

## Thousands attend 22nd annual Expo at LHS

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Saturday, March 24, was the 22nd annual Lowell Community Expo at Lowell High School. Thousands wandered around entering drawings, chatting, sampling products and collecting coupons, toys and other promos at over 150 booths from local businesses, churches, schools and other organizations.

It was Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce volunteer Jantina Wasciuk's 15th year volunteering at Expo. She said the number one factor determining attendance at the Expo is the weather, nice weather equals low numbers. Saturday's bright sunshine, low temperature and heavy wind was the perfect mix to bring in a nice crowd.

"Attendance all depends on the weather," Wasciuk said. "If it's cold, more people come to Expo, so it was busier today than last year."

"Expo is going well. I think it's been busier than last year," said Sue Raimer, an independent Mary Kay beauty consultant from Saranac. "The weather is perfect for Expo. It's too cold to do anything outside, but it's nice and sunny."

"It's a great crowd, everybody's smiling," said Teresa Beachum of Beachum Flooring. "The



parking lot was packed. Opening an hour earlier this year certainly seemed to pay off."

"Expo is going great," said retiring wastewater treatment plant superintendent Mark Mundt. "I think it's a good year. It may even be a record turnout. I don't know, but it stayed busy all day. It's been wonderful."

"It's been a great, busy day," said Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot. "We've visited with a lot of Light &

Power customers and a lot of people from the community. It was a great time."

"It's going really well," said Charlie Jeffrey from Betten Baker GMC. "We've met a lot of nice, new people and we saw some of our regular customers and some old friends. It's always fun to come out here with the community. The weather is perfect for Expo. It's not raining, it's not snowing, it's bright and sunny, but it's too cold to do much of anything in the yard."

"It's going well, we've

got a wonderful crowd here," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt. "The chamber of commerce puts on a wonderful event every year."

Madelyne Crace, Megan Summerfield, Jan Thompson, Kim Hoffman and June Dilly of the Lowell Women's Club were serving coffee and donuts, lots and lots of donuts.

"It's going very well. There are many wonderful people and wonderful vendors, and we are proud to be here every year," Thompson said.

"It's great to see the community out here. There was a huge turnout this year," Summerfield said.

"And everybody loves donuts," Crace said.

Volunteer Wasciuk was guarding a big pile of door prizes people won by purchasing raffle tickets. She was waiting for the winners to pick up their booty.

"What could be better than sitting here giving away prizes," Wasciuk said. "We always tell people to come back and check to

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## Headhunters reunite to rerecord a classic

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell's legendary 60s rockers, the Headhunters, got together last month and rerecorded one of their classic songs, 'Times We Share.'

"It was kind of cool," said bass player Terry DeWitt. "We did it in one night. The three of us getting together and doing that was a blast. It was fun. Roger is so talented, it's unbelievable."

"It was my idea," said pianist Roger MacNaughton. "It was kind of like a thank you to the guys in the band who got together for our reunion. They willingly came together and practiced for many, many months. They didn't get paid for that and I'm sure they were gleefully happy to do it, but I thought it would be nice. We learned that song and we learned a few others, so I thought we should record it."

The Headhunters were, along with the Plague and the Shaggs, Lowell's answer to the Beatles back in the '60s. They made a name for themselves playing at dances, battle of the band competitions, weddings, basements and garages

all over Michigan. One highlight of their career was when they acted as the backing band for the Vogues' performance on the Lowell Showboat. Eventually their success led them to Dave Kalmbach's Great Lakes Studios in Sparta, where their 1968 release on Fenton Records was recorded. Since breaking up in 1968, the band has reunited on two previous occasions; first in 1993 and then last summer for their 50th high school reunion. Last month, they reunited again in MacNaughton's home studio with the goal of making a more professional sounding recording than the one they made in the '60s.

"As kind of a party, we got together last month in my home studio and recorded

it," MacNaughton said. "I'm kind of happy with it. I used a lot of my studio trickery to do it. I took a lot of time to put the pieces together, put the fills in the right places and things like that. Somebody on Facebook said that it's amazing what time and good equipment can do. We were kids when we did that, we didn't know any better. The tempo fluctuates all over the place and I was always kind of embarrassed by the keyboard solo. It was the most repetitive and boring solo that anybody could have come up with, but I was a kid."

The group is tentatively planning to return to the basement and tackle the

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# Barn for Equine Learning wins \$15,000 grant

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Out of 250 entries, the Barn for Equine Learning, a horse therapy nonprofit at 3203 Timpson Ave. SE, has won the \$15,000 “Do Good & Do Beautiful” grant from skin and hair care products company Alba Botanica. The grant is for non-profit organizations owned by women that focus on environmental matters, animal welfare or female empowerment. They plan to use the grant money to hire a staff member to coordinate their abundant activities.

“We were excited to be recognized for this grant,” said Barn for Equine Learning founder and executive director Kat Welton. “The people voted us into the top two. That’s

really awesome. It’s a great next step for the barn. We are community based, so our backbone is our volunteers. It’s important for us to stay organized, especially when we launch new programs.”

They will take applications this week and make a decision in the coming weeks.

“We are in the process right now of reaching out for a volunteer coordinator for the barn,” Welton said. “Hopefully within the next three weeks we’ll have somebody hired. We’ve been receiving some resumes and there are some people in the barn who might be a good fit for it. We have to make sure everything lines up. It will be great to put that money to work and get a part-time staff member.”

In a couple months the barn will have a benefit to raise some more money, which they plan to use to keep themselves open and running.

“We have a benefit scheduled for May 18 and 19, a big, fancy dinner and an open house, that’s pretty exciting,” Welton said.

The Barn for Equine Learning was devastated after an arsonist, a neighbor named Payton Mellema, set it on fire last April. The fire killed 13 horses and totally destroyed the facility. Mellema was sentenced on Dec. 12, 2017 to serve one year in jail and then another three years in a mental health facility.



Barn founder Kat Welton inside of the recently remodeled facility.



## along main street

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### Mundt retirement party at city hall on Thursday

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Theresa and Mark Mundt will retire from their city jobs on Friday, March 30.

There will be a special party to honor them, open to the public, at Lowell city hall on Thursday, March 29 from 4 pm until 7 pm. Snacks, cake and punch will be provided.

Theresa is the Lowell deputy clerk and has worked for the city in various positions for 15 years. Mark is the superintendent of Lowell’s wastewater treatment plant and has worked there for 29 years. The couple have also spent hundreds of hours volunteering for organizations such as the Lowell Rotary and Pink Arrow Pride.

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other song from their 1968 single.

“The guys want to do the b-side too. We probably will if they badger me enough. I’ve got 1,000 other projects I’m working on. It’ll come about but it’s not on the docket right away. Maybe later this year or next year, I don’t know. We obviously want to.”

“Roger plugged everything into the console in his home studio,” DeWitt said. “When Tom got done with his stuff on the guitar, Roger set me up on the stool with my bass and headphones on. Roger plays piano, organ and flute on it. Tom had four tracks, I had two and Roger did all the mixing, of course. Then we put the instruments away

and sat on the stools again to record the vocals.”

They have since put both versions of the song on YouTube for the public to enjoy visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7fZYpjvTNw&>.



The Headhunters in their 60s heyday and below during their 2017 reunion.



# Five Social Security facts you may not know about

Most people know at least something about Social Security. For decades, Social Security has been providing valuable information and tools to help you build financial security. Here’s your opportunity to find out a little more, with some lesser-known facts about Social Security.

## 1. Social Security pays benefits to children.

Social Security pays benefits to unmarried children whose parents are deceased, disabled, or retired. See *Benefits for Children* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf) for the specific requirements.

## 2. Social Security can pay benefits to parents.

Most people know that when a worker dies, we can pay benefits to surviving spouses and children. What you may not know is that under certain circumstances, we can pay benefits to a surviving parent. Read our Fact Sheet *Parent’s Benefits*, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10036.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10036.pdf), for the details.

## 3. Widows’ and widowers’ payments can continue if remarriage occurs after age 60.

Remarriage ends survivor’s benefits when it occurs before age 60, but benefits can continue for marriages after age 60.

## 4. If a spouse draws reduced retirement benefits before starting spouse’s benefits (his or her spouse is younger), the spouse will not receive 50 percent of the worker’s benefit amount.

Your full spouse’s benefit could be up to 50 percent of your spouse’s full retirement age amount if you are full retirement age when you take it. If you qualify for your own retirement benefit and a spouse’s benefit, we always pay your own benefit first. (For example, you are eligible for \$400 from your own retirement and \$150 as a spouse for a total of \$550.) The reduction rates for retirement and spouses benefits are different. If your spouse is younger, you cannot receive benefits unless he or she is receiving benefits (except for divorced

spouses). If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, when you add spouse’s benefits later, your own retirement portion remains reduced which causes the total retirement and spouses benefit together to total less than 50 percent of the worker’s amount. You can find out more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html).

