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Lowell welcomes Santa at fun, festive, nighttime “redneck” Christmas parade

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Holiday magic was in Lowell last Saturday with the arrival of the annual Nighttime Santa Parade; the theme this year was “A Redneck Christmas.”

The day began at Lowell High School for the 35th Annual Rogue River Artisans Fine Arts & Holiday Craft Show. The show featured more than 100 juried artists and included homemade soaps, clothing, paintings, metal sculptures, and blown glass.

Shoppers were able to visit the historic business district that embraced the day with special hours,

displays and sales for attendees. Friends of the Englehardt Library also opened their doors for a used book sale. Alongside the Riverwalk was Rudolph’s Craft Workshop, sponsored by TOTS and Curiosity Corner, where children aged two through six could enjoy fun, take home paper crafts.

Students of the Luc James Music Studio added music by busting out holiday standards from 2:30-4 while families gathered to meet Santa Claus. With the Showboat out of commission, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to meet children in a brand

new Riverwalk location. Birchwood Gardens provided cocoa and cookies and a free photo with Santa taken by local photographer Bruce Doll.

Santa and more than 250 diners next headed to the King Memorial Youth Center at the fairgrounds, for the annual pancake

supper. Volunteer servers went through all of the pancakes, eggs, sausage and

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Lowell Little League brought along their red neck yacht club accessories.



The local Girl Scout entry was the winning float with a fishing and hunting theme.

Kent County clerk new elections director

Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Kent County clerk / Register of Deeds, named Gerrid Uzarski as the county’s new elections director. Uzarski most recently served as a regional representative for ElectionSource, an elections products and services provider based in Grand Rapids.

“After an extensive search and interviews with several very well-qualified individuals, Gerrid’s expert knowledge of our new voting equipment, reputation for top-notch customer service to county and local clerks and professional approach was of great

value to me in making this decision,” said Lyons. “My focus is on ensuring and improving upon elections that are secure, efficient and transparent and Gerrid brings the right combination of knowledge, experience and can-do attitude to accomplish this job.”

A native of Kent County, Uzarski graduated from Lowell High School and Western Michigan University. In his role at ElectionSource, Uzarski was charged with implementing stringent accuracy and reliability testing of the company’s serviced voting systems; developing and

implementing Election Day training programs for poll workers; and maintaining and promoting strong lines of communication between election administrators and equipment vendors.

“I couldn’t be more excited to continue my work in elections with Kent County and I look forward to serving the voters by maintaining elections to a standard of integrity set by the professionals before me,” said Uzarski, “I will work to further the goals

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Winter parking rules now in force

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Police Department has been all over social media lately reminding drivers never to park their cars on city streets between 2 am and 6 am.

“It’s posted at every city limits entry but people ignore the signs because they’re up year-round,” said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. “It applies to all city streets.”

The law’s intention was to make life easier for snow plow drivers, but the law is always enforced between Nov. 1 and March 31. Whether there is snow to clear or not is irrelevant. Also, damage caused to cars by snow plows can be extensive and expensive.

“When people don’t follow the law it affects the Department of Public Works’ ability to plow snow with vehicles in the roadway,” Bukala said. “Under the ordinance, no spot on the street is legal and if the plow hits a parked car, the driver of the snow plow is at fault. [If a vehicle damages a car, the] vehicle’s car insurance usually takes care of this under the Michigan No Fault law. However, the accident goes on the snow plow driver’s driving record.”



Signs are all over town indicating that it is illegal to park on all city streets between Nov. 1 and March 31.



along main street

Assistance needed in solving series of area arson fires

Troopers from the MSP Lakeview Post are investigating a series of arson fires that were set on Wednesday morning, November 29, at around 2:45 am in the 10000 block of W. Peck Lake Road and on Hotchkiss Road north of Peck Lake Road in Boston Twp., Ionia County. Troopers were dispatched along with the Saranac Fire Dept. to this area and

discovered several mail boxes and newspaper boxes burnt or burning along with one school bus stop shelter. Your assistance in solving these crimes is needed. If you have any information you can contact the Michigan State Police Lakeview Post at 855-677-9178 or Ionia County Silent Observer at 616-527-0107. Your identity can remain anonymous.

New election officer, continued

of clerk Lyons by ensuring timeliness, transparency and accuracy in our elections. This is the perfect opportunity for me to utilize my 10 years of experience and passion in managing elections for the county that I am so proud to call my home," he concluded. Uzarski will fill the position held by Susan deSteiguer whose

retirement comes after 16 years of service to Kent County. "Through three county clerks and 16 years, Sue deSteiguer has led the county and local clerks, through many elections and numerous transitions. She leaves very big shoes to fill and we're so thankful for her service. We wish her the best throughout her retirement," concluded Lyons.

CHRISTMAS IN FALLASBURG

"Christmas in Fallasburg" at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse, 13944 Covered Bridge Road, North of Lowell, Sat., Dec. 9 from 6 to 8 pm. This is a benefit for the continued preservation of the historic Village sponsored by the Fallasburg Historical Society. The 140-year-old "Schoolhouse" once again opens her doors to welcome you with traditional holiday music by the "Hawks & Owls" band, wine, cheese, cider, coffee, and their famous Fallasburg buffet and lots of Christmas goodies plus a roaring bonfire in adjacent, Fallas Field, to cap off the evening. Suggested donation, adults, \$20. For information, www.fallasburg.org or 616-682-0785.

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.

Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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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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.

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Ugly sweater contest adds levity to city council meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their last regular meeting of 2017 at city hall on Monday, Dec. 4. The council hired a Showboat consultant, clarified trail maintenance issues, sat through an audit presentation about the city budget and more at the meeting, which lasted exactly one hour and was attended by eight local residents.

The city council hired Chris Chamberlain, president of J&K Catering, also known as J&K Steamboat Line, to act as a consultant for the city during the construction process of the new Lowell Showboat. The company operates the Princess Riverboat cruises with vessels in Grand Ledge, Lansing and Detroit. The city will pay him \$80 an hour to a maximum of \$24,000, plus travel expenses reimbursement of \$5,000.

“[Chamberlain] will make himself available to assist with coordinating the design, construction, assembly and installation

aspects of the new Lowell Showboat and any other aspects that may arise from the project,” said public works director Rich LaBombard.

The money for this will be taken from the \$1 million grant arranged by state senator Dave Hildenbrand. The city has a deadline of one year to use the grant money.

The council approved a “memorandum of understanding” agreement about trail maintenance with the Lowell Area Recreational Authority and local townships.

“While the city of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township all are equal financial contributors to the funding of LARA, the city accepted an additional financial and resource burden by performing routine snow removal [and] maintenance activities on LARA-owned trails,” LaBombard said. “As the trail system expands with the addition of the



Lowell city council had an ugly sweater contest. Greg Canfield (center) won. Also pictured are councilors Jeff Phillips, Marty Chambers, Mike DeVore and Jim Salzwedel.

Alden Nash section and more plans are developed for new trails, the city is not in a position to continue to support maintenance of non-city-owned assets.”

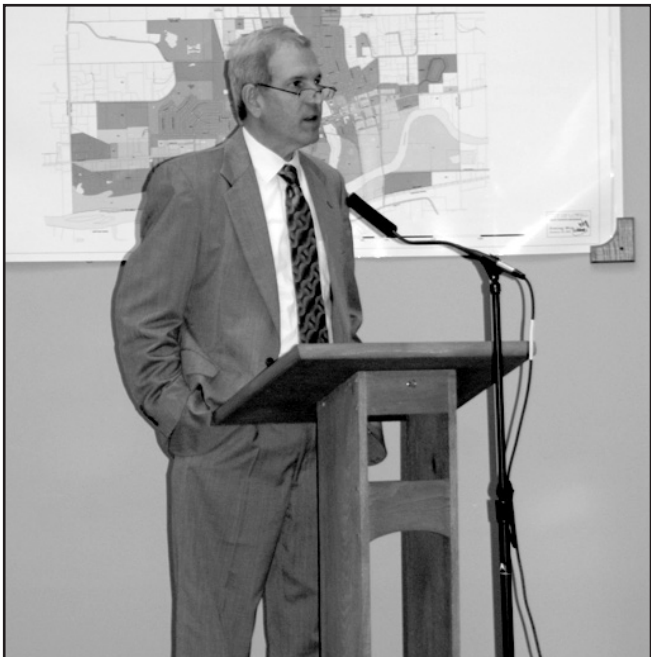
The city of Lowell will no longer be responsible for all trail maintenance and will now share the work with LARA and the Lowell Area Schools.

The council approved \$150,000 to rehabilitate the west oxidation ditch at the wastewater treatment plant.

“This operation is similar to the rehabilitation performed last year on the east ditch by an independent contractor,” LaBombard said. “Based on the rehabilitation process observed during last year’s project, Suez [the company that runs the plant] proposed to complete the work as an additional service with Mark Mundt, plant manager, overseeing the project on the city’s behalf.”

