

Prizes & awards worth \$2,500 bestowed upon West Michigan Art competition winners by LowellArts

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by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

LowellArts gave out \$2,500 in prizes and awards to the 2018 winners of their 32nd annual West Michigan Art competition on Thursday, March 15. In order to be eligible for the contest, artists had to be at least 18 years old and live in one of 25 counties in West Michigan.

Steve Loar won first place for his mixed media sculpture “Sting’s ‘We Work the Black Seam;’” Taylor Mazer won second place for the pen and ink drawing “And Some More Stairs;” Kimberly Gill came in third with the painting “Determination;” Chris Phillips was fourth with the digital photograph “Retired” and Ann Dyer came in fifth with the pen and ink drawing “Chicory.” Honorable mentions went to Karl Kwekel for the watercolor “Het Grijze;” Sarah Knill for the painting “852 HZ (I See);” BeiBei and LeiLei Chen for their screenprint “Gaia 1” and Hannah Apps for a painting called “Gary.”

Loar said the initial inspiration for his winning sculpture came from a song on Sting’s 1985 album “The Dream of the Blue Turtles.”

“The song is in a coal miner’s voice and he’s

railing against the nuclear power industry, the terrible waste that they create and the economic plan to do away with coal,” Loar said. “It’s against radiation and storing nuclear waste for thousands of years.”

The judge for the contest was Ryan Kaltenbach, exhibits director since 2014 at the Art House in Northville, a suburb of Detroit. Kaltenbach has degrees from Kalamazoo College and Northwestern University and previously worked as the deputy director and collection manager at the Saginaw Art Museum.

“Everything submitted was wonderful,” Kaltenbach said. “Artists should be commended, this is extraordinary work. I looked at all of the pieces at least six times. Each time what I was looking for was visual appeal, a uniqueness in each piece or if there was meaning.”

For more information about the various art, music, theater and other special events happening at LowellArts, call 616-897-8545, send an email to info@lowellartsmi.org, visit them on the web at lowellartsmi.org or explore the gallery in person at 223 W. Main.



First-place artist Steve Loar poses with his mixed media sculpture “Sting’s ‘We Work the Black Seam;’” inspired by a song from the 80s, the coal industry and nuclear waste.

Prizes, games and fun at Saturday’s Expo



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The 2018 Lowell Expo will begin at 9 am on Saturday, March 24 from 9 am until 3 pm. There will be live game shows, entertainment, free samples, demonstrations, kids activities, hair cuts and tons more. Basically, it’s your chance to check out over 150 clubs, organizations and businesses from the Lowell area, all under one roof. The fun will take place at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes SE.

Each year the Lowell Expo closes with a live game show, this year they have over \$1,000 in prizes up for grabs.

“Folks who visit the Expo will have a chance to enter a drawing to compete on stage for valuable prizes donated by our sponsors,” said Josh Bruwer, Expo

chairperson. “This year’s game show will be ‘the Expo Olympics.’ Most of our sponsors will sponsor a game in the Expo Olympics which will be relevant to their organization.”

“At the Expo Olympics, games will include J&K Roadside Service’s tire changing challenge, Arrowhead Golf Course’s pop a putt game, Snow Avenue Greenhouse’s pot the flower game, the Gordon Group’s closest to the sale price game, Station Salon’s best hair up-do game and PFCU’s counting change game” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker.

To be a contestant in one of the game shows, you must register at the Chamber of Commerce booth between 1 and 1:30 pm.

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J-Dubb's Signature Subs now under new ownership

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The submarine sandwich shop in the gas station at 2001 W. Main is under new ownership and offering some interesting, new subs. J-Dubb's Signature Subs was a "Jersey Giant" until the new owner took over in November. The new owner's first innovation was to buy an oven.

"We have the same awesome Jersey Giant sandwiches, but we have

the flexibility of bringing in an oven so that we can serve grinders as well," said operations manager Scott Day. "We have toasted subs now, as well as the traditional subs that we sold before. We've added a turkey, steak and ranch sub and we also added a meatball sub with pepperoni and provolone cheese. They're very, very good. The biggest sub at Jersey Giant was called the 'Jersey Devil.' That now has become the 'Signature

Grand Slam.' That's the one with seven meats and a cheese. It's a mind-blowing experience. It's really an excellent, excellent sandwich."

Unlike many sandwich chains, they don't cut costs by cutting corners. Instead, they strive to use as many West Michigan ingredients as possible in their sandwiches.

"The most important thing is the ingredients. Any food product is dependent

on its ingredients," Day said. "It doesn't matter what you call it or how pretty you make it, if it doesn't have quality ingredients it doesn't matter. We have very good, high quality meat products and they're very low [in] fat. Other places use a lot of turkey byproducts in their salami, their pepperoni, things like that. It's a way to cut costs, but it gives you an inferior product. A lot of places do that, we do not. Salami should only

have beef and pork in it. The only turkey in our meat is what's in our turkey, which is all fresh turkey breast. It's not a turkey roll or some substance that looks like a bird, it's 100 percent Michigan-raised turkey breast. For our roast beef we use Ada Valley top round, which we get locally from Ada Meat Company. It's medium rare and delicious, as good as any roast beef you'll ever have. It's an excellent product. And we

feature Litehouse dressings, of course, because we're in Lowell."

J-Dubb's Signature Subs shops are currently located in Lowell, Saranac and Gun Lake. The grand opening of their new Portland restaurant will be on Thursday, April 5. Day said the company is looking at sites in Ionia and Greenville to open future sub shops.



along main street

LOWELL EXPO

This year the Lowell Expo will take place at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes SE, on Sat., March 24, from 9 am until 3 pm. The theme is Expo Olympics and some of the activities will include a Hall of Adventure, Archery Tag, Ninjas on the Move and the launch of the chamber of commerce's 'Lowell Shopping Bags.' Be sure and pick up next week's Ledger to read more about everything new at the 2018 Lowell Expo.

LOWELLARTS HOUSE CONCERT

Lipstick Jodi will be playing at LowellArts, 223 W. Main St. on Sat., March 24 at 7 pm. Lipstick Jodi is a four piece indie alt-pop band out of Grand Rapids, fronted by guitarist and lead singer Karli Morehouse. LowellArts House Concerts feature musicians from West Michigan in a relaxed, gallery setting. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For tickets, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

AFRICA'S CHILD DONATION DRIVE

Come out to the Lowell Expo, March 24, from 9 am to 3 pm to support Lowell High School's interact club as they collect clothes, shoes, household goods, toys, books and other items like those. All donations are welcome and appreciated.

LOWELLARTS PLAYERS PRESENT RUMORS

LowellArts players presents a dinner theater production of Rumors by Neil Simon. Directed by Kim Miller. Advanced tickets required for dinner theater, show-only tickets also available. Show dates are April 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, May 3, 4 and 5, dinner at 6:30 pm and performance at 7:30 pm. Show-only matinee on Sat., April 28 at 2:30 pm. Performed on stage at Larkin's Other Place, 315 W. Main Street.

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Each sandwich at J-Dubb's is made fresh, plus they recently began offering toasted subs.

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An artist says a hard thing in a simple way.