## 5. If your spouse’s retirement benefit is higher than your retirement benefit, and he or she chooses to take reduced benefits and dies first, you will never receive more in benefits than the spouse received.

If the deceased worker started receiving retirement benefits before their full retirement age, the maximum survivors benefit is limited to what the worker would receive if they were still alive. See [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/survivors/survivorcharted.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/survivors/survivorcharted.html) for a chart.

Social Security helps secure your financial future by providing the facts you need to make life’s important decisions.

# Police stats Feb.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Police Department made 30 arrests during the month of February. The arrests included two drug law violations, five for drunk driving, one for driving with a suspended license, one alcohol arrest, 17 for outstanding warrants and four that are described in the police department’s statistics as “other arrests.” That adds up to a total of 62 arrests in Lowell during the first two months of the year.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during February. There were four larceny calls, one dog/animal complaint, two malicious destruction calls and five assaults. Lowell police issued 37 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. They were called to assist 73 times and were dispatched to 12 accidents. Out of 145 traffic stops in February, they let 119 drivers go with a warning.

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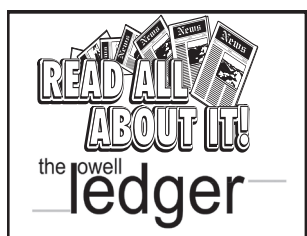


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## Spring break staycation local events

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

While some will be splashing in the ocean and digging their toes into the sand this spring break, many families have decided on a "staycation," seeking out fun ways to spend their time locally. Never having a shortage of activities, the community does offer a variety of options for all ages. Spring break begins this Friday and lasts throughout next week.

Open 365 days a year from dusk til dawn, the Wittenbach/Wege Center on Vergennes offers a daily opportunity to enjoy the plentiful grounds and trails. Featuring towering pines, wetlands and wooded beauty, the trails offer a variety of surroundings and an in-depth look at nature. They also host guided hikes each Sunday at 2 pm. One of the center's own naturalists will lead a group. Early arrival is recommended for this free event.

Always bustling with activities, the Kent District Library branches in both Lowell and Alto have unique spring break lineups, many with science- and technology-based themes.

At the Englehardt branch children ages six and up can participate in Minecraft Club on Monday from 4:30-5:30; and the Forensic Science Detective drop-in from 1-2 pm on Wednesday lets kids solve a crime. All ages can participate in the construction- and engineering-focused Build IT program from 1-3 on Tuesday. The library is also hosting a four-day workshop April 3-6 from 3:30-5 titled Coding for Kids that introduces kids to the process of computer coding. Pre-registration is required for this event.

In Alto, the library will be hosting several lab experiences. STEAM for Fun and Discover offers hands on experience in engineering, science and art on Tuesday from 1-3. On Wednesday from 1-3, children six and up can join Let Loose with Lincoln Logs. Thursday and Friday all ages are invited to create paper circuits using copper and LED bulbs and/or learn more about anatomy during The Human Body. Several of these free events feature take home projects and all include knowledge and fun.

Also in Alto, SwissLane Farms Dairy Discover program will be hosting a Spring Break Bash on Friday and Saturday from 2-4 offering kids the chance to get up close and personal with the dairy farming process. The event includes two hours of guided tours of their facilities, hayrides, the opportunity to bottle feed a baby calf, snacks and, of course, milk. Tickets are just \$10 per person with families receiving a buy four get one free discount and those two and under gain free admission. Tours of the robot farm featuring mechanized milkers are available for an additional \$3 each and add about a half hour to the regular tour.

A spring tradition you can add to your "staycation" is your first stop of the season at Ball's Softee Cream. They offer delicious frozen treats, including specialty sundaes, floats and cones plus hot eats like chili dogs and hamburgers. Ball's Softee Cream spring hours are Monday through Thursday 11-9, Friday and Saturday 11-10 and Sunday from 12-9.

## Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center

Two Lowell High School students have been named Student of the Month at Kent Career Technical Center. Avery Lupton, 12th grade, is enrolled in the automotive technology program;

and Devon Maxim, 11th grade, is enrolled in the engineering and architectural design program.



Avery Lupton



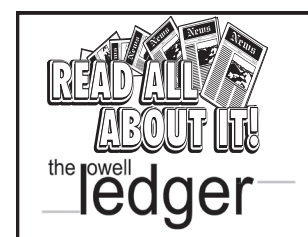
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# viewpoint

## Going to be an interesting year

Dear Editor,  
I would like to talk about a proposed trail going through Lowell that might go across private property. If I owned property I know I wouldn't want a trail going across my property. I believe any financial gains that the downtown area might gain from having a trail going to their area would be pure speculation. No one should be forced to accept the burden of a

trail crossing their property. We know what happened with the now defunct bi-digester. The burden from that speculation was put on the public. Every property owner in the city of Lowell should ask themselves if they would want a trail going across their front yard. The constituents of Lowell should have been asked if they would want a trail going across their property before any decision

was made to go along Bowes Road or any other route. Would a trail just be something else the city has to maintain? The city can't afford to maintain what it has now. Could that be one reason why a city income tax has been proposed? I believe a city income tax would bring about an open door to spending. An open door to spending means one thing - more taxation. And before you know it you're

taxed right out of existence. This is going to be an interesting year to say the least, with a proposed trail going through Lowell in contention and a possibility of a city income tax on the agenda.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell Township

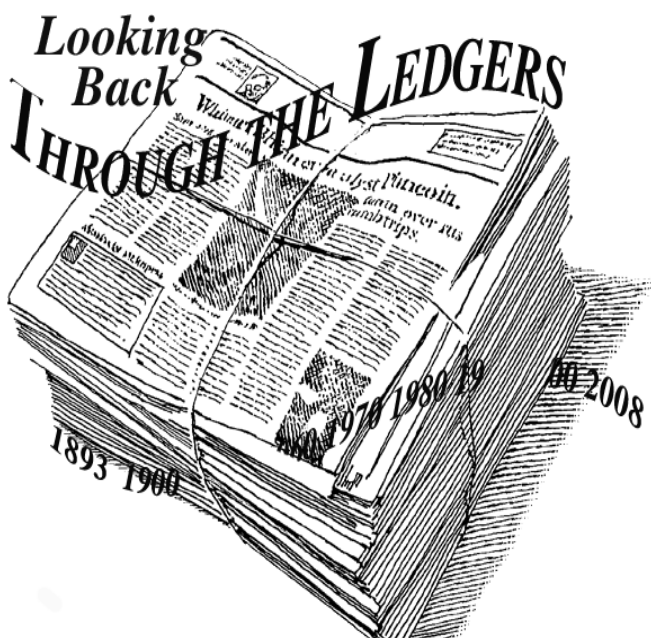
## Questioning the closing of S. Broadway

Dear Editor,  
Well your city council has decided to close South Broadway to the public, it will only be used by the mill. This is to keep truck traffic off Main St.! An easier way to keep the traffic off Main would be for Brian to say "Go the other way." So maybe the city should rename S. Broadway. A couple suggestions would be the obvious King Blvd. or maybe Flour Lane or Mill Way. Let your council know which one you prefer. So I am sure that the mill's traffic from their truck wash on Monroe will now go around the Jefferson St bridge to get back to the mill, as will their hi-lo that runs up and down Main St.

This will cut off the downtown from the fairgrounds and any

development that might take place after the youth fair leaves! What is to become of the fairgrounds? The council hasn't looked that far ahead, after all it is another two years till they leave. To close this street to the public limits the potential for development of that land. As an 18 year member of the Downtown Development Authority I believe this action goes against the development of our downtown. Our storefronts are filling up and with this move we are losing precious parking spots on the West side of downtown. This city is hard enough to get around with two rivers without closing more streets.

Mike Larkin  
Lowell



## 125 years ago Lowell Journal April 28, 1896

Last Friday the exhibition, consisting of drawing and literary work of the first to eighth grades of the Lowell school was a revelation to most of the patrons. The drawings consisted of portraits, landscapes and maps, and were very fine, while the reproduction work was simply astonishing. The evening program (as published last week) was fine, the only criticism that can be made was on account of its length. The Hall was crowded with admiring friends, who liberally applauded every number.

When M. Ruben & Co. closed out their dry goods business to A. Levitt, Marks transferred Allie Covert to his clothing store. Allie has been clerking in this town the past twelve years and is very popular with his customers as he always endeavors to please them. He will be pleased to meet them all in his new location and, as ever, will strive to give them perfect satisfaction.

Mrs Helen Densmore who came to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs Orrin Keyes, has left for her home in the northern part of the state, taking with her, Mr Keyes' youngest child, a babe, of 8 months and will give it the needed care and attention.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 28, 1918

The Ledger has received the War Cyclopeda, issued by the committee of public information, the secretaries of state, war and navy. In it the truth of the charges of German atrocities is duly attested. Our readers are invited to call at the office and consult the book on war matters; after which, when you are told that the charges of German barbarities are "Lies," you will know what to do.