The east oxidation ditch was repaired in 2016 for just under \$130,000.

The Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. The council has tentatively scheduled another public forum on medical marijuana for Monday, Jan. 15. The “Coffee with the Council” event scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 6 has been canceled and the regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 18 is also canceled.



Accountant Peter Haefner of the Grand Rapids accounting firm Vredevelde Haefner presented the results of the most recent audit of city finances. He gave Lowell both “a clean opinion” and “the highest opinion you can receive.”

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
November 29, 2017

Motions Approved:

1. Purchase of property located at 5 Mile and Murray Lake Ave. Our next Township Meeting will be **December 11th, 2017** At 9:00 a.m. The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

CITY OF LOWELL
Public Notice

The December Board of Review will meet as follows:
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
at 11:00am

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Laws, provides for corrections of clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures, and the corrections of Principle Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 2nd Monday in December.

On December 13, 2017, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 11:00am in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

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Let's start with Medicare. Medicare is the national healthcare program for those aged 65 or older and the disabled. You pay for some Medicare expenses by paying the Medicare tax while you work. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the agency in charge of both Medicare and Medicaid, but you sign up for Medicare A (Hospital) and Medicare B (Medical) through Social Security.

You can apply for Medicare online from the convenience of your home at the link on our website: www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/. If you're already receiving Social Security retirement benefits when you reach age 65 or are in the 25th month of receiving disability checks, we will enroll you automatically.

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) and Part D (Prescription Drug) plans are available for purchase in the insurance marketplace. Social Security administers a program called

Extra Help to help people with low income and low resources pay for premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance costs for Part D plans. You can find out more about Extra Help and file for it at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp. Each year, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services publishes Medicare and You available online at their website at www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html. This publication is a user's manual for Medicare.

Each state runs their own Medicaid program under guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicaid offers care for the most vulnerable among us. While it does not require paying taxes while working, it does have guidelines about how much income and resources you can have to qualify. Medicaid provides coverage for older people, people with disabilities,

and some families with children. Each state has its own eligibility rules and decides which services to cover. The names of the Medicaid program may vary from state to state. You can read about each state's Medicaid program at www.medicare.gov/medicaid/by-state/by-state.html. You can find each state's Medicaid contact information at www.medicare.gov/about-us/contact-us/contact-state-program.html.

Medicare and Medicaid are two of the major insurance programs that provide healthcare to the American public. Understanding each program, as well as how the two programs differ, can help you and those you care about find the right healthcare program.

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Dear EarthTalk: I'm looking for cool holiday gift ideas for a strident vegan who won't tolerate items that make use of animals or animal products. Any ideas?

-Doug Halpern, Washington, DC

Well...an Omaha Steaks gift box is definitely off the table as an idea, but there are plenty of great gift options for the vegans or even just the animal-friendly among us. Food-wise, how about a gift certificate to the recipient's favorite vegan restaurant or natural foods store? Or how about a subscription to Vegan Cuts' monthly "Vegan Snack Box" containing chips, cookies, sodas, teas and other vegan goodies, delivered right to the doorstep (\$222/annual or \$22.95/month)? Kids (and their vegan parents) might like Vegan Cuts' No Whey! Christmas Extravaganza! Gift

Box (\$35.50) containing an assortment of vegan candies including whey-free chocolate. Yet another option is Vegan Store's Care Package Basket (\$54.95), containing vegan versions of mac'n'cheese, jerky, parmesan, cookies, taco filling, chocolate bars and even "chicken" noodle soup.

Personal care products are another retail segment where vegan products are starting to flood the marketplace. Lush Cosmetics, Mineral Fusion and Andalou are just a few of hundreds of U.S. based firms now selling vegan-friendly make-up, moisturizer, soap, shampoo and other health and beauty products. To find more, check out the Environmental Working Group (EWG) free "Skin Deep" cosmetics database.

DIY-types might want to consider making their own vegan health and beauty products to give to that finicky vegan you love. Earth911 has collected and linked out to a list of some 50 "recipes" you can use to make your own peppermint sugar scrub bars, calendula lavender salves or coconut mocha face masks.

And remember: Being vegan is about much more than what you put in or slather on your body. If that special vegan someone needs new kicks, check out Merrell's line of vegan-friendly shoes and sandals, featuring a wide range of casual and technical footwear options for men and women. Some other manufacturers of vegan-friendly active footwear lines include Garmont, Brooks, Wills, Iowa, Treksta, Keen and Zamberlan. Meanwhile, the vegan glamour girl on your list might like a new pair of heels from OlsenHaus, which crafts stylish women's footwear from renewable plant-based materials and man-made materials—but no animal products despite the fact that their shoes often look like real leather or suede.

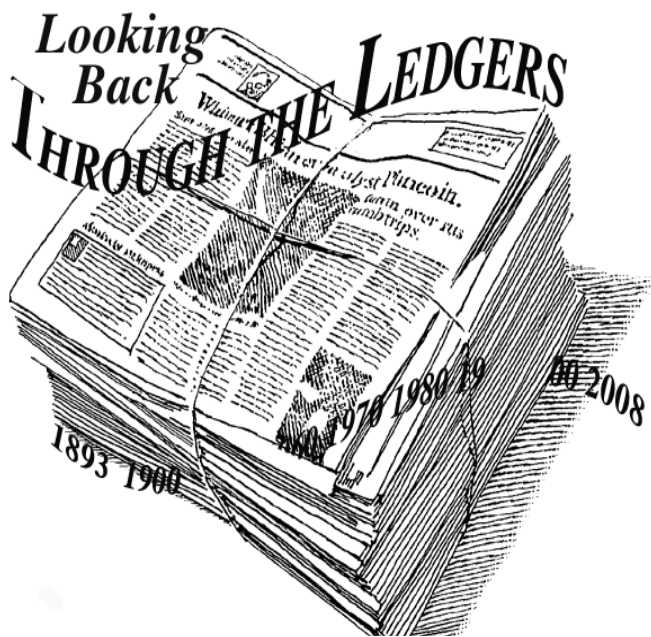
Vegans who like to wear their lifestyle choice on their

sleeve might like a t-shirt or bracelet from the online store of leading vegan blogger Vegan Zombie. Screen-printed designs look hip and feature pro-vegan messaging. And warm up that chilly vegan with Save the Duck's Hooded Puffer Jacket featuring Plumtech down-replacement vegan insulation. For a wealth of additional ideas for gifts for vegans with a flair for clothing, check out the non-profit Farm Sanctuary's Vegan Fashion Shopping List which links out to dozens of animal-friendly, cruelty-free clothing and footwear lines.

Of course, non-vegans would love receiving any of these gifts as well, giving the giver the satisfaction of doing the right thing by animals and the environment whether or not the recipient appreciates it.

CONTACTS: Vegan Cuts, vegancuts.com; Vegan Store, veganstore.com; Lush Cosmetics, www.lushusa.com; Mineral Fusion, www.mineralfusion.com; Andalou, www.andalou.com; EWG Skin Deep, ewg.org/skindEEP/; Earth911's 50 DIY Natural Handmade Beauty Products, goo.gl/uMYrzi; VivaTerra, www.vivaterra.com; Merrell Vegan-Friendly Shoes & Sandals, merrell.com/US/en/vegan-friendly-shoes-sandals/; Treksta Vegan Styles, trekstausa.com/vegan_styles; OlsenHaus, olsenhaus.com; Vegan Zombie, veganzombie.com; Save the Duck, savetheduckusa.com.

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125 years ago Lowell Journal December 7, 1892

A fire broke out at 12:45 this morning in J. O. Chapin's cold storage warehouse and totally consumed it, together with the Lowell & Hastings R. R. freight warehouse and their contents. The fire broke out in the south end of the ice house and its origin is a mystery. The building contained about 18,000 dozen eggs which are a total loss. In the freight house were about 250 barrels of flour belonging to the King Milling Co., and between 1,500 and 2,000 bushels of wheat belonging to Wisner Bros. besides a quantity of miscellaneous freight.

The Cosmopolitan will mark its first edition of 150,000 copies—that for January—by the offer of 1000 free scholarships. In return for introducing the Cosmopolitan into certain neighborhoods the Cosmopolitan offers to any young man or woman free tuition, board lodging and laundry at Yale, Vassar, Harvard, or any of the leading colleges, schools of art, music, medicine, or science. They send out a pamphlet on application telling how to obtain one of these free scholarships.

Dr. J. D. Peters, Oculist, of Grand Rapids, will spend Friday the 9th day of December, in Lowell for the purpose of meeting those who may wish to consult him in regard to their eyes. He will be found at the Davis House, all day.