~ Charles Bukowski
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City council holds two hour meeting to discuss trails, disbursement of LCTV grant money & sidewalk repair

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Discussion of the proposed \$5 million Bowes Rd. section of the Fred Meijer River Valley Trail drew over 40 spectators to Lowell city hall on Monday, March 19 for a two-hour city council meeting. Nine people spoke out for of the trail, two against. Four letters were also read aloud by the city clerk, all in favor of the trail project. Lowell is the only gap in the 125 mile long trail. When completed, it will be the fifth longest continuous rail trail in the United States.

place to live and it could become even greater,” said Greenridge Realty manager Rick Seese. “Young families look for vitality in communities before they choose where they might want to move to. They look for good schools, they look for vibrancy. Lowell has it and it could be greater if we could connect with all of the trailways and become a trail town.”

“[The trail project] adds a sense of community, promotes a positive image for Lowell and fits in well

a ten foot wide paved path with two feet on either side as a shoulder, so that means I’m losing even more of my yard than was originally proposed. Two and a half inches of asphalt does not hold up in a Michigan winter. I’m sorry, it’s going to crumble. I don’t think there’s enough funding available in the [Lowell Area Recreation Authority] budget and in the trails coalition budget that’s going to be able to maintain this long-term. We can’t maintain our streets, yet down the road we’re going to end up maintaining a trail. Am I going to be liable when that happens?”

“The trail plan is not bringing people to the downtown, it’s taking them directly away from it,” said Mark Mundt. “If you don’t put it in, we’ll still be connected to 123 miles of trails. There are other options that have not gotten a serious look. There will be long-term costs that we can’t afford.”

The council voted unanimously to apply for the first of several grants they’ll need to get in order to fund the project, in this case \$300,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. LARA is applying for the same grant, money that will also be used for this project if awarded. Other funding will come from the Michigan Department of Transportation and donations from private foundations yet to be determined.

“We’re just starting this process,” said councilor Greg Canfield. “Although people feel we were trying to sneak this by them, that was not the case at all. This is just the beginning. We are looking for a solution that works for everybody. [...] We do need to find a compromise that works for the [Bowes Rd.] residents. We are not going to take anything away

from people that don’t want to allow an easement on their property, but we will. I think it’s good. That’s the best route. [Williams and Works engineer] Dave Austin spent a lot of time looking at ten or 12 different routes through Lowell and this was the best route. Other routes had more problems.”

The council spent about half an hour discussing the upcoming Broadway St. infrastructure project. At previous meetings, citizens and councilmembers asked if public money would be spent to build a private road for King Milling’s incessant stream of semi trucks. Prein and Newhof engineer Brian Vilmont said the plan is to reduce truck traffic on Main St. by keeping the trucks on Broadway and Hudson. The project also includes a reconfiguration of the municipal parking lot at Broadway and Main and a removable fence that will allow traffic on Broadway during special events.

“This is a really problematic area because of how the railroad is situated and where the river is there,” Vilmont said. “The city is going to be paying for repaving from Bowes up to Ottawa. From Ottawa north to the tracks is not proposed for paving with this project. From the tracks northward, we would be repaving that section, but most of that is parking lot area other than 60 feet of it.”

The council discussed changes to the sidewalk repair ordinance. Police chief Steve Bukala said it is the property owner’s responsibility to repair sidewalks, not the city’s. He also gave a vivid description of the consequences involved if one chooses to ignore the problem after they get a letter from the city.

“The resident will be given a one year moratorium to come into compliance

and the sidewalk permit fee will be waived through June of 2019,” Bukala said. “Starting July 1, 2019 if you have a notice of violation you have five days to fix your sidewalk. If it’s not come into compliance within that 60 days, it comes to my office. We’re the hammer. We’re going to come in and we’re going to have to issue a citation. If that citation is not paid we are going to have to cite you into 63rd District Court. You will be given a formal court hearing. If you are found not responsible,

city of Lowell was awarded \$4,000 for LCTV fund administration expenses, Flat River Outreach Ministries got \$13,804 for a phone system and light upgrade, the Englehardt Library got \$10,000 for a reading garden, the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association got \$6,150 for a golf cart, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce got \$20,000 for a new stage and equipment, LARA got \$25,000 to extend a trail from the corner of Gee Dr. and Alden Nash to M-21, Lowell Area Schools got



Local business owners such as Rick Seese (above) and many other citizens expressed their support for the trail project.

“More and more people from long distances visit Lowell to experience the river, the restaurants, the excitement, the shopping,” said Ability Weavers owner Eric Bartkus. “We would like that to continue. We all would. We believe that the continuation of this trail would go a long way to helping that.”

with other programs offered in the area,” said another area resident.

Only two out of the 11 people who spoke out at the meeting said that they were against the trail project, both Bowes Rd. residents who will lose a swath of property if the project is approved.

“It’s not a ten foot wide path, it’s a 14 foot wide path,” said Jim Pfaller. “It’s



Meanwhile, two Bowes Rd. residents (including Mark Mundt, above) said they don’t want any trails on their property.

nothing happens. If you are found responsible, you are going to be ordered by 63rd District Court to fix that sidewalk. If you don’t fix the sidewalk after the court order, the city is going to come in and fix the sidewalk and assess the lien and then you’re going to be back into court for contempt of court.”

Dennis Kent from the Lowell Cable Television Fund Endowment Board announced the recipients of \$112,093.57 in grants. The

\$19,395 for the playground at Bushnell and \$2,429.12 for a program delay manager and LowellArts got \$11,315.45 for a second floor heating and cooling system.

Lowell city council’s next meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, April 2. They will also have a ‘Coffee with the Council’ at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, April 7.

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school tutoring program both academically and emotionally. I challenge myself daily to make my students feel welcomed and safe. In addition, I strive to make learning

fun and authentic for every kiddo that steps into my classroom. At times, this can be a challenge, but being surrounded by such positive and supportive staff members, parents and students make coming to work every day such a pleasure. Murray Lake has been a great place for me and I cannot wait to see all

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Winter is loosening its grip on the landscape revealing a glimpse of milder weather to come. It's not too early to begin making plans for spring and summer activities.

Camping is a big deal for a lot of Michigan residents. When driving around the area take notice of the camping trailers and vehicles parked in yards and lined up at storage facilities. Some will find their way out of state, but most will occupy campsites across both peninsulas this summer. Tent camping has become more popular so who knows how much gear is stored in garages and basements.

Popular campgrounds will be full during holiday weekends. A few parks will be booked solid until after Labor Day. Anyone expecting to use these high use parks will want to make reservations early. Michigan state parks have an easy to use on-line reservation system. Just a heads up for those interested.