Michigan farmers are urged to sow spring wheat to avert a threatened flour famine. Choice Marquis spring wheat can be obtained through local millers or dealers.

The study of German will be discontinued in the Lowell schools at the end of this school year. So voted the Board of Education at a meeting last week; and the action will meet with general approval. Superintendent Mitchell informs us that the study of French will probably be substituted.

A medical milk commission, composed of Dr. Collins H. Johnson, chairman, and Drs. Faith M. Hardy, Harold W. Dingman, George L. McBride and Paul S. Miller, has been appointed by the Michigan state board of health to supervise the production of milk in Kent county. Though the sale and distribution of certified milk in Michigan is unlawful unless it is certified by such a commission, Kent county has had no milk commission since the institution of the commission form or government, Dr. Johnson states.

Owing to the demand for Ford tractors and the necessity of getting them on the farms at the earliest possible date, farmers who want to purchase these machines are urged to file their applications at once with the chairman of the Kent county war preparedness board or the county agriculture agent. Application blanks have been mailed to county war boards with complete information as to the terms of sale. Shipments of tractor will start April 1 and will be sent direct from Detroit to a central distribution point in this county.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 1, 1943

The local ration board gives out the following information: Retail stores register for meats and fats and processed foods on forms 1302, in duplicate, between April 1 and 10. The Board would like to have them come in by the 2nd or 3rd of the month. Institutional users of meats and fats register between date of March 29 and April 7. Industrial users register on Form 1605 between dates of April 1 and 10. The Lowell War Price and Rationing Board is placing increased emphasis on car sharing in considering applications for "B" and "C" gasoline rations, L. W. Rutherford chairman of the board, announced today. The board has been asked to insist that applicants for "B" and "C" ration books for travel to and from work belong to a full ride-sharing club.

At the present time it appears as though there will be some idle farms where the possibility of locating operators or share renters seems difficult. However if the increase in the essential commodities is achieved practically all idle farms will have to be into production. The job of bringing idle farms into production will have to be done in the main in each community or township. John McCabe, Chairman of the Kent County USDA War Board, urges community committeemen, newspapers, farm organizations, and civic groups to assist in promoting the widest possible use of idle

land. Communications should be directed to the Kent County USDA War Board office located at 207 Spencer Street, N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Such efforts to get idle land into production should not be allowed to become an indiscriminate plow-up of grassland thereby causing soil erosion. Obviously, there will be many cases where some land will make its greatest contribution as pasture or hay land.

The spearing season for suckers opens today, April 1, and continues till May 1 with no limit on the number taken or the size. A jack may be used to provide the light. With meat rationing coming into effect the river sucker will provide many a tasty meal, ditto the lowly carp when properly prepared.

Could Michigan farmers profitably produce a million turkeys in 1943? The answer is yes, according to a survey recently made by C. G. Card, head of the poultry husbandry department at Michigan State college. Lyle Bovee told the architect of this column the other day that he intended to help the situation by seeing to it that Mrs. Bovee raised at least 300 of the delectable birds the coming season.

The King Milling Company has completed its salvaging operations and is again buying wheat. It takes more than a bad fire to floor our progressive millers.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger March 28, 1968

Lowell Councilman Herb Reynolds said today he would seek city council approval of a petition to the Michigan State Highway Commission for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Main and Monroe streets. Reynolds listed several reasons for the need of a signal light at this corner. He said: "A signal light at this intersection will slow down westbound traffic, especially the trucks. This will serve as a safety factor for both pedestrians crossing the street, and motorists trying to park or leave a parking area. "It will also make for easier control for fire trucks, police cars, and school buses, entering Main Street from Monroe Ave. "Mainly, I think, signal lights at both the east and west end of the congested part of Main St. would greatly add to the safety of all persons

# health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Wayne A. Chritenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

## - patellofemoral pain

Patellofemoral pain is one of the most common knee problems in runners and other athletes and after injury or surgery around the knee. Most people with patellofemoral pain describe a pain around or under the knee cap that is worse with squatting, running, prolonged sitting, going up and down stairs or any other activity involving repeated bending of the knee.

Patellofemoral pain is a clinical diagnosis. This means that imaging tests of the knee such as x-ray or MRI are not needed to make the diagnosis. In fact, x-rays and MRI typically have normal findings in cases of patellofemoral pain. There is no one key finding on clinical examination to diagnose patellofemoral pain. Imaging tests are useful only for ruling out other causes of knee pain.

Treatment of patellofemoral pain includes rest, activity modification and addressing any correctable underlying causes (improper shoes, errors in training). It is recommended to avoid any activity that triggers or worsens the pain. Physical therapy is also a mainstay of treatment. Pain medications such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol can be taken as needed but are not recommended for long-term use. There are no clear data to support the use of knee braces, although they have been shown to help with symptoms for some patients. Because patellofemoral pain is a problem with pain and function rather than a structural problem, there are no long-term consequences for the knee joint (such as arthritis).

# Albert joins House in approving grant to expand local veteran services

State Rep. Thomas Albert of Lowell joined his colleagues in the House in passing legislation providing Michigan counties grants to establish and maintain veteran service offices.

Under the legislation Albert is co-sponsoring, each county with a veteran service office that satisfies pre-approved requirements would receive \$25,000, plus an additional amount based on the number of veterans in the county.

In order to receive funds a county must:

- Maintain a county veteran service office;

· Have an accredited veterans benefit claims employee on staff;

· Provide at least 20 hours of service each month assisting veterans;

· Maintain the previous year's county funding level for the veteran service office; and

· Report to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and Legislature regarding the amount of claims completed throughout the year.

“When speaking with fellow veterans, having readily available access to services is often a pivotal point of the conversation,” Albert said. “The problem

our state faces is not all counties are on the same playing field currently in terms of offices and accredited officers. That means we have veterans who are losing out. I'm proud to vote for this plan because it will help provide these services and shore up situations in other counties where there is only so much funding to go around.”

Lack of funding and

sparse access to services has led to inadequate coverage for portions of the state. Depending on the county, a Veteran Service Officer may only be available for a few hours each month at a single location. Only 72 out of Michigan's 83 counties currently have a county veteran services department.

House Bill 5536 now advances to the Senate for further consideration.

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-Henry David Thoreau

## college news

Meaghan K. Race, of Ada, was awarded Faculty honors for the fall 2017 semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Faculty honors are awarded

to students with a semester GPA of at least 3.667 on four graded courses, with no individual grade below B- and no incomplete grades pending.

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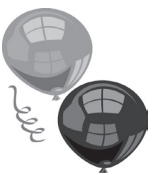


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Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure, Kurt Wernet.

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Deb Maxim, Erin Wade, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley, Patrick Drake.

### APRIL 3

Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes, Darwin Lambert.



# area churches

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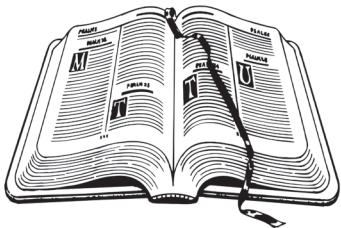
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Red Arrow

- TRACK

## SPORTS

## Early success for track teams at first two events of season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Participating in two meets last week the Lowell varsity girls and boys track teams added some early season highlights at the Grand Valley State University Laker Challenge indoor meet on Wednesday and both earned a second-place finish at the annual Sparta Snowmelter.

At the GVSU invitational the participants had the opportunity to earn medals on their respective events. The ladies brought home medals in four events, two earned by junior Diana Roth. Roth placed second in the 60 meter with a personal best time and took fifth in the 200 meter.

The team collected the rest of their medals on the infield where sophomore Julia Pytlik earned an eighth-place finish on the long jump leaping nearly 16 feet. Senior Amber Brown marked eight feet on the high jump, also good for eighth place. Other meet highlights included a personal record for junior Grace Ostrander in the 400 meter and a strong showing from the 1200 meter relay team of sophomores, Mya Kaywood, Ashley Boehr and Kyra Snyder; and freshman Theresa Judd.

The boys also returned sporting some new hardware. Senior Caleb Devereaux claimed third place in the discus

competition exceeding last season's record with a throw of more than 147 feet. Other top performances featured senior Will Reynolds in the 60 hurdles, senior Morrison Ismond in the 1600 meter, sophomore Devin Diets and Reynolds in the 400 meter, sophomore Nigel Mika in the 800 and the team of sophomore Lucas Cossar, junior Landon Grant, sophomore Austin Smith and senior Casey French in the 1200 meter relay.

At the Sparta Snowmelter on Friday the teams competed their way to matching second-place finishes behind their hosts. The girls fell just 11 points short of Sparta's first-place 615 point finish at 604.

Union High School placed third coming in far behind the Arrows with a score of 294.

