been just over the last two years that the children have been given access to the Deer Run kitchen and dining area. The cooperative learning and hands-on experience that Deer Run provides is immeasurable. "We are very thankful to Deer Run for this reason," Donohue said. "I had a child say to me today that he hasn't cooked since we did this last year." Both Noskey and Donohue stress that the children do everything. They planned, prepped, set the tables, made the place mats, cleaned up and did the dishes. Donohue points out that the activity is integrated into many areas of the childrens' studies. "We relate it to counting, art work, and language. It also teaches them to share responsibilities, cooperate with one another and helps to build their self confidence." Maybe most importantly, each child left Deer Run with their very own Thanksgiving story they can share with Mom and Dad. "The children have been excited for weeks about this day," Noskey says. "These hands-on activities really stick with the kids. They learn and remember." For the teachers, administrators and reporter who were invited, they too will remember that wonderful turkey dinner.

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18. Romanov's edict
19. Bony chest plate
21. *It makes the heart grow fonder
23. *You can't make an omelet without breaking one
24. Border
25. Prune
28. Block of granite, e.g.
30. Whacko one
35. Eye layer
37. Author Murdoch
39. Paparazzo's quest
40. Common allergens
41. *Sure sign of fire
43. Like nay-sayers
44. Rid of obstructions
46. Done to trouble
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69. Prodded
70. *"No ____ crying over spilt milk"
71. Recycle, in a way
72. H or O in H2O, e.g.

73. *"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ____"
74. Make tea, e.g.

DOWN

1. Midday slumbers
2. Fail to mention
3. Use a whetstone
4. Grossly unconventional
5. *Two of these do not make a right
6. Genesis man
7. Pimple fluid
8. ____ center for help
9. Home of Blue Devils
10. Ali Khamenei's domain
11. CISC alternative
12. Genuflecting joint
15. Serious quarrel
20. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid, pl.
22. Ballerina's do
24. Non-living
25. *No such thing as a free one
26. Egg cell
27. ____ Cottontail
29. Picture on a coat?
31. Not this

32. Actor Hill
33. Weasel's aquatic cousin
34. *A watched pot never does this
36. Hurry up!
38. Row of vagrants
42. With a jagged margin
45. Follows aim and shoot
49. ____ Diego
51. They're usually golden or amber
54. Question in dispute
56. White heron
57. Caribbean color
58. Like a short reply
59. Burkina Faso neighbor
60. Big-ticket ____
61. Duff in Springfield, e.g.
62. Flu symptom
63. Kate Winslet in "Titanic"
64. *Beginning of a thousand mile journey
67. "This land is your land..."

*Puzzle solutions
on page 12*



NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28

- Britain's Prince Harry and American actor Meghan Markle are engaged and plan to marry in the spring.
- Four train cars carrying molten sulfur derailed near Lakeland, FL, early Monday. Emergency officials warned residents to stay indoors and close their windows. Several cars are believed to have leaked. No injuries have been reported.
- In the wake of the public's response to the bad behavior of politicians and celebrities, Trump is now suggesting his infamous Access Hollywood recording is not legitimate. He once labeled his conversation as "locker room talk" and apologized for it.
- Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., has announced he is stepping down as ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.
- Sen. Al Franken says he won't resign reportedly commenting, "I know that I've let a lot of people down."

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Friends of the Englishhardt Library Giftable Book Sale in the Community Room. Very special books and small gifts sale. 9:30 am - 5 pm

Santa Visits on the Riverwalk with hot cocoa & cookies. Adopted by Birchwood Gardens. Online photos by Bruce Doll. Suggested \$2 donation. Riverwalk Plaza. 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Entertainment by Luc Jones Studio on the Riverwalk Plaza. 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Redolph's Craft Workshop in the Chamber building (children 2 to 6). Adopted by Guthrie Center Preschool and TOD Program. 113 Riverwalk Plaza. 2:30 pm - 4pm

Pancake Supper at the Kent County Fairgrounds, King Memorial Youth Center, 225 S Broadway. Suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child. Donations benefit Youth Fair Premiums. 4 pm - 6 pm. Eat dinner with Santa between 4:45 pm & 5:45 pm!

Sweet Tooth Jubilee Candy will be handed out prior to the parade start along Main Street! Brought to you by **Whisper**. Starts at 5:45 pm 

Annual Night-Time Santa Parade "Redneck Christmas." Parade steps off from the fairgrounds and heads east on Main Street, ending at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Starts at 6 pm



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