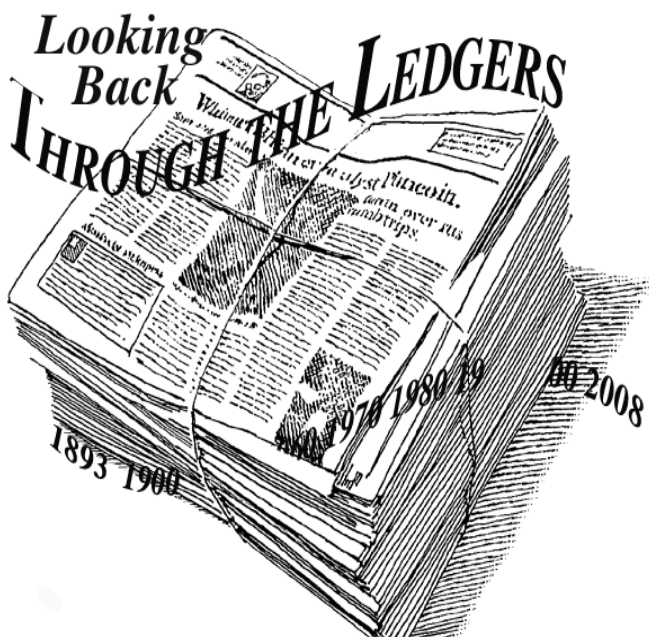
The next thing to do, sooner rather than later, is to check out equipment. Replacement and repairs requiring professional attention are hard to find closer to camping season. Human nature leads people to procrastinate until a need is imminent and then everyone wants service yesterday.

People camp for all kinds of reasons. We go to places for fishing opportunities. Many camp with friends and relatives for social purposes. Others travel to visit new

places and seek unique experiences. Because the majority of camping venues are on or near water, boating in many forms draws folks to campgrounds. Campers meet folks from different places and different backgrounds and often make new friends.

On a cruise ship one is on someone else's boat, eating someone else's food, and someone else is driving. Sometimes that's the way to go, but I like to have all my own stuff and be on my own schedule. Camping provides that opportunity.

Michigan has 74 state parks. Add to that, state forest and national forest campgrounds, township and city sites plus private facilities and you are never far away from somewhere to set up camp in Michigan.



100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 21, 1918

Flood waters reached their highest point at Lowell Sunday and receded about five inches that night, after having stopped operations at the mills and cutter factory for several days. Numerous houses in the lower part of town were surrounded by water and several families vacated their homes or moved to the chamber doors. Basements in the business district were flooded, putting out furnace fires and necessitating the moving of goods to ground floors. Cellars of many homes not flooded were partly or wholly filled with water by soakage. Of course, the flats between the village and Grand river were like a big lake, as usual in high water periods. Altogether our community has been favored beyond our expectation in escaping so easily; for now, unless heavy rains set in the danger is over, and the threatened record breaking flood of 1918 failed to appear.

A splendid patriotic program was given Sunday evening at the Lowell Methodist church, which was crowded to the doors by an appreciative congregation. The old soldiers, of the G. A. R., Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts were given seats on the platform. Music was given by the orchestra and choir of young people. Rev. Jerrett gave an able patriotic address during which he was cheered several times. The Service flag of fourteen stars was presented to the church by the Ladies Aid and the Epworth League, Walter Hansford making the presentation speech. During this presentation, the United States and the Service flags were held up side by side and the choir sang "Beautiful Flag of Liberty." The flag was accepted by Rev. Jerrett in behalf of the church. The male quartet sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning," the chorus of which was joined in by the congregation and repeated several times. The program was closed by "The Star Spangled Banner," lead by the male quartet and choir.

Meat markets closed Tuesdays. In conformity with the order of March 11, the meat markets of Lowell will be closed Tuesday of each week until further notice. C. W. Klumpp, F. S. White, Rufus Gregory.

Chas. F. Kyser is installing a sorghum mill in Lowell on Main street east, with a capacity sufficient to take care of all business tributary to this section. As an aid to those who have not grown sorghum, Mr. Kyser prepared the following directions for growing and harvesting, which it will be well for those interested to preserve for reference during the season.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 25, 1943

From reports of eight cases received this week, it appears that Lowell and vicinity is in for an epidemic of measles. According to the cycle of measles epidemics, this outbreak is a year early. Measles tends to recur about once in three years. The last epidemic in Lowell occurred in March and April of 1941. Measles is very

highly contagious, especially so during the fever stage before the eruption appears. Measles also may become serious. Pneumonia sometimes develops following the bronchitis which usually accompanies measles. Lowell has a serious shortage of doctors, and parents can help materially to relieve the doctor's load by keeping children with symptoms of a cold at home and thus prevent the spread of the disease. When no doctor is in attendance, parents are legally required to report the cases promptly to the local health officer. Kent Co. Health Officer, J. D. Brook, M. D.

The United States army has asked sportsmen to make their pump and automatic 12 gauge shotguns available for training purposes and use by plant protection officers. A maximum price of \$42.50 has been set for the purchase of the guns providing they are in good condition. They should be turned in, no later than March 27, to the Grand Rapids Municipal police station or any State Police Post, the nearest for this locality being Rockford or East Lansing.

High water conditions which prevailed here for several days last week have receded, and conditions are again practically normal. At one time water reached a depth of as much as four feet in store basements, and a goodly number of residential cellars were flooded in some sections of the town.

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125 years ago Lowell Journal March 22, 1893

A local newspaper is often accused of bias in regard to giving personal notices —of mentioning the coming and going of some and omitting others. The faults are with the people and not with the editor. He is willing and even anxious to tell who comes and who goes, if he can find out; but a country newspaper cannot afford to have a dozen salaried reporters. If you have visitors, let us know who they are and where they come from; if anything happens in your vicinity let us know about it. You will find us ready to notice one as well as another, patrons or otherwise, friend or foe. Our object is to give the news.— Ex

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A. O. Heydlauff's little yellow dog met with an accident Monday evening. He was running alongside of and barking at the cars, when he fell in front of the wheels and was cut in two.

A very pleasant dancing party was given last Thursday night to Mr and Mrs Fred Misner, who were about to leave for their new home. Mr and Mrs Fred Misner left, last Friday, for Muskegon, where Mrs Misner will make her home until Fred gets located at Sault Sue Marie.

We have been presented with a handsome copy of the special edition of the "Modern Woodman," the official organ of the Modern Woodmen of America. There were 150,000 copies of this edition printed and it contains a full page "halftone" cut of the head officers and delegates to the last Head Camp at Omaha.

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Women's history and Social Security

March is Women's History Month. This is a time to focus not just on women's achievements, but on the challenges women continue to face. In the 21st century, more women work, pay Social Security taxes, and earn credit toward monthly retirement income than at any other time in our nation's history. Knowing this, you can take control of your own rich and independent history, with knowledge you can get from Social Security.

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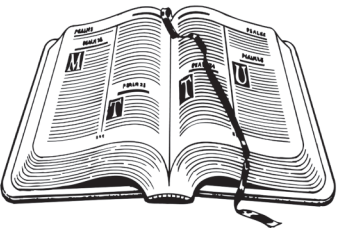
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Looking Back, continued

50 years ago Lowell Ledger March 21, 1968

Although Lowell's municipal election is only 11 short days away, political talk around town is as scarce as the proverbial hen's molars. And unless one or more of the four candidates, seeking the three available seats on the city council on Monday, April 1, generate some political steam very soon, the 1968 city election will go down as the quietest in many a year. A spot check among the voters here and there failed to reveal any trend as to how the election is going. Most of the answers are: "I just don't know." The four candidates, two of whom will be elected to two-year terms and a third to a one-year term, are: Carlen Anderson, incumbent councilman; Richard Curtis; Harold F. Jefferies; and Mrs. Virginia Myers. Anderson is completing his first year of service to the city. He is employed by the Kent County Highway Department as an engineer. Curtis is a dry-cleaning and coin-operated laundry executive. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the council in the 1967 election. Jefferies is former editor and publisher of the Lowell Ledger and Suburban Life. This is his first attempt at elective office. Mrs. Myers, who operates an antique shop and eating establishment, was defeated in a bid for re-election in 1967 after serving a one-year term on the council in 1966-67. City Clerk Laura E. Shepard advises registered residents who will be unable to cast ballots at the polls on April 1 that they may appear at her office in City Hall on Saturday, March 30, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and cast Absent Voters' ballots.