Leading the teams still strong effort were medal winners, Roth in the 100 and 200 meter races, junior Lauren Aud in the 800 and 1600 meter races, Boehr in the 300 hurdles, junior Haley Nieuwkoop in the long distance 3200 meter, Kaywood on the long jump and Brown once again on the pole vault. Successful relay teams included the team of Snyder, Roth, freshman Julia Tuuri and sophomore Kerstin Johnson in the 400 meter and the 1600 meter team of Boehr, Kaywood, Snyder and Judd which performed well earlier in the week.

Ostrander and junior Jada Millhisler were among the top performers both gaining strides in the 400 meter, along with Brown, Judd and Boehr in the 100 hurdles and Brown throwing shotput.

The boys repeated their last season finishing second behind Sparta in a close contest, 669-663. Third-place finisher Union tallied 320 points. Excelling in the long distance and hurdle events, the boys also saw some early season success in their short distance races with senior Sam Misak showing well in the 100 and 200 meter, Dietz in the 200 meter, senior Kenny Stump in the 400 meter, along with the 400 meter relay team of

Dietz, Misak, senior Austin Pollock and French, also scoring well in the 800 meter relay. Other Red Arrows leading the way were Reynolds in the 110 and 300 hurdles, Ismond in the 800 and 1600 meter races, Devereaux in shotput and discus, French on the pole vault and sophomore Caleb Swart in the 800 and 3200 meter.

Both teams will return to the track following spring break. On Tues., April 17, they jump straight into conference action in Greenville where they will compete in the first OK White quad scheduled to begin at 4:15 pm.

## Looking Back, continued

shopping in the immediate area. "Women drivers, in particular, have complained of the difficulty in making an exit from the parking lot and from parallel parking during the peak traffic hours."

The man who stopped a teenage fist-fight on Main St. the other day is surely deserving of praise. Boys will be boys and fight they will, but one never knows but that a boy could be severely injured in one of these altercations! Our man, aware of this, did the proper thing. He stopped it, right then and there!

Ordinarily the trout season opens on April 6th, but someone in the Michigan State Conservation Dept. made a boo boo and the printed announcement came out April 1st. Even so, fishing licenses, forms, and designated fishing spots are available . . . just in case any of the local nimrods want to try their luck with the finny speckled beauties.

Not many communities in Michigan can boast of having a pair of waterfalls right off Main St., but Lowell has 'em. The view from the parking lot is beautiful, just right for picture postcards. In years past, folks knew it MUST be spring when the Show-Boat Restaurant reopened. It won't be true in the future, say Tony Zoovas and Les Kiegley, who announce that plans now call for staying open year-round.

City Manager Bernard C. Olson today filed his report on the city's tree-trimming program. He said 472 trees had been trimmed, but it was found necessary to remove 40 trees due to diseased conditions. The total cost, he said, amounted to \$4,732, with the Lowell Light and Power sharing half of the expense.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 31, 1993

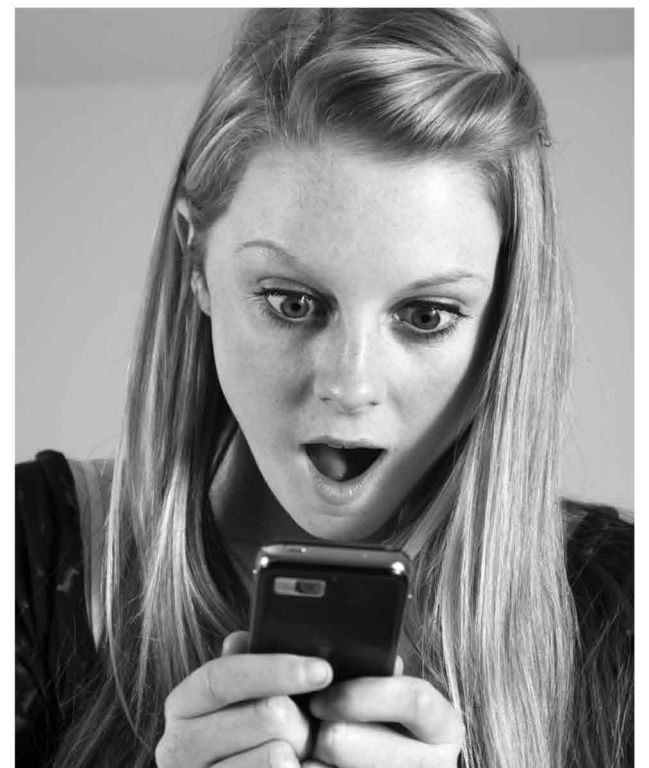
Lowell Township's Planning Commission has received a site condo plan from V-Tec engineering to develop condominiums on property off of Parnell and Fulton. The plan designates approximately 56 acres be used for 12 condo units. Each unit would use roughly four acres and a private road would be built on the site. The site plan presented to the commission is the first step for V-Tec to develop the land. The engineering firm has already received approval from the Kent County Health Department for sewer use and will begin testing the land for well use determined by health department regulations. The commission will take no action on the proposal until it looks over the site plan and a site condo ordinance is passed by the Lowell Township Board. Raymond Zandstra,

a representative of V-Tec, has asked the commission to address the issue and take action within the next month. "We would like to know if we can proceed with construction plans because a lot of money has been spent on the initial plan," stated Zandstra. "It would be a waste to proceed without knowing where the commission stands." The commission explained to Zandstra that VTec can go ahead with its plan if they follow the proposed ordinance. "This board can't make an approval without an ordinance in place, but this doesn't mean we can't work together to make this plan feasible," said Planning Commission Chairman Roland Lubbinge.

Thanks to the volunteer work of Gladys Benedict, elderly Bowne Township residents are now able to prolong their independence and avoid costly institutional care under a recently expanded home meal delivery plan providing alternatives to high cost institutional care. Benedict first started delivering meals to four of her Bowne Township neighbors in the middle of February. She makes two trips a week to each of the four homes, delivering a total of 20 dinners. "At first I was making one trip a week and delivering all the meals at once," Benedict explains. "Then I realized just how these people looked forward to my visit and the time I spent talking with them. They were appreciative of the companionship as much or more than the dinners." Benedict's visits have been filled with conversations on paintings and the history of Bowne Township. The lifelong Bowne Township resident says the people she's delivering food to she has known all her life. Senior Meals, the program that provides meals for the extended program in Bowne Township, relies heavily on volunteers and donations for its operation. It provides home delivered meals for senior citizens 60 years of age and over who are homebound and can't cook for themselves. Kent County Commissioner Judy Harrison adds, "Many times people are capable of living independently, but are unable to prepare adequate meals for themselves. However, innovations like home delivered meals are less expensive and more desirable for the client than entering a nursing home." Benedict said the genesis of the extended program came when two area families called Michigan's House Majority Leader, Dick Posthumus, and asked if a program could be started for the elderly in the area. Posthumus then contacted Harrison, who searched for volunteers. "I learned we'd only be able to bring this program to our area if we could find people who would be willing to volunteer their time to make it work," Harrison said. "Gladys is the type of person who is willing to become

involved and give to her community. Without people like her, I don't know what we would do." The program provides nutritionally balanced meals for the elderly which are essential to the maintenance of a person's health. Benedict has three volunteers to help her out when needed. With only four homes to deliver meals to, Benedict has been able to handle the task. Dinners could include scallop potatoes, fish, macaroni, a vegetable and a fruit or dessert. The program also provides a quart of milk a week to each home.

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# Expo continued

see if they won, but they don't always remember. They get out there and they get distracted or they think they're not going to win so they don't bother coming back. They have until three o'clock."

Expo opened at 9 am with the national anthem sung by Gwendolyn Hackett. Throughout the day, entertainment on stage

in the gym included the middle school and high school jazz bands, the Easy Idle Band, Cheater B's Band, pianist Deborah Kay and a martial arts demonstration. The Hall of Adventure featured bowling, archery and a large climbing apparatus from Ninjas on the Move.

Making their public debut at the Expo was

the Lowell Red Arrows Bass Club, a group of high schoolers who fish competitively around Michigan. They meet once a week after school to learn all about fishing.

"There is a national event every year that we try to qualify for," said coach

Jennifer Sobie and Lecia Selzer were there spreading the word about Gilda's Club of Lowell while handing out temporary tattoos and other trinkets.

"Cancer support is what people are most familiar with, but we also offer

Flat River Outreach Ministries brought an entire room as an example of how you could decorate your own home with inexpensive items from their Treasures Thrift Shop.

"We're having a Roaring '20s party in June to celebrate FROM's 20th anniversary," said executive director Dawn Broene. "Part of that will be a silent auction of donated items, such as a KitchenAid mixer, antique furniture and other things."

The Englehardt library had a booth showcasing plans for a reading garden the Friends of the Library is working on creating.

"In order to fund that we are going to have an opportunity for people to buy a \$75 brick that can be etched with up to three lines of 14 characters each," said branch manager Heather Wood-Gramza. "It's a

good way to remember a loved one that's passed, to recognize somebody for an achievement or just celebrate something, while at the same time helping out the library."