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 6, 1917

A "Santa Claus Club" has been organized in Lowell, and its purpose is to make a happier Christmas for some of our little boys and girls. It is the intention of this Santa Claus club to bring Christmas cheer into homes where it otherwise would not be found. We know the people of Lowell have contributed generously to our Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. for our soldier boys, and we feel they will respond just as generously and cheerfully for our own little folks this Christmas time. At present we do not know how much money we will need, but it is our desire to make a permanent club of this, and all money not used this year will be placed to the credit of the Santa Claus club at one of our banks, for future use. We need money from dollars down to pennies and we invite every person from the oldest citizen down to the youngest boy and girl, to make this their happiest Christmas ever, by giving. A little from each of us will be sufficient, but if we cannot have this little from all, we must have more from some. Let us have your contributions as early as possible. This club will be conducted under the management of the two Literary clubs of our village. Committee – Mrs. T. M. Doyle, Mrs. Clyde Collar, Mrs. Jesse Hurley, Mrs. Elmer White, Mrs. F. B. McKay, Mrs. Caroline Yeiter, Mrs. W. G. Wright, Mrs. H. P. Gotfredsen.

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LHS Students of the Month for November

Alyssa Klaver, 12th grade; and Mason Simmet, 11th grade; are the Lowell High School November Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Klaver and Simmet. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Klaver was nominated by Jennifer Lavis and she writes, "As a student in my media literacy class, Alyssa proved herself to be self-motivated, responsible and respectful. She had to miss class several times for her extra-curricular responsibilities and she was always conscientious to complete the missed work while maintaining high standards. She finished the trimester at the top of her class. In addition to being an excellent student, Alyssa is kind and helpful to others.

Simmet was nominated by Heidi Kolp and she writes, "Mason is an A+ student. He is focused in class and asks pertinent questions. He nods along in response to instruction and is

always attentive. Mason sticks around after class to ask questions and seek clarification when needed. Our trimester is done, but Mason took the initiative to come back and ask me to go over his exam answers with him. He is interested in the content and quality of his work, not just the final score. He thanked me graciously for taking the time to go over his exam with him, but the real thanks goes to Mason for caring about his education enough to take the time to come and ask about his exam. A classroom full of Masons would be a dream come true for an educator. It is a pleasure to work with and for someone who values and pursues learning so assiduously.



Alyssa Klaver



Mason Simmet

Did you know?

Consumers may readily recognize Black Friday and Cyber Monday in the holiday shopping lexicon. But what about Super Saturday? Super

Saturday, sometimes called "Panic Saturday," refers to the final Saturday before Christmas.

This can be a big day for retailers. Super Saturday deals tend to target last-minute shoppers who wait until the very end to make the majority of their purchases or pick up those final gifts. Super Saturday 2017 occurs on December 23.

Yep we cover Retirement



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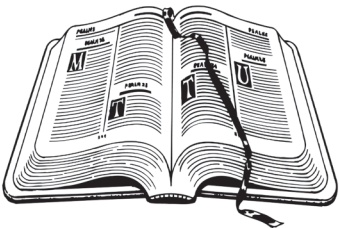
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At 18 our convictions are hills from which we look; At 45 they are caves in which we hide.

~ F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896 - 1940)

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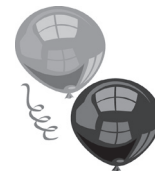
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DECEMBER 10
Bill Fluger, Barbara Decker.

DECEMBER 11
Dave Rhodes, Kathryn Zalewski, Amber Waldron, Mike Kline, Billie Fallstrom.

DECEMBER 12
Brad Briggs, Matt Newhouse, Sally Hacker, Charlie Young.



HEALTH



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

- appendicitis

The appendix is a tubular structure attached to the colon on the right side of the abdomen. It really has no known purpose. Unfortunately, the appendix often becomes inflamed and infected. Left untreated, the appendix can rupture leading to a serious intra-abdominal infection.

Appendicitis is more frequent in children and younger adults but it can occur at any age. Symptoms usually start with a loss of appetite, some nausea and discomfort in the middle and lower abdomen that moves to the lower right side. A fever may or may not be present. Pain increases if

an examiner presses on the right lower abdomen.

Appendicitis is diagnosed on physical examination, lab tests and imaging with ultrasound or a CT scan. Many other abdominal conditions may mimic the symptoms of acute appendicitis. A CT scan is very useful to determine the correct diagnosis.

Surgery is the treatment of choice for acute appendicitis to avoid rupture and spread of infection. Some recent studies have indicated that treatment with antibiotics instead of surgery may be an option in some cases.

Lowell elementary school students send some Christmas spirit to soldiers overseas

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell elementary students have been collecting items to make Christmas stockings for soldiers stuck serving overseas this holiday season. Their goal was 50 stockings but they ended up filling 87 many do to the efforts of one Cherry Creek grandmother.

"I belong to an organization called Soldiers' Angels," said Gina Granholm, the woman who spearheaded the collection. Granholm has grandchildren who attend Cherry Creek. "One of their projects was, they were trying to collect 30,000 Christmas stockings for the troops, and they reached the goal. I saw that in October and went to Cherry Creek and talked to [principal] Shelli Otten. She said it was amazing because they were going to do a veterans concert and the kids had already been collecting stuff for the veterans. A week ago my friend Jim and I went to Cherry Creek to help pack them up in boxes. We were overwhelmed by all the stuff the kids brought in. They brought in candy, Slim Jims, games, puzzles, sudoku, socks, gloves, all the little stuff you normally put in stockings. Every stocking had a letter in it from one of the students."

Through the Soldiers' Angels organization, Granholm keeps in touch with military pen pals all over the world.

"Every day I get the name of two military people overseas, nobody I know, and I write a letter to them," Granholm said. "If they write back, I'm allowed to respond to them, but I can only write one letter. This

group has many other things like collecting Halloween candy, where you can adopt a family that is having a baby, all kinds of stuff. I have now written to over 100 soldiers. Their morale can get low because they're working such long hours in such hot heat and hostile conditions. It reinforces that they're not forgotten back here. They got a letter from

somebody they didn't even know who took the time to write a letter. Those little things are important."

Although not a military veteran herself, Granholm has many, many close family members who have served.

"My husband Allen Granholm is a disabled Army veteran," Granholm said. "I had uncles in the

service, and during Vietnam I had 60 cousins and a lot of them were in the military. We had care packages going to Vietnam, to Germany, to Texas, to Georgia, it was just something that we did. I just do whatever I can do for the veterans and this was my Christmas project this year. It was fun. It makes you feel good to do something for somebody else."

After spending over 100 dollars on UPS, the stockings are on their way to Texas. Their next stop will most likely be somewhere in the Middle East.

"They have to be at Soldiers' Angels headquarters in San Antonio by the end of this week and then they will mail them out to as many overseas troops as they can," Granholm said.



Christmas Revels IV, four stories by local women

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

"Christmas Revels Volume IV" is a brand new book containing four stories by Anna D. Allen, Louisa Cornell, Kate Parker and Hannah Meredith. One story is a mystery and the other three are "Regency romances" set in England in the early 19th century.

"Regency stories are very 'en vogue' among romance readers," said Anna D. Allen, who lives in Ada. "I like that period. It's fun! I don't know why. 'Christmas Revels Volume IV' is a Christmas themed collection of short stories. Each book has four short stories, except for the one that has three. They're stand-alone stories, there is not a continuation between books."

The four stories are holiday romances, but Allen warned potential readers there is some PG-13 level content.

"Kate Parker has lots of mystery novels out, so she's

always killing people," Allen said. "The rest of us wondered if that was a little too gruesome for a Christmas story. Louisa Cornell writes romance novels. She has a big following and she knows everyone in the industry. Hannah Meredith writes under a different name in the field of science fiction and fantasy. My stories in the 'Christmas Revels' books tend to be clean and some people have even interpreted them as 'Christian romance.' That was not my intention. I didn't write that, that's someone else's interpretation. Two of the other writers sometimes include sex scenes. Especially Louise, she's a bit on the risqué side, but I think her story is the best one in the new book. But she has to include a sex scene, that's just the way she is. And Kate has to include a corpse."

Allen is a prolific author with about a dozen books to

her name and more coming out all the time.

"Right now I'm working on a mystery novel set in Victorian England in 1874," Allen said. "I'm hoping to have it done by the beginning of the new year, then we'll see when it comes out after that. Science fiction and fantasy was where I started out. I started writing science fiction when I was twelve years old. I have published short works in that field, then I was convinced to try my hand at romance and that's what my most recent stories have been. But I write whatever I'm in the mood for"

She was born in Dearborn, MI and went to CMU, but she spent her early life all over the globe.

"My father's family is from the Bay City/Detroit area and from the Upper Peninsula," Allen said. "My mother was from Anniston, AL. I grew up in various places all over the

South and graduated from high school in Tennessee. I went to the University of Alabama and to Central Michigan University. My father was in the Army and we just went wherever they sent him, so I also lived in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern, Germany."

That itinerant upbringing did not have much effect on her writing.