The mid-week rains have brought relief to weary members of the Lowell Fire Department. Chief Frank Baker and his men were literally suffering from "battle fatigue" after answering a record number of grass fire calls in the previous five-day period. Over that span, the local firemen hit the road to put out a total of 14 blazing fields, including one plea for assistance from Grattan Township. On Saturday afternoon alone, the firemen and rigs were kept on the run to snuff out four grass fires. Two alarms came in on Sunday. The first call sent Fire Chief Frank Baker and his men to fight a field fire at the Ada Township address of Earl Vosburg on Grand River Dr. The other Sunday run was to Lowell Township where a grass fire was in progress on the property of Arthur Orcutt on Lowellview Ave. On Monday two rigs and a crew put out another grass fire on West St. The four Saturday alarms were listed as: grass fires at Riverview on M-21; Earl Starkweather on S. Jefferson; Louis Yalacki, on East Main; and to Vergennes Township to the home of Walter Graham at Covered Bridge Rd. In other fire action, the firemen responded to alarms to: Paul Malone, on Five Mile Rd., Grattan Township; Ray Havinga, Lincoln Lake Rd.; David Styles, Foreman Rd.; the Miller property on Grand River Dr., Lowell Twp.; Rusty Balcom, on Montcalm, Vergennes Twp.; Sherm Rowland, Timpson; and Red Bristol, Hunt St.


25 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 24, 1993

The Lowell City Council and the Michigan Department of Transportation granted permission for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to hang a banner across M-21 from Mikel's Inc. to a pole on the south side of the road near the Veteran's Memorial Park. The Council approved the temporary banner to be hung from May 28 until June 18. Lowell Planning Commission, was asked by Councilman Jim Hodges if the banner was in conflict of the sign ordinance currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission. "I don't believe the Council need worry about a conflict at this time. The ordinance is moved more toward permanent signs rather than temporary," he said. The sign will be hung by the Lowell Light and Power Company. "We want to create a festival atmosphere," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce chair person Charlene Chapman said. "We want, not only to get good crafters in Lowell for the arts and crafts show, but we also want to get people into Lowell to shop and look around." State specifications require that a temporary banner not be hung across a major highway that serves as a main artery through a city for more than a three week period. In an effort to do just that, the Chamber has extended the arts and crafts show an extra day. It will open on Friday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The hours will remain the same on Saturday. Those interested in a booth may obtain an application at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office or contact Charlene Chapman at Chapman State Farm Insurance Company. Booth prices will be \$20 for one day or \$30 for both days. Activities planned include the Boy Scouts barbecue chicken dinner at the First United Methodist Church, the Lowell Library used book sale, the Lowell Area Arts Center yard sale, Lori Puff of Chadalee Farms will have a childrens' art booth, and there will be Polo in the Park (free). There will be musical entertainment. It will include DJ's To Go, the Michael Edward's Band, McBitchin, Straight Shot, and Hit 'N' Run.

Ada's Bonnie Palmer knows now that people don't realize just how far they are willing to go to insure the health and life of their dog. "Love is love, whether it's for a dog or a human," Palmer says. Through a recent research project at Michigan State and Colorado State Universities' Colleges of Veterinarian Medicine, man may soon begin to look upon dogs as more than just its best friend. The research project involved a new chemotherapy drug used on dogs which have been diagnosed with osteosarcoma - a malignant bone cancer. "Usually by the time the cancer is diagnosed, it has already metasized from the bone to other parts of the body," Lowell Veterinary Clinic veterinarian, Bruce Langlois explains. "The disease is almost always fatal." Dogs diagnosed with the disease after it has already spread, have a survival time of three months. Those that are diagnosed with the cancer and then undergo surgery (usually amputation of a leg), have a survival time of six months. Dogs who have surgery, followed by chemotherapy, have a life expectancy of nine months. Langlois, who has served as the vet

to Palmer's Belgian Sheperd, Flynn, diagnosed the dog with the disease back in February of 1992. The diagnosis came on the heels of a broken leg which was not healing completely. Amputation of the dog's front right leg was followed by monthly chemotherapy treatments with this new experimental drug. The treatments started in February and lasted six months. The side effects the drug had on Flynn included weight loss, nausea and tiredness. "If amputation is necessary, it is assumed that small tumors have spread from the bone to the lungs," Langlois said. "The chemotherapy is used to kill those small tumors." Five percent of all cancer in dogs is bone cancer. In the United States, 6,000 dogs are diagnosed with the disease. There are 800-1,000 people diagnosed each year with bone cancer. It is most prevalent in adolescents, according to Langlois. "There are striking similarities in the bone cancer diagnosed in humans and that diagnosed in dogs. Because of this, the abundance of canine cases each year makes it an excellent model for the study in humans." Langlois says the results from studying bone cancer in dogs may very well save human lives in the future. "I believe within the next five years you will see this chemotherapy treatment tried on humans," Langlois says. Humans suffering from cancer, who have been in remission for five years, are considered cured. Because of the difference in the life-span, dogs who are in remission for one year are considered cured. Flynn is the first dog to successfully be treated with this drug. "Flynn has to come in for chest x-rays every six months. "I never gave thought to putting Flynn to sleep," Palmer said. "Thanks to the sensitivity Bruce showed, which I haven't ever seen in another veterinarian, I never gave up hope either." Palmer pleaded with vets at MSU to give her something to hang onto during the treatment, but they couldn't. "One of the doctors told me he did not know of one case where a dog with the cancer had survived." Palmer adds that the vets told her Flynn would never swim, run with her, or jump and climb again. "Flynn is now doing all of those things." The treatment cost Palmer and her husband, Woody, roughly \$2,500. Palmer says it would have been more had it not been done through the program at Colorado State and Michigan State. Palmer credits Langlois with bringing the treatment program to her attention. "What is nice about this, is now veterinarians can give people hope. They can tell them one dog has survived," [said] as Palmer smiles.

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Special Land Use request for residential dwellings in the same building with commercial uses at 215 W. Main Street.

Mr. Eric Bartkus has applied for a special land use permit to use a portion of 215 W Main Street for residential purposes. Residential uses located in the same building as commercial uses are only permitted in the Central Business district with special land use review and approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

LaBombard discusses new position & how he got there

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Hired as Lowell's public works director in May 2016, Rich LaBombard has become an indispensable part of the city government's leadership team. Last month he was promoted to assistant city manager, a position created for him when he outperformed his job title.