To close the Expo at 2 pm there was an "Expo Olympics" game show hosted by Cliff Yankovich and announced by Al Eckman. Contestants competed in silly games for over \$1,000 in prizes. The games included pot the flower, the tire change challenge, pop-a-putt and others.

"Expo gets bigger and more fun every year," Wasciuk said. "You run into so many people you haven't seen in a while. Since the last Expo!"



Courtland Skoog. "Fishing is the fastest growing sport at the high school level in the United States. It's exploding. Roughly 300 high schools in Michigan offer bass fishing right now."

The club will hold their first tournament at Mecosta Lake on Saturday, May 12, from 7 am until 2 pm. The tournament is open to all high school age anglers. It costs \$40 to sign up, which includes lunch. For more information, email [lowellbassclub@gmail.com](mailto:lowellbassclub@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

grief support with dinner on Tuesdays," Sobie said. "The food is all donated by different groups in Lowell and it's fantastic."

The Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park in Alto, which opens April 27, had a baby kangaroo and a baby alligator in the gym for people to look at.

"We're a small, family owned zoo, it's very nice," said park employee Jordan Blough. "We have a safari bus you can go out on and see animals like giraffes which you can feed, ostriches, zebras, birds, a lot of cool, exotic animals."







Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

## SPORTS

## Boys fall 3-2, tie 8-8 in first week of baseball season

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Hitting the diamond twice in their first week of competition Lowell varsity baseball fell 3-2 at the hands of Wyoming High School and dueled to an 8-8 tie against Ionia.

First facing the Wyoming Wolves on Wednesday in their home opener, Lowell trailed until the fourth when a single from senior Brady Douma moved a runner across the plate. Wyoming reclaimed the lead in the fifth.

Scoring again in the seventh inning the Wolves were up 3-1 when the Arrows put their last at bat. Senior Josh Hackstedt made good of his offensive opportunity scoring one run on a double earned first pitch. Unable to secure a second run the Arrows succumbed 3-2.



Senior Brady Douma prepares for the Red Arrow varsity squad.

Douma and Hackstedt collected two hits each; junior Kyle Bibbler and senior Travis Cornell combined on the mound striking out five.

Friday the Arrows put up a single in the bottom of the seventh that tied their match against the Ionia Bulldogs 8-8. Lowell was led by senior

Jordan Dent who went 2/3 at the plate for the team.

After Monday and Tuesday contests against Rockford and Jenison, the team is on competition hiatus until April 7. Then, they will travel to the Indiana Games at Seymour High School as they return from their annual spring training

session in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They will head into conference action on April 11 at home with a doubleheader against the Northview Wildcats. Games are scheduled to begin at 4:15 and 6:15 with the series wrapping up the same Friday at Northview at 4:15.

## Lowell names volleyball coach

Jordan Drake was recently named the varsity volleyball coach at Lowell High School.

Coach Drake is a 2012 graduate of Lowell High School and was a decorated Red Arrow student-athlete in football and baseball. He attended Grand Valley State University on a baseball scholarship and played three years of college baseball, but found success

in volleyball after trying out for the sport later in college. Coach Drake was voted team captain as a first-year player for the #19 nationally-ranked Grand Valley Men's Club Volleyball team in 2017. Coach Drake earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in secondary education and mathematics and is currently a middle school math teacher at Lowell Middle School.

Most recently Drake served as the head freshman football coach at Lowell High School in the fall of 2017 and assisted with the Red Arrow baseball team. Coach Drake has coached alongside national level volleyball coaches, held positional practices for club volleyball teams and coached girls who play on regional and national

level teams. Coach Drake said, "I am excited to provide opportunities for girls in my hometown and [to] develop a program to compete at the highest level. So far the girls seem excited and willing to work."

"The volleyball program is extremely grateful for coach Quist and her work with the volleyball program over the past years – she helped to stabilize and grow the program," says LAS athletic director, Dee Crowley. "Coach Drake was an outstanding student-leader while at LHS and in such a short time, has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his teaching and coaching profession. He has a strong connection within the Lowell community and he is excited to help further grow the volleyball program," commented Crowley.



Jordan Drake

## Durkee Lumber & Hardware Online Auction Tues., April 3 – Alto, MI

Durkee Lumber in Alto, MI has elected to closed its doors and will be liquidating all assets and equipment via online auction with Orbitbid.com

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- SOFTBALL

# SPORTS

## Girls pick up 5-4 win in season opener vs Wyoming

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Last Wednesday the Red Arrow varsity softball team picked up a 5-4 win in their home opener versus non-conference competitor Wyoming High School.

Breaking even after the first inning 1-1, the Arrows eventually saw Wyoming pass two over the plate in the fourth and responded likewise leaving the score knotted once again. Lowell

took their first lead of the game at the bottom of the fifth. Wyoming was unable to answer until the top of the seventh and final inning of the game.

Lowell converted the back-and-forth battle to a victory in the bottom of the inning, after a single from senior Megan Summerfield and a double from senior Miah Ransom.

The 2017 OK White champions will continue

nonconference play the next two weeks before taking on their first conference foe of the season. On April 11 they face the Northview Wildcats in an at home double header. First pitches are scheduled for 4:15 and 6:15 behind Cherry Creek Elementary. The teams will complete a three game series on that Friday at Northview beginning at 4:15.



Senior slugger Miah Ransom at bat for the Red Arrows.

## Sports Summaries

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Hitting the field for the first time last Wednesday, against a tough Hudsonville team, the Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse team prevailed with a 16-6 season opening win. Competing at Davenport University the girls were led by senior Nikki Paulus and sophomore Jennifer Cooper scoring a phenomenal five goals apiece. Freshman goalkeeper Sky Raab had ten saves in her varsity debut.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Starting their season off last Thursday evening the Lowell boys varsity lacrosse team earned a stunning 22-0 shutout victory over Mona Shores. Under the direction of new head coach Austin Buckius, the boys will host their first home match on Thursday, April 19 versus conference competitor Zeeland East.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Lowell girls varsity soccer kicked off their season last Friday with a 2-1 win over former OK White foe the Caledonia Scots. Lowell's two first-half goals were earned by juniors Regan Coxon and Isabel Remar. Remar was also credited with an assist. Freshman goalie Hannah VanDeWeert performed well in her first varsity appearance making four saves.

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Sealed bids, in triplicate, for the Lowell Area Schools 2018 Summer Improvements, will be received at Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. 300 Ionia NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 until 1:00 pm local time. Bids received after this time, at this location, will neither be considered or accepted.

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The Bidding Documents may be obtained at ARC-Veenstra Documents Solutions, 800 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503, at no cost or deposit. A non-refundable charge of \$30 will be required for mailing documents.

Documents can be viewed at the following locations:

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# obituaries

## FRENCH

Larry Ivan French, age 77 of Lowell, formerly of Berrien Springs, died on Sunday, March 18, 2018, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease and a very short battle with the flu. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Vera French; and his former wife, Paula French, who died six weeks ago. He is survived by his brother, Jerry French of Niles, MI; sister, Janette Lewis of Berrien Springs, MI; daughter, Polly (Tony) McCaul of Lowell, MI; son, Logan (Alisha) French of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren Kristen McCaul and Nicole McCaul of Lowell, MI, Lily French and Oliver French of Jacksonville, FL; great-granddaughters Illanna Pardee and Eve Crissman of Lowell, MI; and several nieces and nephews. Larry was an avid baseball fan and a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. Rain, shine or snow, Larry would always have opening day tickets for him and his daughter, for her birthday (which was the end of April). One of his greatest memories was singing the National Anthem at Wrigley Field before a Cubs game. He was a minister in the Methodist Church part-time and an armchair theologian. He loved to preach and sing in the choir and to spend time with his family, before Alzheimer's robbed his mind at an early age. Larry is now beside his heavenly Father and whole again. While we are saddened at his loss, we rejoice in knowing he is without pain, and we will reunite with him again. There will be a memorial service in Lowell for those who knew

Larry on Tuesday, April 3, with fellowship beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson St. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. Dr. David Beach officiating. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331, to help defray expenses.



## GUYER

John Walter Guyer Jr., age 75 of Belding, formerly of Lowell, passed away March 26, 2018. He was born on December 10, 1942, in Glenridge, NJ, the son of John and Irene (Harnish) Guyer Sr. He was a MSU graduate where he received his master's in chemistry. On January 22, 1977, he married Carol A Nestle in Grand Rapids. He was an active member of Outreach Christian Church. John was intrigued by the weather and loved his family with all his heart. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Carol Guyer of Belding; mother, Irene Guyer of Lowell; children, Matthew (Cori) Guyer of Anderson, SC and Trisha (Jason) Newton of Battle Creek; grandchildren, Cheyenna Guyer, Ailena Guyer, Madeline Guyer, Christian Faith Newton, Gracie Guyer, Elisha Rose Newton and Lilly Guyer; sister, Mary Lee (Charles) Beuerle of Town and Country, MO; and sister-in-law, Sandy (James) Marsh of Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his father; brother, James Guyer;

and granddaughter, Jayden Rose Newton. A memorial service will be held at Outreach Christian Church on Friday, March 30 at 1 pm with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries. Arrangements in care of Lake Funeral Home in Ionia. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)

## RICE

Herbert Hiram Rice, age 86 of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Clara; children Linda Nelson-Rice, William



(Barbara) Rice, Catherine Hevia, Rita (William) Fox; grandchildren David (Danda) Rice, Michelle Rice, Jasmine Bonney, Aaron Fox, Travis (Jennica) Conklin, Kimberly Conklin; several great grandchildren; sisters Helen, Rosemary, Elaine; brothers Daniel, John; also nieces and nephews.