"It did not really inspire any of my stories," Allen said. "I've tried to write about things from my childhood, but it just doesn't work. There are aspects of it that show up. We traveled a lot for fun, that influences me a lot. One of the 'Christmas Revels' stories has a character where they were military, but they've settled down. That's the closest I've come. A lot of the time if you're too familiar with something it doesn't work when you try to write about it. 'Write what you know' is a myth. I

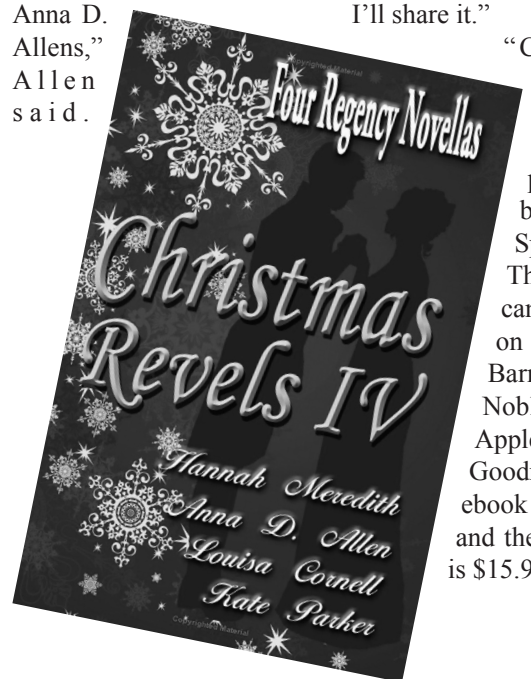
don't know why people tell you that. You should write what you care about, write what interests you. I've lived that life, I'm not too interested in it anymore."

Allen said that she maintains a drama-free social media presence and that's the best way to keep track of her publications.

"There are lots of Anna Allens and there are two Anna D. Allens," Allen said.

"Mine has the picture of the girl with red hair sitting by Lake Superior. It's a painting, not a photograph. When you see that you'll know it's the right one, then you can go in and see whatever I'm laughing about. I post a lot of jokes and memes and things. It's a 'no politics' zone, just for fun. And if there's something new coming out I'll share it."

"Christmas Revels Volume IV" was published by Singing Spring Press. The book can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, the Apple store and Goodreads. The ebook is \$2.99 and the paperback is \$15.99.



Santa parade, continued

more served on a donation basis. Santa, who did not take time to dine, met with more children listening to their wishes before heading out to the parade.

2017 Kent County Youth Fair royal court helped prep and serve. Queen Brittany Perry said the event was fun for her and the rest of the court. "It is a good time at the pancake dinner talking with people and seeing the little kids meet with Santa."

Fair manager Jessica Marks said that while attendance was slightly down, spirits were high. "People seemed to be quite happy with the events of the whole day. Santa is always a hit with everyone."

Proceeds from the meal benefit the operations of the fair. According to Marks, "The benefits of the supper go to our premium accounts, the cash award for exhibits at the fair each year. Our annual premiums average about \$10,000 each year that we award the youth."

Along Main Street Walgreen's offered up candy for parade attendees during their Sweet Tooth Jubilee. The 15-minute candy grab before the parade start time entertained kids waiting for the procession.

A "Redneck Christmas" began with dozens of entries lit with festive lights and sounds for the parade including local businesses, teams and organizations.

From the traditional emergency vehicles to Santa's arrival on his sleigh alongside Mrs. Claus and some of his little elf helpers, the parade was loaded with fun. In between was a sea of camouflage clothing, Solo Cups, redneck yachts

and fishing and hunting floats. Ten entries earned the judging nod in the annual float contest juried prior to the event and voted on by the public. The top ten were: Lowell Lacrosse, Lowell Little League, LowellArts, National Little Britches

Rodeo Association of Michigan, Luc James Music Studio, Brand Adventures, Tom Burri and Family, J&K Roadside Service and Sandy Beckhorn, with top honors being awarded to Lowell Area Girl Scout Unit #304.

The annual parade is presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and funded by the Lowell Downtown Development Authority.



Lowell High School band



Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way down Main Street in the parade finale.

Before the parade, children were able to visit Santa on the Riverwalk and at the pancake supper.



A showboat replica aboard the LACC float.



Lowell Lacrosse embraced the "Redneck Christmas" theme.



Englehardt Library hosted a used book sale during the day of Christmas fun.

At right, J&K Roadside Service's entry ranked in the top ten.



The Grinch made his visit to Lowell via the LowellArts! parade float.

Kids learn welding from father then start their own business

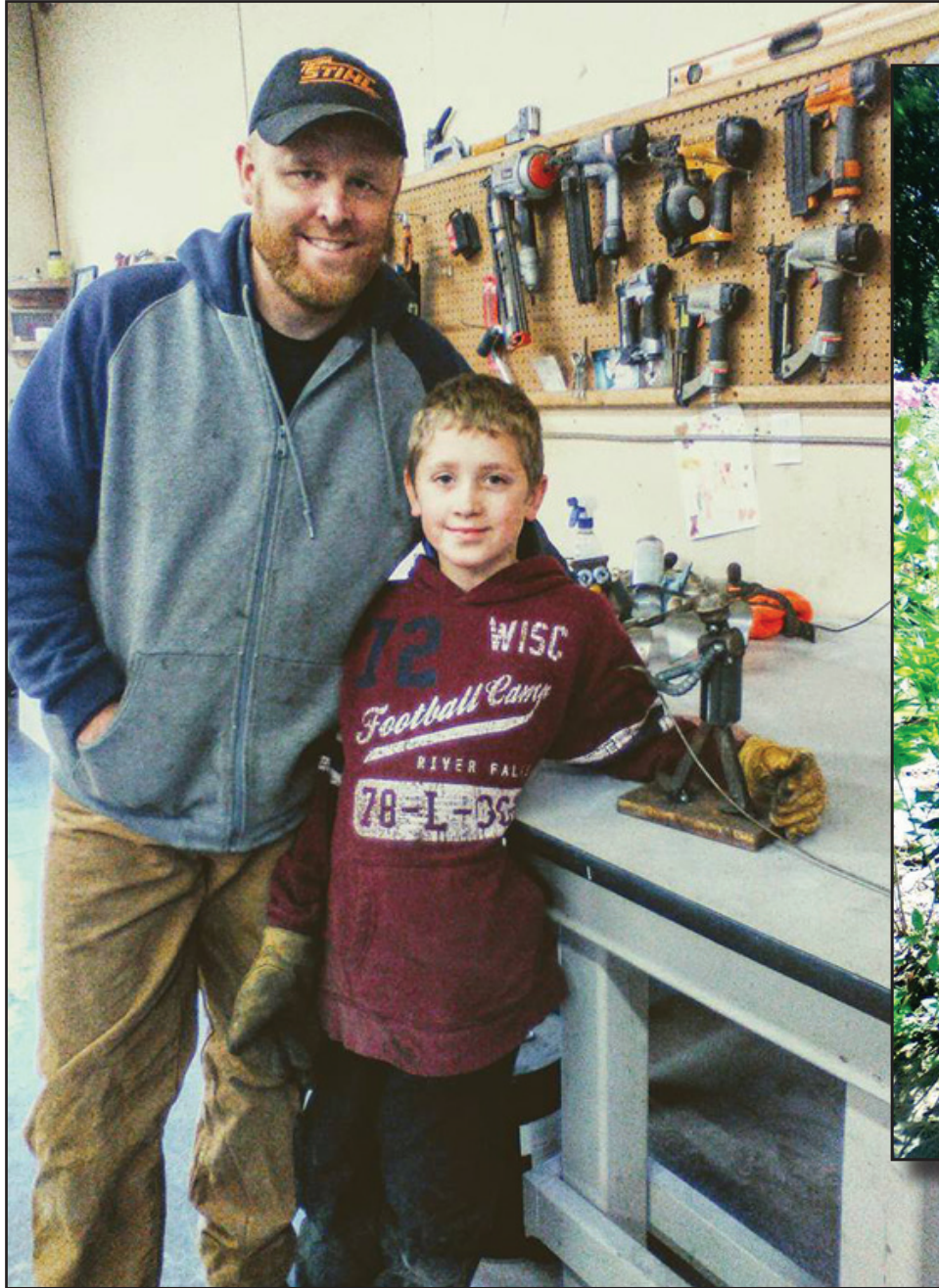
by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Two children from Alto, Asa and Gideon Grummet, went viral last week after people caught on to their home welding art business, Grummet & Sons LLC. The boys take scrap metal, found metal and purchased metal and weld it into art using skills they learned from their father, Travis Grummet.

“My husband Travis owns a welding shop here at our home,” said Lyndsay Grummet, the boys’ mother. “Two of our sons, Asa and Gideon, started really getting into welding this summer and they have started selling some of their creations and their artwork. They sell it out of our home. They’re doing a couple special orders right now. The prices are reasonable, usually around the \$25 range. They do a lot of wall decorations and garden art. Asa started off making garden stakes. He made a great big sunflower, cut out all the pieces and welded them. That was his first design. Where we live, the railroad tracks are right behind us. The kids found some spikes, those little metal things, that fall off the train tracks. Gideon likes to make crosses and things like that with them. Gideon has a tractor and they have done a lot of modifications and customizing on this tractor. It’s really souped up with all sorts of bumpers and extra seats, it’s very funny to look at.”

As Asa and Gideon master the welding trade, they are also learning how to run a business. The Grummetts are home-schoolers, so Lyndsay and Travis use these experiences to teach the boys real world lessons in every curriculum.

“We get a weekly delivery of metal from Elenbaas Steel Supply [in Greenville],” Grummet said. “Now that Asa and Gideon have their own business they have to buy steel. Travis and I are really



encouraging them to learn the business aspect of it. As soon as they’re bringing in money, they have to start paying for their own materials. We home school and this ends up being a lot of their math. It’s very practical. It doesn’t have to be all school or all work, but it can all be fun.”

All seven of the Grummet kids are home-schooled and all seven run a small business.

“We’ve got seven kids, ages 16 through seven and they all have their own little business,” Grummet said. “I guess we’re very artistic and very hands on

and so naturally we just started doing stuff like this. My oldest son Amos owns a lawn care business that he started when he was 10 and he has quite a few lawns. He’s invested in a trailer, snow plows and lawn equipment. When he graduates, that’s what he wants to do. My daughter Esther is 14. She raises chickens, sells her eggs and meat chickens, raises fancy chicks and stuff like that. The pretty ones. Eleanor has a puppy and she sells dog biscuits on Facebook. They’re all natural with organic flour, peanut butter, oil and water. Dogs love them and she’s got a little business going. Abraham is 11, he makes walking sticks. He likes to customize them. He does engraving with a wood burner and stuff like that. Rebekah makes all kinds of desserts. She has customers who like to order goodies from her. She makes cheesecakes, little miniature pies and she’s famous for her ‘Sweetie Sweets,’ which are little chocolate candies. Travis owns a welding shop. I have a perennial and herbal farm that we all work together.”



To get more information about Asa and Gideon’s metal art, follow their Facebook page, [facebook.com/GrummetSonsLLc](https://www.facebook.com/GrummetSonsLLc). If you’re in the market for lawn care, snow removal, eggs, fancy chicks, dog biscuits, desserts, perennials, herbs or walking sticks, call 616-868-6607.

Photos submitted by the Grummet family.

Red Arrow

- WRESTLING

SPORTS

Lowell hits the road for first competitions of the season

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School winter sports heavy hitter, varsity wrestling, will break into two separate teams this coming weekend and hit the road for their first competitions of the season with hopes of earning an unprecedented fifth consecutive Michigan High School Athletic Association Division II State Title.

Led by head coach RJ Boudro, who took the reins back in 2015 from then coach Dave Dean, the grapplers earned their fourth championship last season when they topped Warren Woods Tower 32-21 inside Central Michigan's McGuirk Arena. The victory came after racking up a perfect OK White conference

record earning them the league title and earning both the district and regional crowns. Their history of success also includes 2002, 2004 and 2009 state titles under the direction of Dave Strejc, the current back-to-back state champ girls wrestling team coach Dean made them the winning-est team in Division II over the past two decades.

Last season Max Bishop, Bryce Dempsey, Eli Boulton and Sam Russell were instrumental four year varsity grapplers leading the team with their strong work ethics and invaluable experience. The four individuals each left Lowell signed to compete at the collegiate level with Bishop and Russell headed to

Wabash College, Boulton to the University of Oklahoma and Dempsey to American University.

Red Arrow fans are highly anticipating who will step into those vacant leadership roles. Naturally, fans, teammates and coaches will look to seniors to do the job. Members of the class of 2018 who will wrestle this season include David Kruse, Austin Engle, Keigan Yuhas, Channing Perry, Connor Nugent, Tyler Lynch, George Gonzales, Christian Beimers, Carter Bierling, Elijah Hall-Jones, Roman Johnson, Lane Ryan and Jarod Wilson. Most have experience under their belt at the state level having competed in one or more finals matches.

Juniors competing include Regan Zimmerman, John Russell, Avry Mutschler, Avery Martin, Jeff Leach, Jared Hough, Tyler Greenop, Allexis Gonzales and Hunter Browning, who in large part possess the same experience found in some of the top seniors. Sophomore standouts competing at the varsity level are Jacob Cutler, Tyler DeLooff, James Fotis, Zander Hamilton, Gabe Hare, Jacob Hough, Michael House, Simone Ingrassia, Dawson Jankowski, Nick Korhorn, Luke Landman, Bryce McCune, Dominik Peplinski, Grant Pratt and Austin Boone, who was among several to make a huge impact last season.

Boone walked away from the individual state competition with the only first-place finish for the Arrows.

Freshman looking to leave their mark include Josh Beke, Luccano and Zach Candela, A.J. Chertos, Doak Dean, Logan Ryan, Gavin DeKam, Caden

Engle, Reese Gonzales, Travis Harvey, Cole Huisman, Jacob Lee, Isis Lett, William Link, Sam Lixie, Joshua Meier, Derek Mohr, Brady Musser, Keegan Nugent, Luke Skinner, Austin Snyder, Terrick Stewart, Zeth Strejc and William Wurtz.

This Saturday's season debuts will take place in dual locations with the "A" team traveling to the Allegan Southwest Classic and the "B" team headed for tournament action in Grandville. They will continue to compete on the road until January 20 when they host the annual Gary Rivers Memorial Invitational.

- BOWLING

Tourney starts the season for Lowell bowlers

submitted by,
Kathy Clark

The 2017-2018 Lowell High School bowling season kicked-off Saturday, Dec. 2, with a tune-up tournament hosted by the Wyoming High School bowling team at Eastbrook Lanes. The Lowell boys finished fifth among the 16 area teams participating and identified that this week's practice sessions will focus on picking up single pin spares. The Lowell girls finished twelfth and will focus on consistency of mechanics and shot repetition at practice.

The 2016-2017 Lowell

High School boys bowling season will be a tough act to follow, which included an undefeated conference season and the OK White conference championship, followed by winning the Region 2 Division 7 championship and ending with bringing home the MHSAA Division 2 state championship trophy for the first time in school history.

Although the Lowell boys varsity team graduated three members of the core 2016-2017 championship team, coach Chris Clark notes that last year's team had plenty of depth that

allowed younger players to participate in match play on a regular basis. This provided them the opportunity to improve their skills and gain the confidence that comes with match-play experience. "We have four bowlers returning - senior anchor Carson Clark, junior DJ Simpson, junior Xavier Taylor, and sophomore Collin Clark - that actively contributed in the state championship meet and three of them were all-conference medalists. Combined with the return of senior Foster Skoog, a talented bowler that missed

the end of last season due to injury; the addition of senior Marcel Primeau, an experienced transfer student; and five additional promising new members - juniors Chase Anderson and Jasen Schaefer, sophomores Aaron Fritsma and Taylor Chambers and freshman Jakob Reynolds - I believe we have the makings of a strong team."

Coach Jennifer Clark notes that the Lowell High School girls bowling team is returning with most of its team from last season. The two returning

seniors, Laura Lachowski and Morgan Allison, are three-year starters who are looking to finish with strong senior seasons. The girls have three returning sophomores - Emma Blakie, Olivia Dennie and Brianna Lachowski - who are expecting to build on the foundation laid during their freshman year with continued improvement. Sophomore Jessica Hull has joined the team this year, is already showing improvement and the team is looking forward to her contributions.

The upcoming season consists of 15 individual matches, primarily Monday and Wednesday afternoons, with four Saturday tournaments along the way, leading up to the conference meet on February 17, 2018. The full season schedule can be viewed on the Lowell High School website. "Home" matches are bowled at The Bowling Alley in Ionia, on Dexter Street just south of M-21.

Sports Summaries

FOOTBALL

Red Arrow football recently earned top academic honors from the Michigan High School Athletic Association boasting the highest cumulative grade point average of all Division II competitors with an impressive 3.95. Current Lowell senior Ethan Kaminski was selected for his solo classroom achievements being named to the Individual Academic All State Dream Team, which is a roster of the top 22 players in the state academically.

HOCKEY

Lowell Caledonia hockey welcomed the Manistee Chippewas to their home ice last Friday hosting their first duel of the season at the Kentwood Ice Arena coming up with a big 6-3 victory. Caledonia senior Ethan Pinto led the team's fierce effort scoring a hat trick in the competition. Caledonia junior Brendan Irons and Lowell seniors Charlie Hayes and Austin Whaley rounded out scoring. The defending Division I regional champions will next face Rockford on the road Wednesday and Byron Center at home on Friday. Both puck drops are scheduled for 8 pm.

VOLLEYBALL

Lowell varsity volleyball earned postseason recognition from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association for their outstanding scholastic achievements. The team combined for an average grade point average

of 3.91, ranking them in the top ten percent of teams in the state. Seniors Abi Mangus, Kelly Reitsma, Jill Fidler and Sydney Powell were selected for individual academic honors.



Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports



Red Arrow

- BASKETBALL **SPORTS**

Basketball season starts with 46-38 win over Raiders

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Davenport University was the site of the Lowell girls varsity basketball team's season debut last Friday evening. The Red Arrows produced a 46-38 victory against the Covenant Christian Raiders.

The nonconference competition began with Lowell starters seniors Cassie Dean and Riley Conlan and juniors Emily Depew, Regan Coxon and Ava Frederickson taking the court for the Arrows. The five are among nine returning players who were part of the conference championship team last season. Upperclassmen make up the majority of the seasoned 11 person team whose roster also features two standout sophomores who have close ties with the girls basketball program.

Jena Lyon is the sister of 2017 grad and basketball alumni Christy. Molly Frederickson is the sister of now college basketball athlete Ally who graduated in 2016. The pair competed last season with the junior varsity team who racked up a perfect run through the OK White maintaining a 19-1 record whose only loss was to none other than Covenant Christian, making

the victory oh so much sweeter for the duo.

Ahead 13-7 after the first period the Lady Arrow

starters extended their lead in the second with another 13-point performance that bumped the score up to

26-12. After halftime, the Raiders broke through Lowell's tough defense managing to accumulate one more point in the period. Their 13-point addition in the third still left them trailing the Arrows 37-25 after Lowell netted eleven.

Outscoring the Arrows 13-9 in the fourth stanza was not enough as the Arrows held on to their previous lead to earn the 46-38 win. Dean led the team in points swishing her way to a tally of 16. That statistic is not a surprise to second year head coach Heath Kent who said he expects his senior members to lead the team this season. "As always I expect my seniors to lead on and off the court. I've got a great group of them this year and they know what my expectations are," he said, adding that those expectations include a longer run in the state tournament. "We look to repeat as conference champions and to win a district title."

In pursuit of those goals the team will next take on Coopersville in nonconference action at their home opener this Friday night. They will also

do battle with Forest Hills Tuesday and host East Grand Rapids that Friday as

they prepare for the pending OK White schedule. Game time for all three occasions is 7 pm.



Senior starter Cassie Dean dribbles around her Raider opponent.



Junior Regan Coxon breaks through the pack to net two for the winning Red Arrows.

2016-17 team wins coaches association sportsmanship award

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Fans of the 2016-2017 OK White champion varsity girls basketball team were recognized alongside players, coaches and administrators by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan with a Top 100 Sportsmanship award.

Evaluated by game officials at the request of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, teams and their corresponding counterparts were scored in the area of sportsmanship. After averaging the scores from at least five evaluations over the course of the season, the top 100 teams in Michigan were compiled with Lowell among those named.

"We were very honored to be selected for this award. It really is a good representation not only of our kids, but our parents and fans as well," said varsity head coach Heath Kent.

"We want our kids to play hard and compete but to do so in a positive manner."

The team's stellar run last season included an impressive 16-6 overall record and a successful 9-3 march through the OK White where they nabbed the program's first conference title in more than a decade. The talented team was led by now graduated seniors Bridget Garter, Christy Lyon and Hana Steinebach who left with their season immortalized on the gymnasium walls. This final accolade adds the finishing touch to a fantastic season. According to Kent, "I'm sure they were all pretty proud to be recognized for this award. It is kind of the icing on the cake after winning the league last year and having a very successful season."

Red Arrow athletic director Dee Crowley said she holds pride in the accomplishments of each

of the programs at Lowell High School whether it be in competition, classroom or class. "I am proud of all

recognitions our student athletes or coaches receive, whether it be sports championships, academic

all-state honors, and/or sportsmanship. Our goal for our sports teams is

to continue to make our community proud showing hard work and integrity."



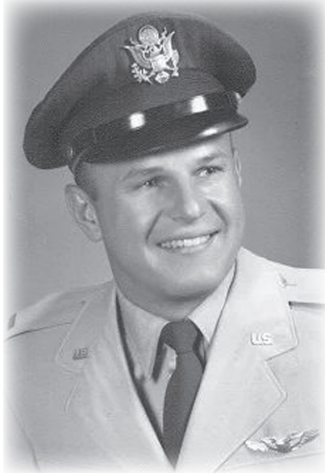
The recently honored 2016-2017 OK White champion varsity girls basketball team.

obituaries

MARVIN



James Albert Marvin, age 84, formerly of Lowell, Michigan, passed away peacefully in Fort Collins, Colorado, Saturday, November 25, 2017.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Marvin. He is survived by his children Deborah Marvin, Eric Marvin (fiancée Heather), Patrick (Amy) Marvin, Sherri (Charles) Dunn, Tony (Mindy) Heykoop, Tim (Kathy) Heykoop; sister, Nancy Davenport; 22 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held in the spring at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lowell, Michigan. Date and time TBA. Memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



BROWN

Barbara Jane Brown, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Monday, December 4, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, Graydon Brown. She is survived by her children, Brian (Becki) Brown, Brooke (Scott) Tetzlaff of Greenville; grandsons, Braydon & Barak Brown, and Bryan Tetzlaff. Barbara was a speech pathologist for Lowell Area Schools for many years, and worked at the Michigan Education Association. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 7, 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral will be Friday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Lowell United Methodist Church.



Looking Back, continued

Harold Anderson, Clark M. Sauer, Wayne Springett, Wesley Roth, Lawrence Aldrich, Percy Noll, Gerald Henry, Clarence Kinyon, Clifford Stinchcomb, Harold Morgan, George Houser, George Kerr, Harold Yeiter, Howard Rittenger, Barry Brannan, W. M. Young, John H. Maynard, Emil Roth, Herbert Brezina, Walter Ransford, Harold G. Yeiter, Roger M. Winegar.

Navy needs men. The Navy department has requested me as President of the Village of Lowell, to issue a proclamation selling forth the needs of the navy. The men of the country responded so promptly to their first call that they were unable to properly provide for them and limited the number from Michigan to 30 men. Now they need men at once and the quota for this village is three men. This provides an opportunity for the men to enlist in this most important branch of the service before being drafted. Do it now! Call the Post Office and Mr. Earl Hunter will fill out the papers for you. S. Winegar, President.

Notice – due to the advance in price of syrup and cream, we are compelled to raise the price of Ice Cream Sodas to 10c. Light Lunches a Specialty. Also a stock of delicious candies unequalled in quality and value. Best of attention given special orders. Height of satisfaction assured by our own vast experience. Fruit at a price within reach of all. Naum & Terpas.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 10, 1942

Fire destroys home On West Lowell farm. A fire which started from a chimney, about ten o'clock Monday evening, completely destroyed the house on the former Stinton farm, now owned by Fred McDonald of Detroit. Neighbors were able to carry out some goods but the fire spread so quickly that it was impossible to save the house. T

Lowell boy earns place in "Who's Who" Phil C. Althen, son of Mrs. E. C. Foreman, Lowell, who will receive his B. S. degree from Michigan State College in June, is among those students who will be listed in the 1942-43 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," which will be released in January. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year by an unprejudiced committee, for their biographies to appear in this book. Mr. Althen is a member of the Hesperian fraternity at M. S. C., is president of the Union Board, on the Student Council, a member of Excalibur, a member of Blue Key, is chairman of the National Student Federation of America Convention, member of Gamma Sigma, president of the Naval Reserve Club, is on the Point Limitations Board, and also on the Applied Science Council. It will be remembered that a similar honor was bestowed on another Lowell boy, Sam Yeiter having earned a place in Who's Who for his activities while at M. S. C.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger December 7, 1967

The problem of transporting students to and from school each day is becoming a big job for the Lowell Area Schools. Students were first transported in Lowell

in 1937 when four school buses were purchased and 160 students from the rural areas were transported to town. Today, the Lowell Schools have 28 buses and transport over 1,900 students to school over 40 bus routes. The school buses travel over 1,500 miles daily and this year will log a total of over 280,000 miles. The transportation budget will require eight percent of the total school general fund budget this year or about \$100,000. About two-thirds of this amount is reimbursed by the state on a formula that considers the number of students transported, wages and equipment costs. This year the schools purchased five new buses for almost \$37,000 and this amount is included in the \$100,000 figure. The school district has an investment of \$150,000 in transportation equipment and employs two full-time mechanics to maintain them.

The Lowell Light and Power Board has announced the appointment of John Jones as acting superintendent of the Lowell Light and Power Company. Mr. Jones has been employed by the light utility since July of 1951, serving as line foreman for the past several years. He will be filling the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Jacob C. Callier, Lowell Light and Power Superintendent.

With the advent of the Christmas season, Lowell residents are reminded of the annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest co-sponsored each year by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Light and Power. The judges will be looking for beauty and originality in the Christmas theme. Watch next week's paper for more contest details.