"There hasn't been a huge transition period yet," LaBombard said. "I'll continue to work very closely with the city manager and occasionally be more involved with council. The biggest benefit to being promoted to assistant city manager, in my opinion, is for the municipal organization. There will be more continuity in the organization and I can assist with getting projects like the Showboat completed."

have experienced significant backups in their basements. Also, take for example the snow plowing and salting routine which requires sometimes nearly all the DPW staff to mobilize well before most people wake up in the morning. It's those dedicated efforts that keep the community running. I like to remind people that citizens interact more with the department of public works than with any other city department on a day-to-day basis. The water you drink, the toilet you flush, the street you drive on, the traffic sign you read, the park you visit, the library facility where you check out a book, etc. is all a part of the department of public works and the dedicated men and women that work there. The shutting down of the showboat and the removal of

the new showboat arrives in town, but we still need to raise more money. It's a very unique project and I'm happy to be a part of it. It's pretty rare to be involved with building a boat while working in city government. The flooding stands out to me as well. I'm very impressed how this community responds to flooding. During the minor flooding in April 2017, I was surprised how the community just took the flooding in stride. I was making a bigger deal of it than the community was, but it was my first flood experience in Lowell. The February 2018 flood was my second flood since being here and I felt like it was handled very well. The city manager, DPW, police and fire did a great job handling the event and working together.

to live, work and visit. I'm always open to doing my part to help out where I can, but it starts with building good relationships. The most challenging aspect of this job is trying to manage time in order to accomplish everything that the council and city manager want to get done, as well as all the goals I've set for the department of public works and myself. If only I could manufacture time it wouldn't be a problem, right?"

LaBombard grew up in a small town called Bay Park in the thumb area of Michigan. That's where he says he learned about the importance of community.

"I'm from Michigan's thumb," LaBombard said. "I grew up in a small cottage community on Saginaw Bay called Bay Park. It was a great place

school and I studied two years of horticulture at the local skill center because I wanted to make sure that I had some marketable skills in the event I couldn't go to college," LaBombard said. "I didn't go directly to college after high school. Instead I moved to Tennessee and landed a job with the Tennessee Valley Authority working as an office clerk in the office of the inspector general. I started my college education at a school called Pellissippi State Community College in Oak Ridge, TN, studying civil engineering. I've always been good at spacial analysis and analytical thinking, so engineering would have been a good fit for me. I moved back to Michigan after four years and continued my education at Delta College in the pre-architecture program since Delta didn't have a civil engineering course. I ended up getting two associate degrees from Delta College and then went on to Central Michigan University where I obtained a bachelor's degree in administration and then a master's degree in administration with a concentration in public administration [from Central Michigan University.] I'm the first in my immediate family to finish high school and go on to earn a college degree. I love learning and I'm very goal-oriented, so once I set my sights on getting a higher degree I didn't stop until I reached my goal.

He said he got an early taste for government work when, as a kid, he visited a relative who worked as a federal employee.

"My aunt worked in the federal prison system and I spent a month one summer with her and my uncle in Littleton, CO, on a federal youth prison reservation where they lived," LaBombard said. "She was provided housing on-site because of her higher role with the prison administration. That was quite an experience living there. It was from talking with her that I gained an interest in working for the government. My first government experience was with Tennessee Valley Authority. It was a very good experience and I learned a lot from my boss, who was tough but fair. After I left that position, I moved home and finished my degrees, but I always wanted to get back into government after working in the private sector for a while. I ended up landing a position for the city of Saginaw and I've been in local government since. When I compare

local government to federal government experience, I feel like I have more of an impact on the local level. I'm very goal-oriented, so I enjoy working on projects and at the local government level I get to see all phases of projects from conceptual to implementation."

His pre-Lowell work history includes stints in Tennessee, Allegan County and the city of Saginaw. He was in charge of buildings, drafted improvement plans for city amenities [and] wrote grants.

"Prior to Lowell, I worked for Allegan County as their facility operations manager," LaBombard said. "I was in charge of all the facilities owned by the county. Everything from the courthouse to the jail, to the youth detention center to the parks and recreation. I loved that sort of work and I was constantly on the move. Prior to Allegan County, I worked for the city of Saginaw for nearly 12 years in the public works department's engineering division. My role in Saginaw started as computer aided draftsman where I used a computer based drafting software to prepare road improvement plans, streetscape plans, park and cemetery plans. Eventually, as I gained more responsibility, I started working more in the grant writing process and I was very successful with obtaining grants for the city. By the time I left to move to West Michigan, I was working between two city departments writing grants, preparing permits, overseeing projects, making facility improvements and implementing energy efficiency measures throughout the city. And prior to Saginaw, I worked for Wade-Trim. I worked exclusively in the land survey department. That is where I learned my drafting skills. Prior to Wade-Trim, I worked for the federal government at the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, TN."

It's not all streetscape plans and spacial analysis for LaBombard, he also has an artistic side and likes to travel around the United States.

"When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my dog Sammie," LaBombard said. "I also enjoy photography and learning how to paint and I'm trying to learn how to work with stained glass as well. I like to travel too. I'm trying to visit every state capital in the nation. I'm a little over half way through and plan on visiting the capital of Texas very soon."



The Lowell public works department: Don DeJong, Ralph Brecken, Rich LaBombard, Scott Fosburg, Todd Phillips, Brian VanVeelen, Joe Baker and Jeff VanSetters.

LaBombard said he owes all of his success to the staff in the department of public works.

"The first thing that stands out to me about this organization is the staff," LaBombard said. "The DPW staff really know their jobs well and work very hard for the community. The recent flooding in February was a good example. We had DPW staff coming in all hours of the day and night to monitor the flood event and maintain the bypass pumps. Without those pumps running, residents could

the old nameplate stand out as two impactful incidents here in the community. However, the blessing in disguise following the shutdown of the showboat is the amount of community support there was for replacing the boat. I've been working with a team to get the new showboat designed and built. I can't wait to see the actual construction in progress, but we still have a long way to go from a timing perspective and financial perspective. I'm sure the community will very much celebrate as

The assistant city manager position was created when another nearby city tried to hire LaBombard away. He said he enjoys working in the Lowell community and has a lot of plans for the town's future.

"The most rewarding part of my job is building relationships with the community," LaBombard said. "I attended the chamber dinner in February and to me it was fun to walk through the crowd and see so many familiar friendly faces. That to me is rewarding, to get to know the community. I truly value relationships and in each of those faces, I see people who have goals and ambitions and it's interesting to see how those people's goals and ambitions drive Lowell to be a better place

to be a kid in the 70s and 80s. I went to Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, home of the USA Patriots. Like Lowell, there was a lot of pride in our community growing up. Our school's color were red, white and blue and our mascot was a patriot. It was one of those places where you felt proud about being an American. We were surrounded by all these patriotic colors and symbols of patriotism, freedom and liberty growing up and that really left a lifelong impression on me about pride for country and community."

LaBombard modestly described his schooling experience as "pretty typical," but it doesn't sound typical at all.

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Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athlete This Week:

Maura Fitzpatrick

Senior and multi-sport athlete Maura Fitzpatrick has been a force on the Lowell varsity gymnastics team qualifying for the state competition as an individual all four years of her high school career. The consistently high scorer excelled in the sport leading her team even prior to her assignment as team captain. The talented future college student has also kicked her way to success on the soccer field.

How long have you been involved in gymnastics and are you involved in any other sports?