Herb proudly served 24 years in the United States Navy. He was a collector of antique cars, an active member of the American Legion and VFW. He was a loving father who enjoyed life to the fullest and will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 24. Rev. Brad Brillhart officiated. Military honors were held under the Auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard at the church. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E, Lowell, MI 49331.



## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18-03 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on March 19, 2018 Ordinance No. 18-03 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

- Section 3.42 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance was amended in its entirety to prohibit certain land uses including medical marijuana dispensaries and facilities. This prohibition does not include a "primary caregiver" or "caregivers" as defined by Michigan law when operating in compliance with Michigan law.
- Section 3.43 is amended to regulate unclassified uses.
- A new Section 3.46 is added to the Zoning Ordinance to require that illegal and unlawful uses in the Township shall not receive approvals or permits.
- Section 15.04 is amended to regulate the expansion of nonconforming uses.
- Delete Section 14.01 (S), which previously regulated parcels less than 10 acres in the AG Agricultural District, and reserve this section for future use.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance No. 18-03 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-203044-DE

Estate of STEPHEN  
ANDREW ANDERSON.  
Date of birth:  
03/29/1949.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stephen Andrew Anderson, died 11/14/2015.

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

barred unless presented to Stephan Michael Anderson, 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 22, 2018

Karen S. McFadden (P57043)  
403 W. Main  
Belding, MI 48809  
616-794-1220

Stephan Michael Anderson

1021 S. Whites Bridge Rd.  
Lowell, MI 49331

## In Loving Memory of Roxann Seese Johnson



July 23, 1963 -  
April 1, 2017

Sadly missed  
by family &  
friends

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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# Lowell High School second trimester Honor Roll

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

## 9th Grade

Raven Jake Adamczak  
Madison Alcalá  
Brielle Arnett  
Ethan Bierlein  
Kayla Boersen  
Aaron Bomia  
William Brandt  
Casper Broene  
Madison Brown  
Kailyn Bruce  
Dayle Brushaber  
Addison Bruwer  
Zachary Callihan  
Michael Camphouse  
Miya Cance  
Nathaniel Clark  
Cameron Comeaux  
Caroline Cooper  
Kristina Dalessandro  
Parker Davis  
Doak Dean  
Emalie DeBoer  
Abigail DeForest  
Gavin DeKam  
Mason DeRaad  
William deVoest  
Kaylee Diamond  
Rohan Dixon  
Samuel Dougherty  
Austin Douma  
Isabelle Duhr  
Sean Edwards  
Dorothy Estes  
Olivia Ettinger  
Melissa Field  
Matthew Fisher  
Miranda Flier  
William Forney  
Jonathan Franz  
Aurora Fredricks  
Ashlyn Fryers  
Sophia Fuss  
Ella Galusha  
Joelle Garcia  
Aleiha Gates  
Erin Gibbons  
Josiah Gissendanner  
Hallie Greenop  
McKenna Grody  
Averi Haas  
Amber Hadley  
Lauren Haff  
Hailey Halfmann  
Ethan Hall  
Andrea Hardman  
Hannah Hardy  
Alissa Hare  
Alex Harrison  
Jake Hessler  
Sierra Hieshetter  
Dillon Hieshetter  
Hailee Hinerman  
Kathryn Hock  
Kara Hoffert  
Emma Hollern  
Sophie Hruska  
Alexander Hudson  
Tressa Huizinga  
Sydney Hults  
Nora Jannenga  
Theresa Judd  
Kira Jungblut  
Alexis Kapcia  
Caeden Kaufman  
Elliott Kelley  
Gavin Kelly  
Peter Kooi  
Kelci Kurti  
Jenna Lachniet  
Abbie Ladner  
Ryan Landgren  
Jacob Lee  
Aubri Lemke  
Rachel Leppert  
Isis Lett  
Chase Leverence  
Kacey Leverence  
Rachel Lezan  
William Link  
Samuel Lixie  
Samantha Lombardo  
John Lothian  
Grant Lupton  
Aiden Malone  
Kendra Martino  
Kobie Mast  
Matthew Mayhew  
Marlie McDonald  
Joshua Meier  
Brooke Meijer  
Molly Meyers  
Carissa Mitchell  
Derek Mohr  
Kassandra Morgan  
Maloryn Mrozinski

Sydney Munson  
Grace Nielsen  
Ethan Nieuwkoop  
Keegan Nugent  
Charity Orth  
Noah Oswald  
Amanda Oudbier  
Emma Parsons  
Cameron Pawloski  
Ethan Pawloski  
Emma Pearson  
Asher Peters  
Alana Peters  
Brayton Phillips  
Sophia Powell  
Karsyn Preston  
Mallory Price  
Skylie Raab  
Bailey Redloske  
Rena Reed  
Jason Reitsma  
Jenna Reitsma  
Brooke Rempalski  
Evan Richter  
Steven Rickert  
Skyler Ripmaster  
Olivia Rose  
Logan Rose  
Izabel Rutz  
Logan Ryan  
Bradley Salgat  
Amiya Schaefer  
Hannah Schmidt  
Jarod Schoenwandt  
Ian Schwartz  
Emma Seddon  
Autumn Serylo  
Carter Sherman  
Ethan Shindorf  
Luke Skinner  
Alyssa Sloma  
Christian Smith  
Anna Snell  
Brett Spanbauer  
Sydney Spanbauer  
Tyler Spinella  
Faith Stepek  
Abigail Stickney  
Natalia Svoboda  
Ava Tavarone  
Riley Taylor  
Kyle Teachworth  
Braydon Teft  
Mason Thomas  
Benjamin Thompson  
Kendal Topp  
Julia Tuuri  
Bradley VandenHout  
Hannah VanDeWeert  
Ryan Virsik  
Madelyn Wester  
Jillian Weston  
Taylor White  
Zachary White  
Peter Williams  
Olivia Winn  
Bailey Wolters  
Logan Wood  
Faith Worsley  
William Wurtz  
Chlorisa Young  
Jona Young  
Teryn Zandstra  
Carolina Zook

## 10th Grade

Anderson Anschutz  
Steven Astudillo  
Bradley Baas  
Brandon Baker  
Grace Barber  
Neely Bardwell  
Noah Barnhart  
Kathleen Basinger  
Krin Beach  
Emma Bennett  
Marissa Berg  
Jayleigh Bileth  
Jacquelyn Bileth  
Isabella Blakely  
Emma Blakie  
Ryleigh Blough  
Ashley Boehr  
Lauren Booth  
Gabrielle Brace  
Sarah Buckner  
Mary Buechler  
Carlos Campos  
Zachary Cardis  
Cameron Cheney  
Shelby Chumney  
Collin Clark  
Caleb Clark  
Jacob Cleaver  
Audrey Conrad  
Jennifer Cooper  
Lillian Cooper  
Jarrett Corder  
Lucas Cossar  
Savanah Crace

Danica Cupp  
Nolan Cusack  
Abigail Davis  
Joseph De La Chapelle  
Olivia DeCator  
Logan DeKok  
Hannah Diamond  
Ellery Droog  
Miles Droski  
Delaney Duimstra  
Lauren Dykstra  
Brett Evink  
Benjamin Fabiano  
Akalia Foreman  
James Fotis  
Ember Fox  
Aaron Fox  
Molly Frederickson  
Aaron Fritsma  
Riley Fuller  
Jordi Galmes Nadal  
MaKenzie Givens  
Sidney Gordon  
Brayden Gould  
Aubrie Halbert  
Madison Halfmann  
Braidon Hamilton  
Jenna Happie  
Ashlie Hathaway  
Noah Hayden  
Khloe Hayes  
Jan Herrmann  
Emily Hoeksema  
Roy Hoin  
Sophia Hornik  
Jacob Hough  
Logan Hudson  
Craig Hudson  
Simone Ingrassia  
Elliana James  
Dawson Jankowski  
Abraham Jannenga  
Ethan Jewell  
Willem Jewell  
Adrienne Johnson  
Mackenzie Jordan  
Carl Jungerth  
Jacob Kanoza  
Collier Kaufman  
Mya Kaywood  
Andrew Kehoe  
Aidan Kelley  
Benjamin Kinnucan  
Benjamin Klein  
Alexander Kleinedler  
Connor Kleinedler  
Kambry Kloosterman  
Jason Knight  
Connor Kooistra  
Kara Korcek  
Nicholas Korhorn  
Lucas Kramer  
William Kuhns  
Brianna Lachowski  
Grace Langdon  
Tyler Lange  
Jared Lardie  
Keegan Laux  
Grant LeBarre  
Maria Leon  
Phoebe Looman  
Jake Lotterman  
Jenavieve Lyon  
Luke Maksymetz  
Karissa Mansfield  
Natasha Marsh  
Matthew Martin  
William Martin  
Maria Martinez Garcia  
Nolan Mazarka  
Grady McDonald  
Mitchell McMillian  
Abbigail McMillian  
Alyssa Melnik  
Meghan Meyer  
Nigel Mika  
Benjamin Miller  
Jada Millhisler  
Steven Moore  
Koby O'Strander  
Ian O'Strander  
Zachary Oberlin  
Emma Organek  
Austin Pallottini  
Brennan Pawloski  
Dominik Peplinski  
Seth Perez  
Jenna Perry  
Isiah Perysian  
Samantha Peterson  
Selina Piller  
Alexander Pollock  
Sierra Post  
Grant Pratt  
Spencer Primeau  
Julia Pytlik  
Breyden Race  
Gibson Raimer  
Kaitlyn Rankin  
Judi Reagan

Bruno Redondo Aumedes  
Alexis Reedy  
Madeline Revere  
Logan Riffle  
Cade Rogers  
Paige Romig  
Taeghan Ronchetti  
Kyla Sanders  
Elianna Sandman  
Lark Sawyer  
Lea Schenk  
Lena Schlientz  
Benjamin Schmidt  
ShiLeigh Shepard  
John Sherman  
Ryan Sikkenga  
Katelynn Sikkenga  
Tyler Sikkenga  
Dylan Smit  
Austin Smith  
Nolan Smith  
Mitchel Snarski  
Cade Solomonson  
Everardo Soriano Lopez  
Ezra Stadt  
Donald Staley  
Shi Steinberg  
Madison Stevens  
Hayden Stickney  
Caleb Swart  
Zachary Swart  
Jared Sweet  
Sebastian Szymanski  
Isabelle Tackmann  
Christian Teachworth  
Cassandra Thomas  
Matelyn Torline  
Zachary Treadwell  
Thomas VanderWall  
Natalie VanDyke  
Carson VanNoy  
Kayla VanOosten  
Carson VanVeelen  
Malcolm Venema  
Elizabeth Vredevelt  
Jenner Willard  
Zachary Williams  
RaeAnne Woody  
Ting-Yu Yeh  
Jaden Young  
Skylar Young  
Stephanie Zalis  
Kaia Zimmerman

## 11th Grade

Drake Anderson  
Nichole Anheuser  
Lauren Aud  
Rachel Baldwin  
Danielle Barnes  
Joslynn Battle  
Jacob Beke  
Zoe Bennett  
Kyle Bibbler  
Bryan Bitterman  
Halaina Bladey  
Anna Bodemann  
Renee Boersma  
Breanda Boersma  
Savanna Boersma  
Mikayla Boersma  
Anneke Breuker  
Hunter Browning  
Eddy Butare  
Connor Cater  
Bridgett Clay  
Amber Clouse  
Eleanor Cooper  
Gavin Coxon  
Regan Coxon  
Morgan Cremer  
Tyler Cross  
Linnae DeBoer  
Justin DeGrote  
Sarah DeKam  
Conner DeKok  
Savanna Dempsey  
Jordan Dent  
Mackenzie DeRaad  
Ella Dougherty  
Michaela Duursma  
Sarah Ellsworth  
Zachary Fabis  
Aili Fisher  
Laine Fleszar  
Kaitlyn Florian  
Tristan Fogarty-Thomas  
Jace Forward  
Hannah Foster  
Marlie Fowler  
Riley Frazer  
Ava Frederickson  
Ethan Furtaw  
Grant Pratt  
Nevada Gale  
Lin Gallagher  
Thomas Gaskin  
Parker Georgacakes  
Charity Gerig  
Harlie Gerth-McMullin

Deijah Gissendanner  
Mason Goldbold  
Kohl Goldsmith  
Zane Goldsmith  
Jailine Gomez-Tellez  
Allexis Gonzales  
Samantha Graves  
Tyler Greenop  
Kollen Gruizenga  
Gwendolyn Hackett  
Kevin Hadley  
Emily Haefner  
Amaya Hansen  
Shannon Havlik  
Jaklyn Hayes  
Logan Hesche  
Carly Hoekstra  
Evangeline Hoke  
Alyvia Holdridge  
Jared Hough  
Brett Hudson  
Aileen Hussey  
Callie Ingram  
Ashleigh Jarrard  
Olyvia Johnson  
Annabelle Johnson  
Madison Jordan  
Olivia Kamradt  
Tyler Kapcia  
Patrick Kargl  
Ethan Kelley  
Danielle Kermeen  
Karsten Kirkendall  
Justyn Kreps  
Kelly Kroll  
Samantha Kurti  
Meghan Landgren  
Sara Landon  
Allyson Lange  
Emily Larson  
Jeffrey Leach  
Anya Lehman  
Paige Lewis  
Emily Lothian  
McKenzie Lythgoe  
Gramm McCormack  
Connor McLane  
Megan Meadows  
Madison Melle  
Tori Miller  
Corah Miller  
Eric Mooney  
Mia Munger  
Jada Murley  
Avry Mutschler  
Hadyn Nash  
Ella Nauta  
Haley Nieuwkoop  
Case Olesko  
Grace Ostrander  
Natalie Paiz  
Andrew Parsons  
Katherine Peal  
Trevor Petroelje  
Brendan Philo  
Nicholas Piccard  
Zackery Post  
Ethan Ray  
Isabel Remar  
Ivan Reynolds  
Mary Ricards  
Sydney Riffle  
Nathan Roest  
Ryan Roest  
Leanna Rose  
Andrew Russell  
John Russell  
Madison Sage  
Sairge Saldivar  
Shianna Sawdy  
Robert Schneider  
Tyler Senneker  
Lucas Sherman  
Calvin Simmet  
Mason Simmet  
Samuel Simmons  
Grace Sinen  
Marleigh Skibbe  
Gracyn Slagell  
Ryan Slopsma  
Gabriel Smith  
Michael Smith  
Haley Sobie  
Maggie Spoelstra  
Daniel Staup  
Joel Steinebach  
Kylee Stephens  
Brandon Storrs  
Nicholas Struckmeyer  
Emily Stump  
Matthew Summerfield  
Alex Summerfield  
Faith Tava  
Lora Gable  
Xavier Taylor  
Sydney Thiel  
Jonas Thompson  
Philip Thompson  
Irene Trierweiler  
Joshua Underwood

Michael VandenHout  
Colin VanderWarf  
Nathaniel VanDeWeert  
Taylin VanDyke  
Kendra VanOverloop  
Lucas VanWynen  
Sara Visser  
Amber Webster  
Abigail Wester  
Abigail White  
Korbin Williford  
Mason Winters  
Hope Winters  
Tyler Yeary  
Regan Zimmerman  
Anna Zook

## 12th Grade

McKenna Ahlefeld  
Madeline Anderson  
Sky Angelo  
Bryan Ashenbremer  
Collin Baker  
Noelle Baker  
Atlas Barrie  
Vincent Battaglio  
Keaton Bell  
Hannah Bennett  
Jacob Bennett  
Jonathan Berklich  
Carter Bierling  
Laurel Blakie  
Bethany Blattner  
Hailey Boggs-Osman  
Alexander Brandt  
Devin Breen  
Olivia Brenner  
Zachary Briggs  
James Brillhart  
Amber Brown  
Emily Brown  
Addison Buckius  
Joshua Bush  
Sydney Carmichael  
Ashton Charron  
Tayler Chertoss  
Morgan Chubb  
Carson Clark  
Riley Conlan  
Alexis Cook  
Allissa Cooper  
Elizabeth Cooper  
Travis Cornell  
Brittany Corner  
Madelyne Crace  
McKenna Creighton  
William Curtiss  
Katherine Cussimano  
Christian Davis  
Cassandra Dean  
Darby Dean  
Caleb Devereaux  
Isabelle Dial  
Elijah Dixon  
Selena Doty  
Brady Douma  
Connor Douma  
Jonathan Draigh  
Katrina Droski  
Quinne Duhr  
Jarrett Duimstra  
Maya Eaton  
Tarrance Edwards  
Austin Engle  
Ethan Ettinger  
Mitchell Evink  
Keana Fahrmi  
Jillian Fidler  
Maura Fitzpatrick  
Geoffrey Fleenor  
Katelyn Flier  
Autumn French  
Casey French  
Joel Fritsma  
George Gonzales  
Jacob Gutowski  
Joshua Hackstedt  
Mitchell Haff  
Hannah Halfmann  
Elijah Hall-Jones  
Joseph Hancock  
Jacob Hanson  
Garrett Hardman  
Brandon Hare  
Evan Harmon  
Jenna Harper  
Maria Hart  
Joshua Havey  
Andrea Hewitt  
Alexis Higley  
Lindsay Hindley  
Hailey Hoevenaar  
Samuel Hofman  
Mariah Hoogerhyde  
Lydia Hull  
James Inman  
Morrison Ismond  
Peyton Jankowski