Mrs. Melvin Rogers observed an interesting way to label trash cans while in Honolulu, Hawaii, and she passes the idea along. The barrel is labeled "Wishing Well, Throw Your Litter in Here and Make a Wish." This may be that extra incentive to get trash into the barrels along Main Street.

Tony Zoovas announced this week that the Showboat Restaurant on East Main Street will be closed starting this Saturday. Tony's going to take his annual winter vacation.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger December 9, 1992

Children escape burning home. The Lowell community rallies to provide support. Lowell fire officials were still not sure of the cause of Friday night's house fire at 11439 E. Fulton on Monday morning. "It started in the living room. If I was to guess, I'd say it was probably electrical," said Lowell Fire Chief, Frank Martin. The two-story home was owned by Arlin Maas, owner of Cumberland Manor, the family of Leonard and Laurie Dockters resided at the residence. Maas said he believed the house was completely destroyed by the fire. Maas had the house insured for \$56,500. The call went out for the fire at 9:02 p.m. Martin said the house was fully engaged by the time firefighters arrived on the scene. The parents, Leonard and Laurie Dockter had left earlier in the evening for a corporate (Rite-Way Plumbing and Heating) Christmas party.

Engler's "Build Michigan" program provides City of Lowell with an extra \$16,407. Thanks to Governor John Engler's "Build Michigan," program, Michigan's infrastructure will be strengthened and job support for thousands will be realized. On a local basis, the program means that the City of Lowell will receive an estimated \$16,407.04 for road improvements in the fiscal year 1992-93. The first payment on these additional funds is expected this week. A cornerstone of Build Michigan has been the creation of the Local Program Fund. The local Program Fund will funnel an additional \$65 million for vital roadway improvements to cities and counties in the current fiscal year This will increase to \$78 million in fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1994-95. From these amounts, \$45 million is a direct grant from the State Trunkline Fund, made possible because of savings and efficiencies achieved by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The balance of these funds will come from a shift in the collection point of motor vehicle fuel taxes to the supplier level. Lowell will receive approximately \$44,680 in local street funds in 1992-93. It will receive approximately \$96,460 in major street funds. The Build Michigan program will add an additional \$16,407.04 to that, thus the total number of dollars allocated through the transportation fund for Lowell roadway improvement in 1992-93 will be \$157,547.

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TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. TFN

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SNOWBLOWER - Poulan Pro PR241 24 in. 2-stage electric start snowblower. 2 years old, used only a couple times, stored inside. Asking \$600, new \$870. Ionia pickup or possible delivery. 616-755-0577, leave message.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. TFN

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for sale

2002 JEEP LIBERTY - Starts & runs great, 4 wheel drive, good tires, good winter car, \$1,850. Call 616-915-3794, leave message.

USED TIRES - Call with size, 616-292-7649/616-295-8820. Rob's Auto - thanks. TFN

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PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900. TFN

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303. TFN EOW

card of thanks

A note of thanks! James Piercefield and his family would like to express their deepest gratitude to all who helped arrange, donated, attended, or contributed in any way to his fundraiser on November 11 at the Moose Lodge. We will never be able to express our thankfulness to all of you for your generosity. We would also like to show our appreciation to those who could not attend, but sent their prayers, positive thoughts, contributions and well wishes. Please continue to think of Jim, as we try to stay strong and help him through his fight.

James & Michele Piercefield & family

help wanted

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED - Must be willing to cook, do prep cook & dishes. If interested apply at Backwater Cafe, 109 Riverside Dr.

KENNEL ATTENDANT NEEDED - Part-time, must love dogs & be reliable. Call K-9 Academy for interview, 293-5653.

RESIDENT CARE GIVER - Fountain View of Lowell is accepting applications for all shifts. No certification needed and weekly bonuses included. Apply in person, 11537 E. Fulton.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO WORK - PT in my adult foster care home. Call Val at 897-5526.

wanted

FARM LAND WANTED - Fifth generation farmer looking to expand operations. Paying aggressive cash rent prices, we also offer soil fertility programs as well as prescription application of fertilizers and planting corn, soybeans and wheat. Looking for the 2018 growing season and beyond. Call or text 616-893-0139.

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818. TFN

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TERRY RISNER ROOFING - free estimates, licensed & insured. Call 616-291-9250.

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DUMPSTER ON DEMAND - any size dumpster at a great price. 7 days a week service. Call 616-527-8143.

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services

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DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? - Don't get sucked into \$100-\$300 evaluation fees...! NEVER charge for your record evaluation & consultation! Driver's license RESTORATION: \$3500 incl. all filing fees AND FREE consultation & evaluation of your case. Have a question? Call Attorney Martin Mead (616) 235-0330.

services

ROOM IN MY ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME - for one male & one female. Call Val at 897-5526.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - Eagerly looking for after school work to help pay for school functions. House cleaning, yard work, car detailing, senior help, pet care, etc., etc. 616-295-8820, ask for Madison. Thanks for helping. TFN

WORK WANTED - Double D's Bucket Van & Handyman Service. 40' bucket, tree trimming & removal, gutters, window washing, power washing, buildings, barns, homes, decks, etc. Insured. Call Dave Delinsky, 616-212-3008. Free estimates.

COMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELL ARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to

serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR FROM - 1st. Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E. Call for more information 897-8260.

GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the Clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

CANCER - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

KIDS TALK - Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. A group for children in elementary school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

NOOGIELAND - Tuesdays 6-7:15 p.m. Supervised play for children in kindergarten or younger. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

TOTS PLAYGROUPS - Tues &

Wed., 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come when you can, stay as long as you would like! No registration required. 300 High Street, Lowell. 987-2532.

RAILS TO TRAILS - second TUESDAY of each month, 7 p.m. Meet with the Friends of the River Valley Rails to Trails at the Pere Marquette Depot, 100 Depot St., Belding. www.facebook.com/fredmeijerrivervalleyrailtrails

LOWELL'S OPEN TABLE - Thursday evenings, 5-7 p.m. Serving free weekly meals to residents of the greater Lowell community. Join us for a hearty homemade meal at First Congregational Church of Lowell, UCC, 865 Lincoln Lake SE.

TEEN & TWEEN TALK - Tuesdays, 6 - 7:15 p.m. A group for youth in middle school or high school on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum based activities, discussion & some fun. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

SUPPER TOGETHER - Tuesdays 5:30 - 6 p.m. Join in a meal together before groups begin. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CENTER - 314 S. Hudson. Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-2 pm Tues. 8:30 - 12:30 pm Daily activities & lunch at noon for a donation. 897-5949, seniorneighbors.org

ADULT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. A committed group for those diagnosed with cancer. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

FROM'S MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET - is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm; donate gently used medical equipment or borrow equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and more.

FOOD COMMODITIES - provides Kent County families at or below 200% 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 during the hours indicated (no need to pre-register). Please call 897-8260 with any questions. Upcoming dates/times (Thurs. 9 am - 11 am and 2-4:30 pm and Fri. 10 am - noon), Dec. 7-8.

STORYTIME - every Tuesday at 10 am with Ms. Sheila. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

1st trimester Lowell High School Honor Roll

1st trimester term GPA must be a 3.000 or higher to qualify based on final grades

9TH GRADE

Madison Alcalá
Brielle Arnett
Lauren Austhof
Jacob Bauer
Delaney Beimers
Ethan Bierlein
Kayla Boersen
William Brandt
Casper Broene
Madison Brown
Kailyn Bruce
Dayle Brushaber
Addison Bruwer
Heather Buckley
Zachary Callihan
Michael Camphouse
Miya Cance
Jacob Chrisman
Nathaniel Clark
Kyle Collins
Cameron Comeaux
Kristina Dalessandro
Andrew Davis
Parker Davis
Doak Dean
Emalie DeBoer
Alex DeBold
Darl DeCator
Abigail DeForest
Dillon DeGood
Gavin DeKam
Mason DeRaad
William deVoest
Kaylee Diamond
Rohan Dixon
Samuel Dougherty
Austin Douma
Isabelle Duhr
Sean Edwards
Caden Engle
Dorothy Estes
Olivia Ettinger
Melissa Field
Matthew Fisher
Miranda Flier
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Aaron Foster
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Aleiha Gates
Erin Gibbons
Josiah Gissendanner
Reese Gonzales
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McKenna Grody
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Ethan Nieuwkoop
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Noah Barnhart
Krin Beach
Marissa Berg
Jacquelyn Bileth
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Ryleigh Blough
Ashley Boehr
Lauren Booth
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Cameron Cheney
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Caleb Clark
Collin Clark
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Lucas Cossar
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- 1. Big ____ at 7-Eleven
- 5. Plays for pay
- 8. Not counterfeit
- 12. Largest continent
- 13. Field worker
- 14. Eagle's nest
- 15. Shade-loving plant
- 16. River in Bohemia
- 17. Choice or delicious dish
- 18. *Vince Vaughn's title role, 2007
- 20. Research facil.
- 21. "Colorful" announcement
- 22. Humor magazine
- 23. Sherlock Holmes' esteemed friend
- 26. Wedge-shaped
- 30. "Fat chance!"
- 31. Ancient liturgical hymn
- 34. Jet black
- 35. Like Bushmills' whiskey
- 37. *"Jingle ____ the Way," 1996
- 38. Speak like Pericles
- 39. Cleopatra's necklace
- 40. They're often bolt action
- 42. Tucker of "Modern Family"
- 43. Football play, pl
- 45. *Nicholas Cage's "The ____ Man," 2000
- 47. Egg cells
- 48. "The Metamorphosis" author
- 50. Nursery rhyme old woman's home
- 52. *Kevin McCallister's story, 1990

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- Rep. John Conyers will step down from Congress as of Tuesday amid allegations of sexual misconduct leveled by multiple women. Conyers told a Detroit radio show, "I am retiring today." He also said he wants his son, John Conyers III, to succeed him in Congress. Michigan law says it's up to the governor to call a special election to fill the seat.
- On the other hand, Trump, after one of his Tweets proved he may be guilty of obstructing justice, says his lawyer Tweeted it. Although convenient, other than his most ardent supporters, most see the lie for what it is. He has now moved on to shrinking National Monuments.
- On Monday, thousands of people were forced to flee wildfires that engulfed some 26,000 acres in Southern California just north of Los Angeles.
- A Hawaii woman is waiting to hear back from Guinness World Records to find out if the 5-pound (2.3-kilogram) avocado she snagged is the world's largest. In January 2009, Guinness verified an avocado submitted from Caracas, Venezuela, weighing in at 4 pounds, 13.2 ounces.

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- 56. Opposite end of alpha
- 57. "It's beginning to look ____ like Christmas..."
- 58. Like desert climate
- 59. Apple leftovers
- 60. Container weight
- 61. *"Trappd in Paradise" with Jon Lovitz and ____ Carvey
- 62. Matured
- 63. "C' ____ la vie!"
- 64. Big Bang's original matter

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- 1. Fishing pole
- 2. Olympic castaway?
- 3. Pre-euro money
- 4. Bamboo forest dwellers
- 5. *Like Express to the North Pole
- 6. Overthrow by argument
- 7. Miners' bounty, pl.
- 8. *Clarice, e.g.
- 9. Spans of time
- 10. Not a word?
- 11. Type of Christmas lights
- 13. Helen in France
- 14. Type of deadly flu
- 19. LamÈ or serge
- 22. "____'s the word"
- 23. *Like Bing Crosby's Christmas
- 24. Packers' quarterback
- 25. Like Hitler's Reich
- 26. Reject
- 27. Olden day calculators
- 28. The whole amount
- 29. *Henry F. Potter in "It's a Wonderful Life," e.g.
- 32. Oration station
- 33. *Will Ferrell's 2003 role
- 36. *Based on "A Christmas Carol," 1988
- 38. Port city in Japan
- 40. Ribonucleic acid
- 41. Affected or pretentious
- 44. Part of eye containing iris, pl.
- 46. Unwellness
- 48. Trees producing caffeine-containing nuts
- 49. Like a duel in France, usually
- 50. Smoke plus fog
- 51. At this point
- 52. Antonym of love
- 53. Unwritten exam
- 54. Number of baseball fielders
- 55. Dutch cheese
- 56. Edible tuber

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Having always loved a good detective story, author enjoyed putting together book on area entrepreneur Tyden - chasing the evidence of a remarkable man

Since he was a youngster sitting at his dad's knee watching Sgt. Joe Friday track criminals on the 1950s Dragnet television series, Doug VanderLaan has always been a sucker for a great detective story. As a police reporter for the Grand Rapids Press many years later, VanderLaan got even closer to the work of detectives gathering leads and uncovering evidence as they built cases against the bad guys.

That's why he was so enthused to answer the call of J-Ad Graphics publisher Fred Jacobs to research and write the story of legendary industrialist and entrepreneur Emil Tyden who called Hastings his home for much of his life. The difficulty in that assignment, though, was that Emil Tyden was no criminal.

"Far from it," VanderLaan attested. "The more I learned about him, the more admiring I became of his life and his character. Emil Tyden made a mark in this world at the turn of the 20th century, but it was the imprint of a selfless man whose incredible talents and care for his fellow man should be admired by every succeeding generation."

VanderLaan's book, "Tyden: An Ordinary Man Who Made Others Extraordinary," was published this month by Jacobs and is the most extensive biography to date of a man who arrived from Sweden at the age of 19 and whose inventive brilliance began with contributions to

the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 and ended just before his death in 1951 with the invention of the dry sprinkler fire suppression system manufactured by The Viking Corporation. In between, Tyden offered world-changing developments to the booming automotive industry in Detroit, to America's military efforts in World War I, and to the transportation industry where the invention for which he became best known – the boxcar seal – established Hastings as a manufacturing capital. More than 4 million of Tyden's boxcar seals were manufactured from his plant in Hastings.

Not that Tyden's life lacked mystery.

"Records of his accomplishments are plentiful," VanderLaan pointed out, "but Tyden was apparently a very private man. He doesn't seem to have been much of a letter writer or a man who recorded his thoughts. He was a quiet, self-effacing Swede who over and over again deflected attention to others rather than to himself.

Not much remains physically of the mark Tyden made on the city of Hastings, either. Most residents recognize the name from their familiarity with picturesque Tyden Park, situated along the Thornapple River in downtown Hastings. But even in that gift of land to the city, Tyden had said he wanted it to be recorded as a presentation from his business, the Tyden Seal

Company, rather than from himself. It was only because of then-Mayor Charlie Leonard's insistence that Tyden be forever recognized for his devotion to the city that the park today bears his name.

Only a vestige of the Tyden Seal Company office survives on East Mill Street, but it, too, will soon be razed when Hastings Manufacturing Company, which inherited the property, will soon be making improvements and expansion for its growing business.

In northeastern Iowa, where Tyden accumulated and later operated a modern agricultural operation of some 3,000 acres in the 1940s, Ted and Judy Pitzenberger purchased what's known as Tyden Farm No. 6 and, in addition to farming it with their family, preserve it as a tribute to the man who revolutionized agriculture in that part of the country and helped it recover from the lingering remnants of the Great Depression.

VanderLaan and Jacobs visited Iowa during their three years of research for the book. There, too, they found the shadow of a great man who can only be known through the stories folks tell and re-tell from previous generations of the distinguished man. Like a detective building a case, VanderLaan found gaps that needed to be filled, including Tyden's connection with John and Horace Dodge who deeply desired Tyden's

counsel on building an automated assembly line for their new Dodge automobile. Tyden's heroic efforts in alerting President Woodrow Wilson to the deficiencies of its military defense weapons and fulfilling his

commission to rebuild the country's armament at the Rock Island Military Arsenal also required educated assumptions from the paperwork that still exists.

"It's a compelling read," VanderLaan said of Tyden's

life, "and one I feel fortunate to be part of in its telling. Fred Jacobs has wanted to document this compelling story for most of his life because, as a youngster, he heard the legendary stories of this great man. I'm happy that I could be a part of his effort to bring it to the public in a lasting presentation."

"Tyden: An Ordinary Man Who Made Others Extraordinary" is available in Hastings for \$24.99 at Al Fresco and at The General Store as well as J-Ad Graphics main office and Printing Plus, 1351 N. M-43 Highway, just north of the Hastings city limits. In Grand Rapids, the book is available at Schuler Books and is expected to be added at Barnes and Noble stores nationwide soon.

In Kalamazoo, the book is being offered at Mummy's Book Nook in The Crossroads Mall in Portage and downtown at the Michigan News Agency. Proprietor Dean Hauck of the Michigan News Agency has added the book to the firm's Creative Endeavor Project, an effort to assist local authors by returning 100 percent of all sales proceeds to authors and their publishers.

"Tyden: An Ordinary Man Who Made Others Extraordinary" is also available online at tydenbook.com where more information and book details can be accessed.



When Doug VanderLaan retired as an editor at J-Ad Graphics Inc., publisher Fred Jacobs still had work for him to do. Helping Jacobs tell the story of the legendary Emil Tyden has been one his most rewarding assignments.



Help prevent auto theft during the holiday shopping season

As the holiday shopping season begins, the Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) is reminding the public to be aware of their surroundings and where purchases are stored in parked vehicles.

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to help lessen the chance of becoming a victim:

- Park in a well-lit area
- Place shopping bags in the trunk
- Use storage compartments that keep valuables out of sight
- Don't leave your vehicle running unattended
- Watch for suspicious activity or for anyone who may be following you

- Close windows when your vehicle is parked
- Install a car alarm or panic alarm on your vehicle

Over the last 10 years, the ATPA has assisted in the reduction of motor vehicle thefts in Michigan by 56 percent. The ATPA awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices and non-profit organizations for the

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