Fitzpatrick: I have been in gymnastics since I was five years old; I also play varsity soccer for the high school.

What is your favorite aspect of gymnastics and what, so far, has been your most memorable meet?

Fitzpatrick: I love that gymnastics is always a challenge, it's never easy so you always have to work hard. It is the greatest feeling when all of your hard work has payed off and you finally get that new skill that you have been striving for. It's a very proud moment for yourself.

What do you like to study and what will be your major?

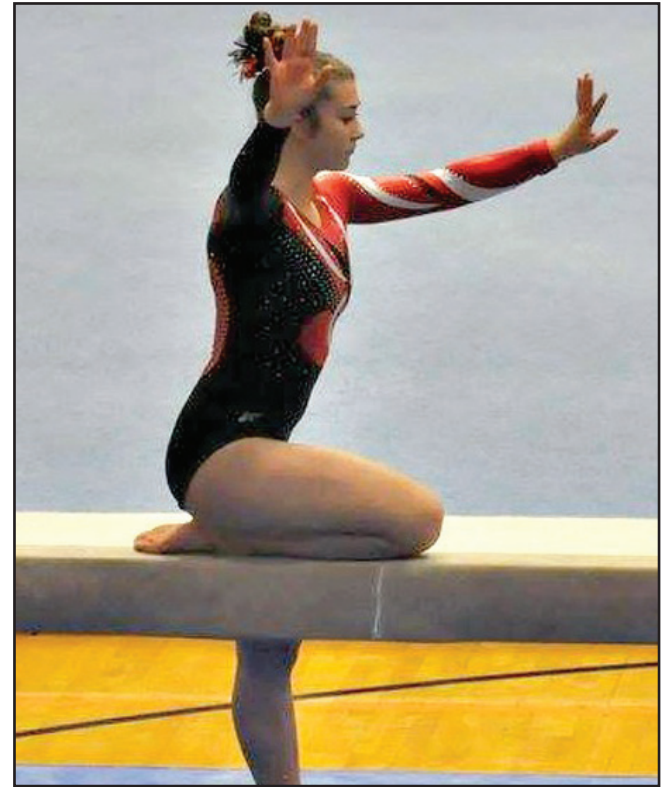
Fitzpatrick: I like to study English and math, including personal finance and accounting. My major will be in business.

How has coach DeHaan helped you along the way?

Fitzpatrick: Michele DeHaan has put so much time and effort into this program and everyone on the team sees it. She cares so much about all her gymnasts and wants all of them to succeed. I can always count on her to inspire and motivate me and to push me to work my absolute hardest. She always has advice and I've always known that I can go to her for help with anything, inside or out of gymnastics.

Why are sports important and why are they important to you?

Fitzpatrick: Sports are important because it teaches one how to work with others and how to be supportive to your whole team. Doing sports throughout my whole life has allowed me to build friendships with many people. It teaches me to balance a schedule of school, sports and work. Sports allows me to keep a healthy and fit status and is something I can always look forward to.



What awards or accolades have you received as a Lowell student athlete?

Fitzpatrick: I have received academic all-state for soccer and gymnastics, all-conference honorable mention for gymnastics, a state and regional qualifier all four years for gymnastics, the scholar athlete award for gymnastics and I was given the captain title for my senior year on the gymnastics team.

Are you planning on going to college and, if so, which one is your first choice?

Fitzpatrick: I am planning on attending Grand Rapids Community College for my first two years, then transferring to Lake Superior State University.

Do you plan to or are you hoping to play at a college level?

Fitzpatrick: I am not planning on continuing my athletic career in college.

Nine Red Arrows named all-conference athletes

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell High School recently announced their winter OK White all-conference athletes as named by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. More than 20 Red Arrows participating in six different sports received the honor. The wrestling team had the

most honorees with nine being named to the list, including freshman Doak Dean, sophomores, Austin Boone, Nick Korhorn and Bryce McCune; and seniors, Channing Perry, David Kruse, Tyler Lynch and Keigan Yuhas. The girls basketball team had the second most all-conference winners with

juniors, Regan Coxon and Emily DePew; and senior Cassie Dean. Senior Mitchell O'Gorman was the lone representative for boys basketball. Both male and female varsity bowlers made the cut, including senior and sophomore brothers, Carson and Collin Clark; senior Laura Lachowski and sophomore

Emma Blakie. Named from the varsity competitive cheer team, sophomores ShiLeigh Shepard and Kyra Snyder. Completing the list are junior gymnast Corah Miller and senior ice hockey all-star Austin Whaley.

— Vince Lombardi Jr.

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Special Land Use request for short term rental at 2179 Gee Drive.

Mr. John Baar has applied for a special land use permit to use 2179 Gee Drive for short-term rental purposes. Short-term rentals are only permitted in the Suburban Residential district with special land use review and approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

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Susan Ullery
City Clerk



Red Arrow

- PREVIEW

SPORTS

Preview of varsity teams ready for spring 2018

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Eleven Red Arrow athletic teams are gearing up for the spring sports season at Lowell High School. Over the next few weeks they will be setting their goals and sights on a championship trophy.

Headed back to the field after a losing 6-9 record last year, the Red Arrow boys varsity lacrosse team will bounce back under new head coach Austin Buckius. Having graduated more than half of their roster last season, including powerhouses Max Bishop, Hayden Barry, Brennan

Battle and Collin Bowers, it will be a young team. They will begin with six consecutive road games, including a bout with Forest Hills Eastern, who dealt the team their only three losses in 2016. The girls varsity lacrosse team will aim to improve on last season's 8-6 finish. Their first home game will be next Wednesday at 7 pm against Grandville.

On the diamonds behind Cherry Creek Elementary, the varsity softball and baseball teams began swinging non-conference games Wednesday. Next Monday and Tuesday at 4:15 they head into OK White

action. The boys went 22-16 last season overall and 12-6 in conference nabbing the program's fourth district championship. Led by head coach Juston Miller, nine seniors graduated last season, boasting six that went on to play at the collegiate level.

On the adjacent field Lowell varsity softball hope to repeat their near perfect 13-1 conference season which earned them last year's OK White championship. Finishing last season 25-12 overall, the team will bring back all of their talented players this spring. They will host their first conference competition April 11 when they welcome Northview for a doubleheader starting at 4:15 pm.

Also coming back to the field after a winning 2017 season, the Lowell girls varsity soccer team will seek to improve on their third-place OK White finish. Completing the season

14-6-1 overall and 7-3 in league play the team had a fantastic showing in the first two rounds of post season before falling in the finals. With veteran seniors, Darby Dean, Riley Conlan and Maura Fitzpatrick; along with junior standout Regan

Coxon, they will embark on their season schedule.

Rounding the blacktop at Red Arrow Stadium soon the girls and boys varsity track teams will compete with their eye on bettering their 2017 season finishes and reaching their own

personal best times. The ladies finished last year's schedule 2-4 in conference and placed first at four local invitationals. Earning a respectable fourth-place finish in the OK White,

Preview, continued page 11



Now a junior, Jordan Dent during his varsity debut last season for Red Arrow baseball.



The 2017 OK White champion Lowell girls varsity softball team.