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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**

**THEME: POPULAR TV**

**ACROSS**

- 1. Necklace lock
- 6. Put together
- 9. "To \_\_\_\_ and to hold"
- 13. Hindu sage
- 14. Hula dancer's ornament
- 15. \*Morning show
- 16. Front wheels alignment
- 17. St. crossroad
- 18. Excessively fat
- 19. \*Pablo Escobar's story
- 21. \*\*"Game of \_\_\_\_"
- 23. Once around
- 24. Russian autocrat
- 25. "Four score and seven years \_\_\_\_"
- 28. Respiratory rattling
- 30. Sage's forte
- 35. Uh-uh
- 37. Iranian money
- 39. Deep skin layer
- 40. "Just \_\_\_\_"
- 41. Affirmatives
- 43. Shark's provision
- 44. Kidney-related
- 46. \*Use QVC
- 47. Certain Scandinavian
- 48. Pupil protector
- 50. Dealing with a problem
- 52. Acronym on Pinterest
- 53. City sound
- 55. Not a friend
- 57. \*\*\*"The Mindy \_\_\_\_" or "\_\_\_\_ Runway"
- 61. \*Handmaid of Gilead
- 64. Painting support
- 65. Greedy one
- 67. \*\*\*"You're \_\_\_\_!"
- 69. Small streams
- 70. Between E and NE
- 71. Food safety threat
- 72. \*\*\*"American \_\_\_\_"
- 73. Poor man's caviar
- 74. Relieves

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**Honor roll, continued**

- Hendrick Jannenga
- Cole Jaskolski
- Dylan Jernberg
- Shelly Johnson
- Evan Johnson
- Roman Johnson
- Ethan Kaminski
- Abigail Kastanek
- Jonathon Kehoe
- Fiona Kelly
- Haley Kenkel
- Mitchell Kerkstra
- Akasha Khalsa
- Alyssa Klaver
- Rachel Kleinedler
- Annelise Kolp
- Dawn Kondor
- Austin Koning
- Kenzington Kramer
- Katherine Kroll
- Emily Kropf
- David Kruse
- Dakota Krzysik
- Hunter Krzysik
- Elizabeth Kuhns
- Laura Lachowski
- Alexander Laird
- Andrew LeFebre
- Joanna Link
- Jayce Lixey
- Benjamin Lobbezoo
- Cassiopeia Longway
- Chloe Looman
- Tyler Lynch
- Abigail Mangus
- Cameron Massel
- Caleb Mast
- Zachary May
- Kelum McDonald
- Abigail McDowell
- Cody McGee
- Autumn McGovern
- Alexander McPherson
- Gabrielle McRee
- Blake McVey
- Justin McWayne
- Matthew Meyer
- Ethan Meyer
- Conner Meyers
- Raiden Miller
- Madison Minier
- Samuel Misak
- Nichole Mitchell
- Karleigh Mrozinski
- Eden Nethercott
- Ryan Noffke
- MacKenzie North
- Connor Nugent
- Jacob Nugent
- Nicole Nugent
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- 5. Crab's grabber
- 6. "Sad to say..."
- 7. \*Aziz Ansari in "Master of None"

- 8. South Beach and such
- 9. Great Depression drifter
- 10. Port in Yemen
- 11. Flower holder
- 12. Windows to the soul?
- 15. Full of tribulations
- 20. Estrogen producer
- 22. \*\*"Hee \_\_\_\_," (started in '60s)
- 24. "English Afternoon" stop
- 25. \*Johnson of "Blackish"
- 26. Soft and sticky
- 27. Speak one's mind
- 29. \*\*"Big Little \_\_\_\_"
- 31. Narcissist's love
- 32. Apple alternative
- 33. Yemeni neighbor
- 34. \*a.k.a. Manuel Alberto Javier Alejandro Delgado
- 36. Et alibi
- 38. \*J.B. Smoove in "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
- 42. Attractiveness in appearance
- 45. Type of false news, pl.
- 49. Holiday mo.
- 51. English treat
- 54. Former anesthetic
- 56. \*\*"Saving Hope" actress Durance
- 57. \*She played Roz on "Frasier"
- 58. Surprise at a speakeasy
- 59. Nobel Peace Prize capital
- 60. Congeal
- 61. Type of molding
- 62. Aphrodite's son
- 63. Expunge
- 66. Lennon's partner
- 68. Bad-mouth

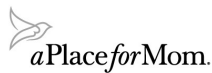
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## Spring Forward by restocking emergency preparedness kits

With Daylight Saving Time here, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is encouraging Michiganders to restock their emergency preparedness kits as they “spring forward” and move their clocks ahead one hour.

“While we continue to see snow in our forecasts, the possibility of severe weather and flooding in Michigan increases as we move into the spring season,” said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. “By acting now and replenishing or building an emergency preparedness kit, you will be better prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster.”

When a disaster strikes, you may have to evacuate, take shelter or go without basic services, such as electricity or water for hours or days. Having enough supplies to function without those services is critical during an emergency or disaster because help may not be able to reach you right away.

All households are encouraged to be self-reliant for at least three days by building a preparedness kit. Using five-gallon buckets or similar containers, assemble a kit with the items you and your family will need during an emergency.

Essential items to include in an emergency preparedness kit are:

- Water, at least three gallons of water per person for 72 hours
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food per person
- Medications
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- A complete change of clothing and footwear for each person
- Bedding
- Important family documents
- Pet supplies (if you have pets)

For more information about what to do before, during and after an emergency, go to the MSP/EMHSD’s website at [www.michigan.gov/miready](http://www.michigan.gov/miready) or follow us on Twitter at @MichEMHS

## DNR urges boaters to 'Spring Aboard' for safety classes

With spring approaching, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages boaters to avoid the rush and enroll in a safety course prior to the boating season.

“Michigan and boating go hand in hand,” said 1st Lt. Tom Wanless, Michigan’s boating law administrator. “But being on the water carries responsibilities, especially when it comes to safety. The best way to ensure an enjoyable experience is to be prepared before getting into a boat. Don’t wait until the season starts. Sign up now for a boating safety course. There are many options across the state and online, making it affordable and convenient.”

Boaters born after June 30, 1996 and most personal watercraft operators must have a boater education safety certificate.

Because of a growing number of accidents involving nonmotorized vessels, which include canoes and kayaks, Wanless encourages all boaters, regardless of age or experience, to take a safety class.



The U.S. Coast Guard reports that of the nationwide accidents in which the level of operator education was known, 77 percent of boating deaths occurred on vessels where the operator never received boating education.

During the Spring Aboard awareness campaign, some course providers may offer discounts or other incentives for students who enroll in or complete a course. The campaign is promoted by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the U.S. Coast Guard and several public and private organizations.

Get more information on boating safety, including who is required to take a safety class, on the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/boating](http://www.michigan.gov/boating).

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

## Michigan recidivism rate falls to its lowest level

The number of Michigan offenders who return to prison has reached its lowest level since the state began recording three-year re-incarceration rates.

Michigan’s recidivism rate, which measures the percentage of offenders who return to prison within three years of release, has dropped to 28.1 percent, placing Michigan among the top 10 states in the nation with the lowest recidivism rates.

Offenders can be returned to prison for committing new crimes, or for violating the conditions of their parole. The current figures represent individuals who were released from prison in 2014.

“Ninety-five percent of people in prison will be paroled and 100 percent of them need a job,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “Finding employment is the best deterrent in keeping former offenders from returning to prison. The Department of Corrections should be proud of the work it’s doing to help our returning residents – to give them the chance that best helps them find a successful path in life.”

Last year, the department announced recidivism rates had dropped to 29.8 percent – which was the second lowest level since the state began recording the three-year rates. The state’s lowest recidivism rate previously came in 2014 when 29 percent of offenders were returned to prison following their release in 2010.

Recidivism in Michigan has hovered around 30 percent in recent years and it reflects a sharp drop from 1998 when the rate was 45.7 percent.

“Our communities are safer when we give offenders the tools they need to become successful and productive members of society,” said Michigan Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington. “The department has made it a priority to provide high-quality education, training and support to offenders returning to our neighborhoods, and Michigan’s declining recidivism rates show these efforts are working.”

The department’s “Offender Success” model aims to provide prisoners with education, skills and job training in high-demand fields that can lead to stable careers and lower the risk of re-offense.

Training programs include the Vocational Village, which operates at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia and Parnall Correctional Facility in Jackson. The program provides training in automotive technology, welding, CNC machining, robotics, commercial truck driving, forklift operation, carpentry, plumbing, electrical trades and concrete and masonry work.

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