Sports Summaries

RED ARROW ALUMNI

Lowell alumni Max Dean earned All-American status last weekend at the National College Athletic Association wrestling championship. Rounding out a stellar rookie season as a member of the Cornell Wrestling program, Dean was one of three freshmen to compete in the finals. He placed eighth with a 6-4 decision over Bryce Carr of Chattanooga at 184 pounds. Dean was a two time state wrestling champion and the star running back on the Red Arrow varsity football team.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Four swimmers from the conference champion Lowell/Caledonia/South Christian boys varsity swim team wrapped up the team's season participating in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I state finals on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. Having qualified for three relay-style races, the 200- and 400-freestyle and the

200 medley, the team was represented by Ethan Arendson, Parker Lee, Michael Johnson and Ryan Parsons. The foursome exited the competition with a pair of 22nd place finishes and a 23rd. Assistant coach Stephanie Huyser, head coach for the girls swim program, said that it was an honor to take part in the tournament. "It was a highly competitive meet and we were happy to be a part of it," said Huyser.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Senior Red Arrow athlete Connor Nugent was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for his athletic and academic accomplishments at Lowell High School. Awarding six scholarships per year the MIAAA gifts students who excel in the classroom and in competition while still finding time to serve within their communities. Nugent, a member of the varsity football, wrestling and lacrosse programs, maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA and is the president of the LHS Future Farmers of America chapter. Also a member of the National Honors Society and interact club, Nugent intends to major in agricultural business and minor in Spanish next fall at Michigan State or Cornell university.

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Preview, continued

the team placed 15th at regionals where then-senior Corah Kaufman earned a state bid on the pole vault. The boys' team slightly bettered the ladies finish coming in at a break even 3-3 in the OK White,

earning a matching fourth-place finish in the league.

Also competing this spring is the girls varsity tennis team set to hit the court after a 2-10 losing season last spring. The co-ed crew team will compete

on the local waterways. Last but not least, the boys varsity golf team will hit the green for their first competition against Kenowa Hills next Tuesday on the road and the co-ed trapshooting team will also aim for victory this spring.



Senior lacrosse player Connor Nugent on the field last spring against Northview.

Working families eligible for Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit

Working families and individuals with low to moderate income who receive a federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can receive a six percent matching tax credit from the state of Michigan, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

To qualify, individuals

must meet certain requirements and file a federal income tax return, even if no tax is owed or there is no requirement to file a return. If a federal EITC is granted, the state of Michigan will provide a six percent supplemental EITC when the taxpayer files his or her state income tax return.

"I strongly encourage all eligible Michiganders to take advantage of this important tax credit," said deputy state treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury's tax administration group. "This puts extra income in the pockets of individuals and families in most need."

The amount of the federal EITC depends on

income, filing status and number of qualifying children claimed as dependents on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. The EITC reduces the amount of tax owed and may provide a refund.

During the 2016 tax year, more than 770,000 claimants received the

Michigan EITC, totaling nearly \$114 million with an average credit amount of \$148.

The state Treasury Department estimates there are thousands of eligible Michiganders who are eligible for both the federal and state EITCs and do not claim them each year.

To learn more about the EITC, go to www.irs.gov/etc. More information about state of Michigan income taxes can be found at www.michigan.gov/incometax

Stabenow, Peters introduce resolution to reinstate net neutrality

Only one more Republican Senator needed to overturn FCC decision and pass resolution in the Senate

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters introduced a resolution to overturn the Federal Communications Commission's decision to repeal net neutrality rules that ensure a free and open internet for all Americans. The resolution, which

would fully restore the 2015 Open Internet Order, has the support of 50 members of the Senate, including Republican Senator Susan Collins. Only one more vote is needed for the Senate to take action.

"Internet access isn't a luxury for people in Michigan; it's a necessity," said Senator Stabenow. "High school students need the internet to do their homework at night and

small-business owners need it to sell their products. Just one more vote will keep the internet open and free."

"We live in an increasingly interconnected world, and access to an open internet is more vital than ever for Michigan small businesses, startups, students and job-seekers," said Senator Peters. "I was very disappointed in the FCC's decision to scrap net neutrality protections.

This resolution would take steps to undo the FCC's decision and help ensure the internet can continue being a hub for innovation and economic opportunity for everyone."

Last week, the FCC's rule repealing net neutrality was published in the Federal Register, leaving 60 legislative days for the Senate to vote to

overturn the resolution. The FCC's Open Internet Order prohibited internet service providers from blocking, slowing down, or discriminating against content online. Repealing these net neutrality rules

could lead to higher prices for consumers, slower internet traffic and even blocked websites. A recent poll showed that 83 percent of Americans do not approve of the FCC's action to repeal net neutrality rules.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-203018-DE

Estate of RICHARD H. BAUMANN, deceased.
Date of birth: 05/13/1931.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard H. Baumann, died 02/01/2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to Kathleen A. Staskiewicz, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 14, 2018

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
March 12, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Kilts Property Sewer Disconnect to be completed by 4/12/18.
2. CDBG Resolution 2018-011.
3. Road Closing Resolution for Parnell Resolution 2018-014.
4. Public Hearing for 2018/19 Budget.
6. General Appropriations Act Resolution 2018-012.
7. Revised Employee Handbook.

Special Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Synopsis of Minutes
March 15, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Cowan Lake Reimbursement Resolution 2018-013.

Our next Township Meetings will be
March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and
April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

obituaries

CLAY

Tiffany Ann Clay, age 32 of Grand Haven, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away suddenly Wednesday, March 14, 2018. She is survived by her parents Theresa Ann Clay and Kevin William Clay; grandparents Phillip Selman, Tina Selman, Jeanne Clay; and loyal companion Ollie. Tiffany was a very kind, loving, and caring person. She was always there if you needed her for any reason. She enjoyed traveling, concerts, comic cons, disc golf, art and playing guitar. A memorial service celebrating Tiffany's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



HATHAWAY

Janet Marie Hathaway, age 65 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Alice Pranger. She is survived by her daughters, Heather (Nicholas) Stanard, Jennifer Hathaway; brothers, Mike (Terri) Pranger, Jayson Pranger, Mark (Irene) Pranger, Ripp Pranger; grandchildren, Ashlie, Baylie and Samuaile; and best friend Sheryl Lemons. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Park Church of God, 3450 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509.



sister Donna (Duke Thomet) Smit; grandchildren Kate, Lyndsay, Alyson, A.J., Bill, Jon, Zach, Kenzie, J.R., Macy; great grandchildren Austin, Dillon, Gavin, Cora, Zane, Peyton, also countless nieces and nephews. Richard enjoyed farming, gardening, hunting, fishing, playing Euchre and Cribbage. He was a member of the Lowell Knights of Columbus and Lowell Township Trustee for over 30 years. He retired from Lear Siegler after 45 years. Richard also volunteered with the Alto Fire Department as a firefighter, and was proud to have donated over 12 gallons of blood over the years. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. with the Rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 Amity St. S.E., Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Hospice, 2161 Leonard Street N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or Lowell Knights of Columbus 7719, 322 Amity St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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HUVER

Richard Marvin Huver, age 82 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Marvin and Eva Huver; sisters Patricia Hoffman, Mary Smyth; brother Robert Huver; parents-in-law George "Bob" and Katherine Ford. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Jean; children Richard C. (Laura), Tamara (Bob Meyle) Huver, Dennis (Sherri), Patricia (Brian) Schafer, Christopher (Krista); brother Daniel (Ann) Huver; brother-in-law Cameron (Joan) Hoffman;



Christopher Fredrick Raymor, age 34 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Chris was a loving husband and a wonderful dad. He and his son, Christopher, were extremely close; Christopher followed him around like a little shadow. Chris had a head for trivia and knew a lot of random and interesting information, which he loved to share with his son. He enjoyed small game hunting, fishing, and gardening. Chris will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 11 years, Emily; and son, Christopher. His kind and generous nature will be forever remembered by those who survive him: his mother, Michelle (Mike) Divine; father, Lee Raymor; brothers, Derek (Trish) Divine, Stuart Raymor III; sister, Libby (Richie) Irish; grandparents, David and Ruth Divine, Gladys Parker, Red and Fawn Shepard; nieces and nephews, Jenna, Will, Alaina, Wyatt, Carter; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his Aunt Aimee and many others during this difficult time. Chris was preceded in death by his son, Gram; twin brother, Timothy; father, Bill; grandfather, Stuart I; and uncle, Chris. A Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, March 24, 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emily and Christopher Raymor at River Valley Credit Union.



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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and updating the Master Plan as summarized below:

Zoning amendments are proposed in section 201.202 Definitions to amend the definition of "Lot Area" that parcels may now include the street right of way for minimum area and size. The Master Plan is being updated with current census data, new transportation data, to address coming future uses, to add senior housing, to update trail data, to promote high speed internet and encouraging complete streets.

The complete ordinance amendment and the Master Plan draft can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** or on the website at **www.vergennestwp.org**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairperson or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: **zoning@vergennestwp.org**

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF FRANCHISE ORDINANCE WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. the following ordinance was adopted.

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS AND/OR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers, and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No street, alley, bridge, highway, waterways, or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities and provided further that, except in the case of emergency situations or service restoration, all trimming of trees in a public right of way shall be preceded by a general notice to the Charter Township.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted are not exclusive. The right to do a gas business and the right to do an electric business hereunder are

several, and such rights may be separately exercised, owned and transferred provided, however, that in the event of a transfer the transferee agrees to accept all terms and conditions set forth herein. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 6. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall from time to time extend its gas and electric systems to and within said Charter Township, and shall furnish gas or electricity to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. RATES. The Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for gas and/or electricity furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas and electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this Ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service, both gas and electric, not herein fixed, be and remain subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas or electric service in said Charter Township.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas and/or electric ordinance adopted by the Charter Township Board on April 18, 1988 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas and/or electric franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

A copy of this ordinance is available at the office of the Lowell Charter Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331, during Township office hours.

Lowell Charter Township
Monica Burt, Clerk

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By law, employers must withhold Social Security taxes from a worker's paycheck. While often referred to as "Social Security taxes" on an employee's pay statement, sometimes the deduction is labeled as "FICA" which stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, a reference to the original Social Security Act. In some cases, you will see "OASDI" which stands for Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance.

The taxes you pay now translate to a lifetime of protection — for retirement in old age or in the event of disability. And if you die, your family (or future family) may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work as well. Because you may be a long way from retirement, you might have a tough

time seeing the value of benefit payments that could be many decades in the future. Keep in mind that the Social Security taxes you're paying can provide valuable disability or survivors benefits now in the event the unexpected happens. Studies show that of today's 20-year-olds, about one in four will become disabled, and about one in eight will die before reaching retirement.

If you'd like to learn a little more about Social Security and exactly what you're building up for yourself by paying Social Security taxes, take a look at our online booklet, How You Earn Credits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

You may know someone who lost a parent when they were a child. They probably received Social Security survivors benefits. Social Security helps by providing income for the families of workers who die. In fact, 98 of every 100 children could get benefits if a working parent dies. Social Security pays more benefits to children than any other federal program. You can learn more at www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/.

Social Security is with you through life's journey. You can learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Online POLL QUESTION

Who will win the men's NCAA National Championship?

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equipment and diligent safety awareness in the workplace or job site.

While falls have historically been the leading cause of death in the construction industry – both in Michigan and the nation – 2017 marked an increase in fall-related deaths among roofers.

MIOSHA will focus its outreach to roofing contractors and industry by sending letters to these employers to promote awareness of the dangers of roofing operations and the importance of safety training. Stand-down events on fall prevention will be held. MIOSHA field staff will be closely observing residential and commercial roofing activities in the coming year. On-the-spot inspections will be initiated if any serious hazards are observed.



Pickelman encourages employers and workers to check out MIOSHA's comprehensive fall prevention website: www.michigan.gov/stopfalls that offers valuable

resources that are free. Publications, safety standards, policies and procedures are available to help prevent workplace fall-related injuries and fatalities. Register for upcoming training classes or check out MIOSHA's video library that offers many fall hazard titles, a free video loan service and video streaming opportunities.

Also available at no cost to employers, is MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training (CET) division. CET consultants are available to help employers develop and implement long-term safety and health programs and comply with current MIOSHA regulations. For free statewide assistance, companies can call the CET division at 517-284-7720; toll-free at 800-866-4674 or visit the website at www.michigan.gov/miosha

"The best time to take advantage of these free resources and services is before an accident happens," said Pickelman. "One of the most effective ways an employer can protect its workers is for the employer to establish a safety and health program. We can help them achieve this."

In 2016, of MIOSHA's covered 43 fatalities, 22 (over half) were related to falls, with six fall fatalities of tree trimmers. In 2017, of MIOSHA's 38 covered fatalities, 15 (39 percent) were related to falls, with two fatalities of tree trimmers and eight fatalities related to roofing activities (53 percent).

"I urge all employers and employees to take every safety measure and precaution when working at higher elevations and be alert for any hazards," said Pickelman. "Together, we can stop falls and save lives to help ensure that every Michigan worker goes home unharmed at the end of the day."

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MIOSHA's Stop Falls. Save Lives. Campaign focuses on roofers in 2018

Employers urged to access free online safety resources at www.michigan.gov/stopfalls

As MIOSHA's "Stop Falls. Save Lives." worker safety awareness campaign continues into its second year, the focus will be on reducing worker deaths due to falls in the roofing industry. While the overall number of MIOSHA-covered worker fatalities declined last year, along with a decline in fatalities due to falls in general, eight were related to roofing activities, double the four fall-related fatalities of roofers in 2016.

"MIOSHA is committed to addressing these fatalities by falls through increased enforcement, proactive outreach and collaboration with Michigan's employers," said MIOSHA director Bart Pickelman. "While MIOSHA is encouraged with 2017's downward trend in worker fatalities due to falls in general and more significantly in the tree trimming industry that we focused on last year, any worker death is tragically, one too many."

The Stop Falls. Save Lives. informational outreach campaign aims to raise awareness of fall hazards and to educate employers and employees that all falls are preventable with continued training, appropriate



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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm., in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the hearing will be:

Special Land Use request for open air business at 930 West Main Street

Betten Baker Chrysler Dodge Jeep has applied for a special land use permit for an open air business at 930 West Main Street. The open air business will be a redesigned car dealership. Open air businesses are only permitted in the General Business district with special land use review and approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk