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LHS teacher Al Eckman said that radio station WRWW will have an open house during the entire school day on Wednesday, April 25.

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

Lowell city council held their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, April 16. About 16 people attended the 48 minute meeting. Among this week's topics were street repairs, trees, the airport and more.

The council discussed a 'mill and overlay' street repair project on N. Broadway.

"At the [Downtown Development Authority] meeting on Thursday [April 12] they reviewed it, they had a proposal to, they had budgeted \$90,000 in their budget for repaving Broadway St.," said city manager Michael Burns. "We presented a proposal to the DDA board, which they approved. This project would run in conjunction with the current project on Broadway.

This project would be completed before June 30. We anticipate the total cost coming in just over, a hair over \$90,000. Like I said, this was budgeted. There is going to be some realigning of manholes, castings and valve boxes for both Hudson St. and Broadway. We believe the cost for both of those streets will be about \$40,000 individually from the water and wastewater fundage. We would just need to do a budget amendment for that."

"It's not a full, what I'd call a full, streetscape project," said Prein & Newhof engineer Brian Vilmont. "We're still leaving most of the existing curbs and sidewalks intact, so it won't go beyond the curblines but it will provide all new pavement. [...] The other thing we did also do was look at the utilities that are under the road just to make sure they're in okay shape. We hopefully can get some good life out of the pavement. The sewer and the water are fine in there and should last until the next road reconstruction need."

Councilor Greg Canfield pointed out that a quarter of the project's budget was going to items other than construction.

"We've got a ten percent contingency with another contingency on top of that," Canfield said. "Our contingency and our



Prein & Newhof engineer Brian Vilmont was there to answer the council's questions about the Broadway St. project.

management fees are about 25 percent of the project. Isn't that a pretty big number?"

"The contingency is only because we haven't done a lot of investigation on it," Vilmont said. "I don't know for sure if I'll run into anything. I don't think we will. If we, for some reason, run into a soft spot somewhere that we... because it hasn't been

tested and opened up, that would take care of a little bit of undercutting and replacement with sand if we needed to."

The council voted to spend \$21,173 on a new computer server. The work will be done by Lowell company Addorio Technologies and includes the hardware, its installation and 25 Microsoft Office licenses.

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Utility bill assistance available to qualifying residents at FROM

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

Last week Flat River Outreach Ministries was awarded \$67,765 from the Michigan Agency of

Energy and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The money is to be used for their utility payment program that provides utility assistance for families living within the Lowell Area School District.

The funds can be used to pay down an electric, natural gas, propane heat or other fuel bill. The program also offers

an in-home energy audit in partnership with Lowell Light and Power and weatherization supplies, such as caulk, LED light bulbs, smoke alarms and plastic weatherization kits for insulating windows.

While at FROM to sign up for the utility bill assistance, FROM will also attempt to determine if a client qualifies for any other helpful programs they might not have been aware of.

"Utility assistance can be the result of deeper challenges," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "Some families come to [the] utility payment

program due to a job loss or mounting medical bills, while others need help for different reasons. No matter the circumstance, we work together to see how we can meet their needs. During the one-on-one meeting, we may discover that they also can benefit from enrolling in our food programs or securing new employment. We work together to address those concerns and identify any additional challenges that have contributed to their need for energy assistance."

This is the fourth year that FROM has been providing utility assistance. Last year, 80 households received

utility payment assistance and were connected with other programs and services, including employment services, community-building opportunities and mental health services. This year, FROM intends to provide at least 85 households with utility assistance.

To be eligible for the utility assistance program, they require a utility shut off or past due notice, or you must be at or below 25 percent in deliverable fuel. To fill out an application or for more information, call 616-897-8260 or send a message to info@fromlowell.org



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“Currently our server is approximately eight years old and has served its useful life and we are looking at replacing the server,” Burns said.

The council voted to spend \$104,700 on a SCADA system for the water treatment plant. SCADA stands for “supervisory control and data acquisition” and it’s the software that controls the whole plant. RS Technical Services, a Lowell company, got the \$104,700 contract.

“We can get rid of the old paper and circle charts and the 1970s controls,” said plant supervisor Brian VanVeelen. “It’s been a long time coming.”

On behalf of Lowell City Airport, the council voted to approve a ‘fixed base operation’ agreement with Midwest Aviation Services. The company will provide aircraft repair and inspection services which will generate about \$400 a month for the airport.

“I think this is a good fit,” said airport manager Casey Brown. “We’re actually going to generate revenue from some of the space at the airport where we didn’t generate from before.”

The council voted to approve the ‘comprehensive tree plan’ that the Arbor Board came up with for the city. The Arbor Board’s goal is to use their \$6,000 budget to plant 24 trees this year. Each tree costs \$250.

“With the comprehensive tree plan, the Arbor Board

develops a vision for the community’s tree canopy, develops a planned approach to executing the vision and achieves the goal of maintaining and improving the city’s urban forest canopy,” said city clerk Susan Ullery. “Funding for these activities comes from the city of Lowell, Lowell Light & Power, the LCTV fund, the Look fund and the Lowell Area Community fund.”

Then mayor Michael DeVore read a proclamation declaring it Arbor Day in Lowell.

“Whereas in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed

to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees,” the proclamation said. “And whereas the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and whereas Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world and whereas trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife and whereas trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products and whereas trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community and whereas trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mike DeVore, mayor of the city of Lowell, do hereby proclaim every last Friday in April as Arbor Day in the city of Lowell and I urge all citizens to celebrate

Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.”

The council abandoned the plans they discussed at last week’s meeting to rearrange work schedules for city council employees so that they could have Fridays off during the summer.

“I’ve done some research on this matter and tried to look at some options,” Burns said. “After review I’m proposing no changes to the city hall schedule. The ideas that I thought could work, after further review, they’re not going to work.”

Lowell High School teacher Al Eckman said that from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm on Wednesday, April 25, 92.3 WRWW-FM, the radio station at LHS, will have an open house to celebrate National High School Radio Day. Eckman said that 180 high schools in the US have radio stations, three of them in Michigan. More information about WRWW can be found at lowellradio.org

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along main street

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Volunteer Orientation - April 19, 1-2 pm and **Foodmobile**, April 21 at 10 am at FROM, 11535 Fulton St. For more information call 897-8260.

LOWELLARTS PLAYERS PRESENT ‘RUMORS’

LowellArts players present 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 with 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 the historic Strand Theatre, now called Larkin’s Other Place, 315 W. Main Street. Contact LowellArts for tickets or information, 897-8545 or go to info@lowellartsmi.org

MAYFIELD & MOSAICS

LowellArts hosts two exhibitions simultaneously featuring two different art groups - the Mayfield Fibers Arts Group and the Mosaic Artists of Michigan. Both artist groups exist to draw attention to and educate people on their specific, time-honored art forms. Steeped in tradition, yet full of innovation, this exhibition highlights the work of contemporary mosaic artists and fiber/textile artists. Exhibits are April 21 - May 26 at LowellArts, 223 W. Main. Gallery hours are Tues. - Fri., 10 am - 6 pm and Sat., 10 am - 5 pm. For information call 897-8545 or go to info@lowellartsmi.org

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Lowell city manager Michael Burns abandoned plans to give city hall staff Fridays off during summer.

“We would like to [invite] anyone in the community that might be interested in coming up to the high school to see what the radio station is like,” Eckman said. “We’ll give you a tour up there. We’re going to debut our new mobile radio studio. You’ll have a chance to see the students. [...] We’ll basically take our operation out in the hallway adjacent to our radio room and the students will be broadcasting from there.”

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, May 7. They will also have a ‘Coffee with Council’ event at the chamber of commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, May 5. If you want to talk to them about next year’s budget, they recently made it available on the city website, www.ci.lowell.mi.us.

Local LAW Enforcement

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Police Department made 36 arrests during the month of March, up from 30 in February and 32 in January. The arrests included three drug law violations, two for drunk driving, three for driving with a suspended license, 22 for outstanding warrants and six that are described in the police department’s statistics as other arrests. That adds up to a total of 98 arrests in Lowell during the first three months of the year.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during March. There were four larceny calls, two dog/animal complaints, four malicious destruction calls and seven assaults. Lowell police issued 30 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. They were called to assist 73 times and were dispatched to seven accidents. Out of the 138 traffic stops in March, they let 127 drivers go with a warning.

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Mi Hometown Furnishings to host human trafficking awareness fundraiser on April 21

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

On Saturday, April 21, Mi Hometown Furnishings at 312 E. Main is hosting a human trafficking awareness fundraiser.

“The awareness of human trafficking isn’t there yet. It can seem very distant,” said Paige Sydow, the store’s marketing specialist. “When people think of human trafficking, they don’t realize it’s actually happening everywhere, including in our country, our state and in West Michigan.”

“There are a lot of people who are not aware that it’s happening right here in Michigan, so it was important to us and to the owners, Ken and Heather Palcowski, to do something that would support programs like the one that we’re hosting,” said store employee Kari Kusmierz. “West Michigan has quite an issue with it, as do some other areas in

Michigan as well. I think some people think it’s just a problem in poor countries.”

The store will donate ten percent of their sales that day to Jenn at War, a non-profit human trafficking educational organization.

“Jenn Amo from Jenn at War is going to be there to share information and hand out materials to people that show up so they have some information to take with them,” Kusmierz said. “Then 10 percent of the sales that day will go to support her non-profit program that is totally supported by donations. Jenn does presentations around West Michigan to help young people be more aware of the signs of potentially

being lured into that crime.” They will also have representatives on hand from Better Way Imports, a company that hires women

“They sell handmade items that are made by women who have been saved from human trafficking,” Sydow said. “It keeps them employed

countries that are often subject to sex trafficking,” Kusmierz said. “There are just not a lot of forms of employment and this provides jobs for them. They will be there to sell jewelry and other items. So we’re supporting some international programs as well as those in Michigan.”

The idea for the fundraiser came from Kusmierz, who said the store’s owners immediately got on board and wanted to pitch in and help these women out.

“Believe it or not, I’m a retired state trooper,” Kusmierz said. “Now I work for Mi Hometown Furnishings. I’ve always had a passion for the whole human trafficking issue. One day last March, which is Human Trafficking

Awareness Month, I was driving to work at Mi Hometown Furnishings and I heard Jenn speaking on a radio station. I thought that I would talk to Ken and Heather about it because it’s something that I think is really important and I know they’re the type of people that like to support different community events.”

“The store is called ‘Mi Hometown Furnishings’ because this is where the owners are from,” Sydow said. “They feel it’s important to embrace the community and create awareness of things that are happening around us as well.”

For more information about Jenn at War, find them on Facebook or visit jennatwar.com. For more information about Better Way Imports, find them on Facebook or visit betterwayimports.com



who live in at-risk areas to make jewelry, a better choice for them than being violently coerced into prostitution or worse.

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“They are an organization that sells handmade jewelry, bags, scarves and things, all made by women in those



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High School Radio Day

Lowell's local radio station, WRWW, will be participating in the sixth annual 'High School Radio Day' scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. High School Radio Day (HSRD) is a day dedicated to high school radio stations where students can celebrate their uniqueness and promote community awareness of what they do and how they do it. In Michigan, less than one percent of the high schools in the state have a radio station. WRWW broadcasts on 92.3 FM and streams from lowellradio.org. They can also be heard locally on Comcast's Xfinity or public access channel 25. Visit the radio station on the 25th, between 7:30 am and 2:30 pm, when students will be 'on-air' commemorating this special event. WRWW is owned and operated by Lowell Area Schools. The radio studio is located right in Lowell High School.

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 Zoning amendments are proposed to section 201.432 Wireless Communication Facilities to clarify terms, add State requirements for antenna co-locations and timing of application review, clarify various sentences, add more application requirements that applicants must provide, detail the application process, add more engineering review and signage details.
 The complete ordinance amendment 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
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Trail ways are becoming more common in and around residential areas. Lowell walkways are particularly enjoyable to travel because of the access to public areas and many stretches pass through pleasant natural surroundings.

Healthy living strategies are popular topics these days on television and other media. After all of the advice and advertised plans, it always comes down to simply a balanced diet, exercise, and avoiding behaviors which are clearly a detriment to one's health. No matter how complicated or expensive a marketed diet plan may be, there is usually a statement explaining that the plan must be done in conjunction with adequate exercise.

Walking is a great way to get regular healthy exercise.

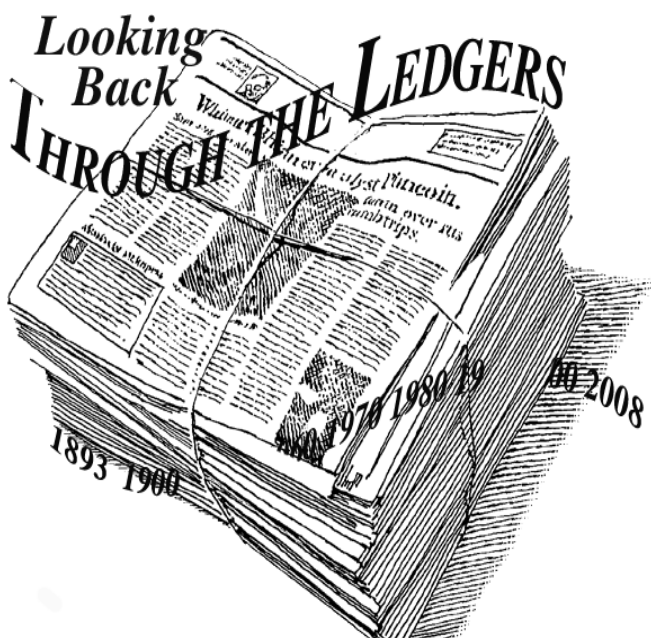
It is good for the mind as well as the body. It doesn't take special equipment. A pair of comfortable walking shoes or regular sneakers is fine. There is no cost, and no need to schedule. Walking distances can be tailored to one's physical condition, commitment, and time constraints.

Not everyone has a walkway in front of the house. A short drive is still worth the effort to access a safe well-maintained trail system.

Getting started on a walking routine is probably the hardest part of the experience. Unlike many other exercise activities walking often becomes a habit. It then becomes a priority. After a time it may be difficult to let a day go by without a walk.

Walking doesn't have to be abandoned when spending time in other places. Safe walking opportunities are available in other states and other countries. When on vacation or touring, walking provides a street level view and a feel for local culture.

If that new years resolution about getting more exercise never happened or fizzled out, now might be a good time to re-commit as weather conditions improve. Local walkways are waiting for residents to get out and take advantage of a great outdoor opportunity.



125 years ago Lowell Journal April 22, 1896

The Teachers Reading Circle and the Sheep Shearing festival drew quite a company of visitors, the former the most. The interesting program was carried out. We have not the figure of the shearing. Maud.

Having purchased the Banner Laundry of C. L. Severy, I would be glad to see all his old customers and guarantee to all others, that I will keep the reputation of the Laundry good by doing only first class work. G. W. Severy

It seems almost phenomenal that in just two weeks from our last snow storm and zero weather—April 2—oats should be up and apple trees leaved out—April 16.

Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Will Brown of Grand Rapids, drove out to Abram Cook's and enjoyed warm sugar and visiting the sugar bush.

Adolph Wooster had the misfortune to lose his pocket book with between \$25 and \$28 in it, on the line of Grattan and Cannon to beyond the Ashley church in all over 6 miles. The road was carefully looked over early Monday, but no p. b. found.

Mr and Mrs John Fallas have moved on their farm and set up two tents and will live there this summer.

Night calls promptly attended, by calling either at J. L. Kopf's House, or at G. V. McConnell's.

Aaron Russell has chosen another better half. Miss Pearley Sabin, of Belding.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 18, 1918

For the third time this spring, floral tributes on a Lowell High school desk, have marked the death of its occupant, the last being that of Millie Barr, a member

of the Senior class, soon to graduate, and one whose entire school life had been spent here. Millie died of pneumonia at her home in Lowell Sunday at 11:30, p.m., in her eighteenth year, after a brief illness, and an absence from school of but a few days, though her classmates had noticed that she was not looking well for some time. Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barr, was born in Keene township, September 20, and came to Lowell with her parents in her babyhood.

April 23 on the East side and April 24 on the West side have been selected by the Common Council as clean up days in the Village of Lowell. The street committee wishes your co-operation. Every spring when clean up days are set people get their rubbish out from one to three or four days late. Let's save the Village of Lowell some money this year by getting it all picked up at one trip. Put all rubbish in boxes or barrels and if you want them saved they will be left. A man can load a barrel of rubbish in a minute but if he has to pick it up from a heap it takes five or six times as long. It is further ordered by the Common Council that any person disturbing a pile of rubbish or tipping over barrels or boxes containing rubbish will be prosecuted. H. L. Shuter, Village Clerk.

Men of draft age, listed and paid as army officers, but holding swivel chair jobs in Washington, are called "slickers;" and there are said to be nearly eighteen hundred of them in that city. If those fellows want a soldier's name, they should get into his game, at the front, and give up merely clerical positions to men above draft age. The "Papa's boy" business—never popular—should not be tolerated in war times.

Last Friday forenoon while the men were in Clarence Seifried's woods buzzing wood, Verne Bowen and Theodore Rinehart got into trouble over a threshing belt and Verne gave Theodore the worst of it. He is in a critical condition. Was taken unconscious an hour after and is reported no better at this writing. The doctor doesn't give his family much encouragement. He has a wife and four little children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson went Monday afternoon to Saranac and called on their son, Dr. Wilkinson, and wife who were taken seriously ill Friday night. Mrs. Wilkinson thinks it was caused by gas from their coal stove. They were very sick all night, Saturday and Sunday and could not get to their phone to call a doctor or get help. His brother Milton happened to go there Saturday morning and found them helpless. He was just able to get out Monday and his wife is in bed yet.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 22, 1943

Frank L Curtis, director of customer relations for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and Detroit civic leader, will be the speaker at the High School assembly here at 3 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, April 27. School patrons are invited. Curtis will speak on the subject, "The Telephone in the War Job." He

will be introduced by Foster I. Huber, manager for the Telephone Company. Pupils also will participate in the program through the demonstration by Curtis of the "Mirrorphone," a development of the Bell Telephone Laboratories which permits a person to hear his or her own voice. One speaks into a microphone and hears his or her own voice a few seconds later, exactly as originally spoken. A touch of humor is added to the situation with the words coming to the audience through a loud speaker arrangement. Curtis recently observed his 35th service anniversary with the nationwide Bell System and has been in the telephone business since he was 22 years old, coming with the Michigan Bell from Chicago in 1920. He is chairman of the Board of Control of the Detroit Board of Commerce, is a member of that city's famed Economic Club, and served as secretary for many years of the Michigan Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

A fatal accident occurred about 6:30 Wednesday evening of last week, on the Orville C. Austin farm, southeast of Lowell, when Harold W. Merrill, 32, was pinned beneath a tractor. He had taken the tractor into the field to plow and said he would be back by dinner time. When he failed to return, Austin went out to look for him and found Merrill beneath the tractor. In

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- urinary incontinence in women

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There are three main types of UC: Stress UC, urgency incontinence and mixed UC. Your health care provider will clarify your type of UC based on your symptoms. A detailed history will be obtained, a urine analysis will be done and a physical exam of the pelvic region may be performed.

Treatment of UC should be personalized based on the

frequency and severity of symptoms and on individual patient preferences and goals of therapy.

Behavioral strategies such as reducing caffeine intake, drinking small amounts of fluid frequently rather than large amounts of fluid all at once and scheduled voiding may reduce episodes of UC.

Pelvic floor therapy, done by physical therapists, has become a mainstay of treatment for UC for persistent cases. Surgery may be needed. Medications are available, but sometimes the side effects are not very tolerable.

Auburn University students who developed a personalized electrotherapy garment to aid injury rehabilitation earned \$50,000 in funding and services as winners of the fourth annual Tiger Cage student business pitch competition.

Presented by Auburn University's Harbert College of Business, Tiger Cage identifies and rewards the best early-stage products, services and business concepts that emerge from Auburn students.

ESCAPE Therapy—the business concept of doctoral students Sarah Gascon, kinesiology; Matt Hanks, kinesiology; and Dawn Michaelson, consumer and design services—walked away with the grand prize, edging [out] three other finalists on April 6 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

Teams presented their ideas to a panel of industry judges in a manner similar to "Shark Tank." Judges included Delphinus Medical Technologies CEO Mark Forchette, River Bank & Trust CEO Jimmy Stubbs, Frontier Labs Co-founder Sean Cook, Tara Wilson Agency CEO Tara Wilson and MartinFederal Consulting CEO Corey Martin.

Wilson, a 1997 Harbert College finance graduate, said the judges had a "tough decision" choosing the winner.

"The team that won has an innovative idea and product that has the ability to be scalable and I think that was a big differentiator," she said. "This team can continue to go on in these competitions and their product will be viable to a larger group of people in the end."

"Tiger Cage certainly shows me that Auburn has put together a great group of

intelligent students who are thinking about innovation and entrepreneurship. I was very impressed with all four teams."

ESCAPE Therapy's prize rundown included the \$25,000 cash grand prize, \$15,000 in donated services from Allegiance Merchant Services and \$10,000 in legal services from Bradley Boulton Cummings. Gascon, ESCAPE Therapy's CEO, certainly understands the potential market for her concept—athletic trainers and physical therapists. She is an aspiring 2020 Summer Olympic Games competitor, training at Auburn University with Team USA Handball.

"Usually, physical therapists require you to do some physical therapy at home and they give you instructions," Gascon explained. "What happens is the patient says that they are going to do the rehab but they don't. They are really visiting the therapist only seven to 10 sessions. In reality, to receive a full recovery they need more than that. Our garment works in conjunction with the physical therapist. The patient can take it home and they can use it while they are also doing the rehab exercises."

"We are bridging the gap between a physical therapist and a patient."

Gascon described ESCAPE Therapy's Tiger Cage journey from a business idea in September

to the 2018 champion as "very long."

"At the start of it, it was just an idea that we wrote on paper," she said. "We didn't know how to write an executive summary and we didn't know what a business model was. We knew nothing in terms of how to operate a true business."

Then Gascon smiled and said, "But we are doctoral students and are very high achievers. We had to learn all of the different aspects of how to build and develop a business—and we perfected our craft. It's remarkable that we were here [in the finals] because we think about the first few months and it was just an idea and we didn't know what we were doing. Now, we have business people coming up and talking to us. We received a lot of mentoring from Dr. [Lakami] Baker. That really helped direct what we wanted to say, how we wanted to say it and what we want to think about in terms of having a successful business. This is our next adventure after school and we're looking forward to hitting the ground running."

ESCAPE Therapy already has a list of potential customers.

"A lot of my Team USA teammates are saying, "When will this come out? We want it right now!" Gascon added.

Hanks attended Lowell High School.

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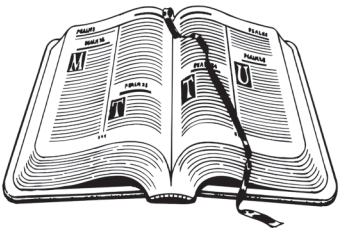
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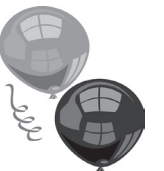
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Looking back, continued

reviewing the tragedy, Mr. Austin states that apparently Merrill had climbed down and walked along beside the tractor to keep warm, as it was a cold day. In some manner he slipped or was thrown beneath the plow. Although dragged for some distance, the body was not crushed, and it is thought that he died of monoxide gas as his face lay right under the exhaust of the tractor whose motor had run for some time before choking off. Merrill had worked and lived at the Austin farm for the past 16 years, ever since he came from his home in Coloma.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Verwys and family will move next week to the place south of Lowell known as the Post farm, which Mr. Verwys will operate for his brother who now owns the place.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger April 18, 1968

A rural atmosphere prevailed along Main Street last Saturday afternoon when a renegade bovine was seen to swim the river and climb the steep bank into the city parking lot. Bossy completed her stroll by wandering east on Main Street and part way up Monroe before city police played cowboy and returned the unwilling animal to her owners.

An intensive search for William Wierenga, of Lowell, missing since 7 a.m. Tuesday, continued today from the banks of Grand River, south of the city. The Kent County Sheriff's Department called to assist Lowell police the previous day, resumed dragging operations Wednesday morning at press time. Officer Mike Harrington of the Lowell force, meanwhile, was recovering from painful wounds suffered when a grappling hook was accidentally imbedded in his hand while he was dragging the river. Harrington was assisting Sgt. James Hutson and Officer Robert Perrin when the mishap occurred. The hook was removed by a bolt cutter rushed to the scene by Merle Hanson and Bill Ellison of Wittenbach Sales and Service. He was rushed to Butterworth Hospital and released after treatment. A team of Sheriff's Department officers joined in the search operation at the request of Lowell Chief Avery Block. They included Chief Deputy Sheriff William Richter and officers Robert Bishop, Ed Baker and Lucius Thompson. The officers put out into a sheriff's rescue boat and began dragging along the banks of Grand River. After dragging the river for several hours, Lt. Richter sent for skin divers. Two of the divers appeared at about 1 p.m. and searched the river bottom for several hours, but with no results.

A 36-year-old Lowell woman, who was seriously injured last Friday night when her car went out of control on Hawley Rd., today was listed in good condition at Belding Community Hospital. According to state police reports, Sally Fuhrman was driving on Hawley about a half mile north of M-21, when her car went out of control, and flipped over onto the roadway. She was taken to the Belding Hospital and admitted for treatment of severe lacerations and fractures. The state troopers were aided by Saranac police in handling the accident.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 21, 1993

After a long arduous, albeit successful process, the Lowell Showboat released the names of the entertainers who will be performing at the Lowell Showboat on June 17-19. It was announced Tuesday that Lowell born, Caledonia raised, country/western rising star Thom Ellis will perform Thursday night. The popular 60s - 70s recording group, The 5th/Dimension will share many of their hits from their 14 gold records and their versatile and spontaneous show with the Showboat crowd. Saturday night will feature Christian/gospel, contemporary international recording artist, Sandi Patti. Tickets will go on sale for all three shows on Monday April 26. There will be a \$10 ticket price for Ellis' Thursday show. Ticket prices for Friday and Saturday night will be \$16-\$18 and \$20. Ticket reservations can be made prior to the April 26th date by calling 1-800-422-SHOW or 897-8280. "This year's entertainment package is versatile and will also draw from an audience that the Showboat hasn't drawn from in the past," Lowell Showboat President Thad Kraus

said. Patti's recent album release from Word, "Another Time.... Another Place" is replete with songs that are not characteristically Patti. Many are pop infused. Other songs on the album provide the church's new standards. Patti explains that the album has a liveliness to it. "It's like it's coming from somewhere down deep inside of me that I really thought I had lost. The new album was a fresh, healing and unusually fun piece of work for me." Although 1990 was theoretically a "year off for rest and regrouping," Patti earned female vocalist of the year and had the children's music album of the year, "Sandi Patti and the Friendship Company." Remarkably, Patti was named female vocalist of the year from 1982 through 1991. During that time she has had two platinum records, four gold records and one gold video. She was also Billboard Magazine's "inspirational artist of the year" for the years 1986 through 1989. "On Friday night, the Showboat will take people back to their prime time with the 5th Dimension, a time when the pace was slower and people gathered closer to take part in community events," Showboat Vice President Tony Stencil said. In 1967, a little known singing group called the 5th Dimension recorded a song called Up, Up, and Away, which turned out to be one of the biggest smash hits in music history. Today, the 5th Dimension is one of the most popular singing groups in the world. They have released over a dozen hit albums and received 14 gold records. Their classics include such hits as: Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In, Wedding Bell Blues, Stoned Soul Picnic and Go Where You Wanna Go. Preferring to be innovators rather than imitators, original members Florence LaRue, Lamonte McLemore and Ron Townson, along with Michael Proctor and Phyliss Battle, have put together a show and sound that is distinctively their own, with more vocal range than ever and material that is described as fresh and varied. "Those who are working with Showboat are keying in on bringing it back to the community," Showboat vice president Stencil says. "Work is being done to have activities planned for every night leading up to Thursday night's performance of local entertainer, Thom Ellis, who is on the verge of making it big in the country market." Ellis advanced to the national finals of the True Value/GMC Contest in 1992, losing to Ricky Tripp in January of 1993. Ellis is being managed by Jimmy Adams from Bassett, Virginia and boxing promoter, Don King. King, who pummels you with his verbal combinations of hype and honesty in hopes of making his knockout point says, "Thom has a God given talent. I think he's a super sensation. I think he is destined to be bigger than Garth Brooks. Thom will help bring people together. Through his music he'll be

a catalyst to make the world a better place to live."

Paula Krebs, 18, Alto, has been bound over in Circuit Court on charges of allegedly trying to poison Sheila Dubbink (Feb 26), a Lowell High School teacher for the self contained/emotionally impaired students. According to Police Sergeant Al Eckman, Krebs admitted in the police report to putting black ink (India Ink) in Dubbink's drinking mug. If found guilty she could face up to five years in prison. Eckman said the trial date has not been set. Krebs waived her preliminary exam in the 63rd District Court. The incident occurred on Friday (Feb. 26). According to Dubbink, she had given Krebs permission to get ink from the art room to work on her art project. Dubbink says Krebs poured the ink into her mug while the Lowell teacher was working in the time-out area with another student on math. Eckman said the analysis of the mug's contents by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab showed the drink contained ink matching the type given to Krebs earlier in the day. "Because the mug was dark, it would have been impossible to notice that the drink had been tainted." Dubbink said upon hearing what Krebs did, another student told the Lowell teacher. "Something like this is devastating because you like to believe that you're having a positive influence on these kids' lives," Dubbink said. "Reality is, you only have them for three hours a day and what kind of impact can you really have. The Lowell instructor says success is measured differently with these students. "Sometimes success is a smile and sometimes it is the fact a student isn't telling you off. It's different with each student." Dubbink says she hasn't talked to Krebs since the incident. "A part of me wants to, but another part of me doesn't. I don't know what the motivation was for this," she says. Dubbink is in her ninth year of teaching. It is her sixth at Lowell High School. She spent three years at Birch Run, a suburb of Saginaw. The incident has given Dubbink reason to think about elementary counseling. "There is a need for it. It would also put me in a spot to help kids at an early age and not necessarily at a point in their life when it might be too late." Eckman pointed out that poison experts have indicated to him that ingesting a large quantity of the ink could make a person very sick, however, it would not be fatal. "In all my years this is the first time I remember charging someone with poisoning," Eckman said. "Later that same day (Feb. 26th), Krebs was involved in throwing an ice ball at a vehicle. Lowell High School assistant principal Scott Vashaw said Krebs was not expelled from school, but was suspended. "The school is recommending alternative placement for her to attend where she can be successful," he explains.

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announces 2018 State Veteran Home Construction Grants

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs authorized funding from the VA State Veterans Home Construction Grant program to build two new veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Southeast Michigan. The grant award letter signed by acting VA secretary Ronny Jackson authorized Michigan to spend up to \$123 million on the projects.

“This is great news for our state’s veterans,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “I am pleased Michigan gained the support from the federal VA with this grant funding for two veterans’ homes. It will pave the way for new, modern facilities that are long overdue and will better meet the needs of our veterans. Our brave men and women who served our state and nation deserve the absolute best and I am proud of the work that is being done to help make Michigan the best place for veterans to live, raise a family, work and retire.”

In 2016, the Michigan Legislature approved \$42 million in state funds for the projects. The VA State Home Construction Grant program provides up to 65 percent funding for approved projects and has authorized up to \$42 million for Grand Rapids and up to \$38 million for Southeast Michigan.

A plan to modernize long-term health care for the state’s veterans was created by a workgroup convened by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to study best practices and chart a path to modernize state run facilities providing long-term care to veterans. The workgroup comprised of health care and financial experts and legislators completed their report in August 2016, recommending application to the VA State Veteran Home Construction Grant program to build up to seven new veterans homes across the state. Based on recommendations from the group and with strong bi-partisan

support from the legislature, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law PA 560 of 2016, creating the Michigan Veterans’ Facilities Authority, governed by a nine member board. The first action of the Authority Board was approval of the grant application designating that the first two homes be built on the current 90 acre campus in Grand Rapids and on a site to be determined in Southeast Michigan.

“We appreciate VA’s support of Michigan’s veterans in announcing this much needed funding to build new, modern veterans homes in our state,” said Michigan Veterans Facility chair/Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency director James Robert Redford. “This is an important first step that allows Michigan to continue providing veteran-centered care in a modern, home-like setting, eventually expanding the number of veteran homes across the state in order to serve veterans close to where they live.”

The Michigan Veterans Facility Authority board of directors continues work to finalize site selection in southeast Michigan, based on legislative direction to locate a new state veterans home in Michigan Prosperity Region 10. The board has a goal of beginning construction of the new facility in Grand Rapids in September 2018.

For more information about the new veterans home project in Grand Rapids, visit the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board public documents at MichiganVeterans.com

Senator Stabenow introduces the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) introduced the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act of 2018, S. 2637, which will improve maternity care for women and newborns. The United States has the worst rate of maternal deaths in the developed world and one of the highest rates of infant mortality. Michigan has the 17th highest rate of infant mortality in the country, with 6.68 infant deaths per 1,000 births.

“We all have a stake in keeping moms and babies healthy,” said Senator Stabenow. “My bill makes sure moms and babies get the best care possible from the doctor’s office to the delivery room.”

“The Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act will make a real difference in the lives of moms and babies by helping to ensure every pregnant woman and infant gets the highest quality care possible,” stated March of Dimes president Stacey D. Stewart. “March of Dimes strongly supports this

effort to increase the quality of perinatal health care and we look forward to its swift enactment.”

“Not enough women and infants in the United States are getting the high-quality health care they need and deserve. The Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act would help give more maternity care providers the necessary tools to deliver the best possible care while maximizing the value of our health care dollars,” said Debra L. Ness, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families. “We applaud Senator Stabenow for reintroducing this bill in the Senate and for her unwavering commitment to improving the health of women and families and we urge the Senate to prioritize its passage this year.”

“The goal of every obstetrician-gynecologist is a healthy outcome for both mother and baby. To that end, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is pleased to support the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act,” said ACOG president Haywood L. Brown, MD. “Rates of maternal mortality and severe morbidity are rising in the United States and we know that half of these maternal deaths can be prevented. The U.S. also has an unacceptably high rate of infant mortality with preterm birth being a significant contributor. That is why it is imperative that we invest in locally-relevant improvements to maternity care, like perinatal quality collaboratives. These collaboratives are an important tool to help make sure that evidence-based practice recommendations — from reducing early elective deliveries and cesareans, to treating women struggling with substance use disorder -- are implemented in a way that truly improves care for women. ACOG thanks Senator Stabenow for her leadership on the issue of improving maternal health and looks forward to working with both chambers of Congress to advance this bill into law.”

The Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act of 2018 will improve maternity care for women and newborns by holding Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program accountable through higher quality standards. Medicaid currently has a set of guidelines for pediatric and adult care but no specific standards for maternity and infant care.

The legislation will also provide funding for care quality partnerships that will bring together states, health care providers, insurance companies and other stakeholders to develop and carry out new strategies to improve maternity and infant care.

U.S. senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) joined Stabenow to introduce the legislation.

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Supplement to 1968 King/Kennedy special section

In last week's Buyer's Guide and News we ran a special section highlighting local, national and international events that took place 50 years ago in 1968.

In researching that publication, we came across a wealth of information, far more than would fit in one edition of the Buyer's Guide and News.

Here is a selection of the fun, interesting stuff we found that we had to cut for lack of space.



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1968 PREPARES FOR GRADUATION

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As I date my letters I am reminded it is time to renew my subscription to the home town paper.

This is the 51st year. This current number is extra special and I am saving it.

Fifty years is a long time but it passes very rapidly. So has the time since the first "Showboat" when I participated.

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Quick action by police and neighbors was credited today in averting possible tragedy in Lowell last week.

Sergeant James Hutson of Lowell and Patrolman Steve McCarthy of the East Grand Rapids department were called to assist in delivering a baby to a 23-year-old Lowell woman.

By the time the officers arrived, 6-pound, 8-ounce Brian Scott Adams had arrived in the world in a car owned by one of Mrs. Jerry Adam's neighbors.

Mrs. Adams and the neigh-

bor had started for a Grand Rapids hospital, but the expectant mother realized that she was about to deliver the baby and the call for help went out.

"Actually, there wasn't much we could do except make the mother and baby more comfortable," explained Sergeant Hutson.

Dr. Donald Gerard was called to the scene and ordered mother and child sent by ambulance to Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

The Adams reside at 301 West Street in Lowell.



Police Join Effort to Halt Litter

Lowell City Manager Bernard C. Olson today said that local police and sheriff's deputies have joined forces in patrolling Oberley Drive.

Reason for the patrols, Olson states, is to keep the road clean of litter spilled by impatient or careless motorists on their way to the city dump.

Olson's actions in setting up the law enforcement patrols follows complaints of several weeks ago of Oberley residents to Mayor Arnold Wittenbach of careless litter-throwing on their roadway.

The mayor took up the complaint with the city council, and as a result the city manager was instructed to have Oberley cleaned up, and to put a watch against rubbish-throwing on highway.

Oberley Drive will get the eye of the police and deputies as long as it is necessary, Olson stated.



REIGNING BEAUTIES - Members of the Lowell High School homecoming court are pictured here with Queen Wendy Craig (center). From the left, they are Geraldine Balcom, Mary Jo Wernet, Denise Kropf, Peggy Ross, Crystal Haywood and Vicki Hale.



LEAD ROLES in the all-school production of "Brigadoon" will be played by Lowell High Students Judy Norton and Mike Potter. Rehearsals are now underway for the event, which will be held in the school auditorium March 29-30.



1968 sports highlights

January 1 - The 54th Rose Bowl football game. The USC Trojans beat the Indiana Hoosiers 14-3. Player of the game was USC tailback O.J. Simpson.
 January 14 - Super Bowl II in Miami, the Green Bay Packers beat the Oakland Raiders 33-14. Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr was named game MVP after he

game included Gale Sayers, Johnny Unitas, Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen, Dick Butkus and Fran Tarkenton.
 February 6 - Opening of the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. The only US gold medal winner was Peggy Fleming for figure skating.
 February 25 - The Daytona 500 automobile race is won



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completed 13 of 24 passes, gaining 202 yards and one touchdown.
 January 21 - West beat East 38-20 in the NFL Pro Bowl, held at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.



Famous football players who participated in this

by Cale Yarborough.
 March 20 - The Detroit Pistons beat the Boston Celtics 125-116 in the last game of the NBA season.
 March 31 - The Detroit Red Wings finish their season

in last place with a 5-5 tie game against the Chicago Black Hawks.
 April 10 - Opening day of Major League Baseball season.

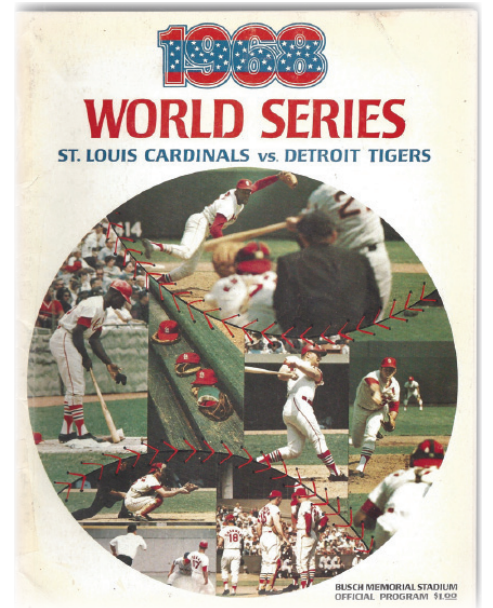
April 11 - Start of the 32nd Masters Tournament at



the National Golf Club in Augusta. Winner was Bob Goalby.
 May 2 - World champion Boston Celtics beat the Los

May 11 - Montreal Canadians win the final of four matches against the St. Louis Blues to become NHL champions.

August 29 - US Open begins in Forest Hills, NY. Big winners were Arthur Ashe, Virginia Wade, Bob Lutz, Stan Smith, Maria Bueno and Margaret Court.
 September 17 - Detroit Tigers clinch the American League pennant.
 September 19 - Tigers pitcher Denny McLain wins his 31st game of the year despite a big home run by Mickey Mantle.
 Sept. 29 - The Chicago Cubs end their season in third place with a record of 84-78..
 October 6 - The Grand Prix auto race is held in Watkins Glen, NY. British driver Jackie Stewart was winner, other competitors included Bobby Unser and Mario Andretti.
 October 10 - The Tigers

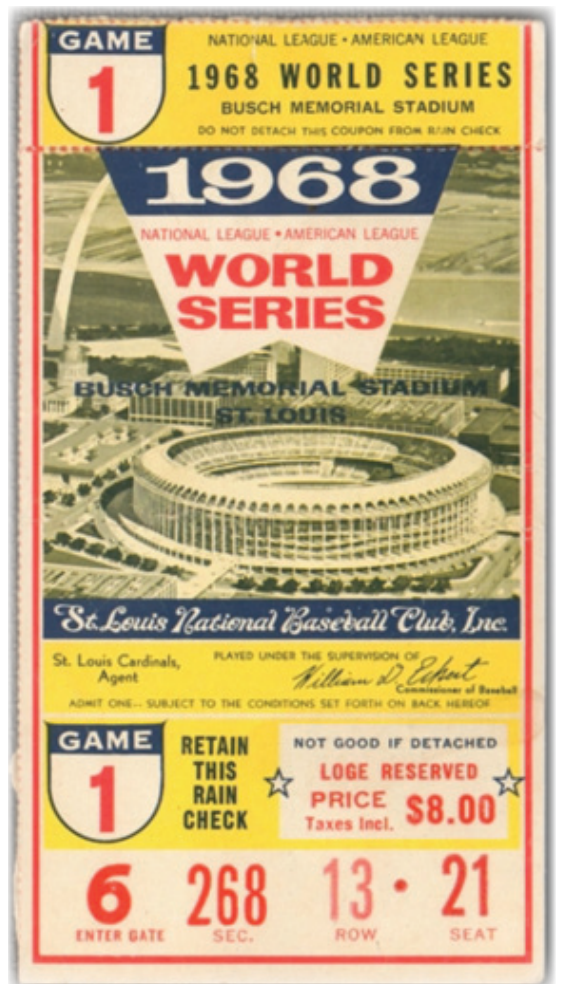


beat the Cardinals 4-1 to win game seven of the World Series. The game was scoreless until the sixth inning with Cardinals centerfielder Curt Flood misjudged where a ball was hit and allowed the Tigers to score three runs on a Jim Northrup triple.
 October 11 - Opening day of hockey season for the Detroit Red Wings, a 2-4 loss against the Boston Bruins.
 October 12 - Opening ceremonies of the Summer Olympics in Mexico City. Site of the famous picture of two of the winners in the men's 200 meter race, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raising their fists in a "black power" salute. Other US gold medal winners included George Foreman and Mark Spitz.
 October 16 - The Detroit Pistons lose to the Baltimore Bullets 116-124 on opening day of the NBA season.
 December 29 - Baltimore Colts beat the Cleveland Browns 34-0 for the NFL championship. They will eventually lose to the New York Jets in Super Bowl III during January, 1969.



Angeles Lakers 124-109 in game six of the NBA finals.
 May 4 - Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, first place horse was "Forward Pass" with jockey Ismael Valenzuela and trainer Henry Forrest.

May 18 - The Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. "Forward Pass" won this race too, as well as the \$200,000 prize.
 May 30 - Indianapolis 500 race is won by Bobby Unser. Other competitors included A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Mario Andretti.
 June 14 - US Open begins in Rochester, NY. Winner was Lee Trevino, four strokes ahead of Jack Nicklaus in second place.
 June 20 - Start of the LPGA Championship, held just outside of Worcester, MA. Winner was 20 year old Sandra Post, this was the first of her eight LPGA victories.
 July 18 - PGA Championship starts. Winner was Julius Boros, who beat Arnold Palmer and Bob Charles by one stroke. Jack Nicklaus missed the cut to compete in this event.



1968 in music, movies, tv and books

1968 GRAMMY AWARDS

Record of the Year: Johnny Rivers and Marc Gordon (producers) and The Fifth Dimension for "Up, Up and Away"
 Album of the Year: The Beatles and George Martin (producer) for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
 Song of the Year: Jimmy L. Webb (songwriter) for "Up, Up and Away" performed by The 5th Dimension
 Best New Artist: Bobbie Gentry
 Best Comedy Performance: Bill Cosby for "Revenge"
 Best Original Score Written for a Motion Picture or a Television Show: Lalo Schifrin (composer) for "Mission: Impossible"
 Best Country and Western Solo Vocal Performance, Female: Tammy Wynette for "I Don't Wanna Play House"
 Best Country and Western Solo Vocal Performance, Male: Glen Campbell for "Gentle on My Mind"
 Best Country and Western Performance Duet, Trio or Group: Johnny Cash and June Carter for "Jackson"
 Best Country and Western Recording: Al De Lory (producer) and Glen Campbell for "Gentle on My Mind"
 Best Country and Western Song: John Hartford (songwriter) for "Gentle on My Mind" performed by Glen Campbell
 Best R&B Solo Vocal

or Instrumental: Sam and Dave for "Soul Man"
 Best Rhythm and Blues Recording: Aretha Franklin for "Respect"
 Best Gospel Performance:

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 Best Instrumental Jazz Performance, Small Group or Soloist With Small Group: "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" performed by the Cannonball Adderley

(composers), Goddard Lieberson (producer) and the original cast (Joel Grey, Jill Haworth, Lotte Lenya, Jack Gilford and Bert Convy) for "Cabaret"
 Best Vocal Performance, Female: Bobbie Gentry for "Ode to Billie Joe"
 Best Vocal Performance, Male: Glen Campbell for "By the Time I Get to Phoenix"
 Best Performance by a Vocal Group: The Fifth Dimension for "Up, Up and Away"
 Best Performance by a Chorus: Johnny Mann for "Up, Up and Away" performed by the Johnny Mann Singers

BANDS THAT BROKE UP IN 1968

Buffalo Springfield
 Cream
 The Famous Flames
 The Five Americans
 Freddie and the Dreamers
 The Jades
 The Quests
 The Righteous Brothers
 The Seekers
 The Shangri-Las
 The Sonics
 The Strangeloves
 The Yardbirds
 The Zombies

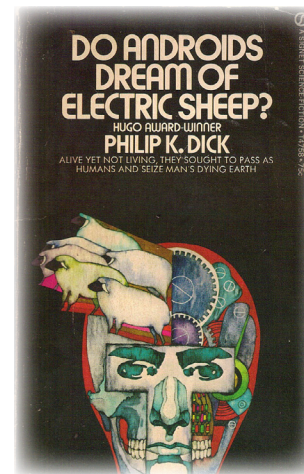
BANDS THAT FORMED IN 1968

Alive N Kickin'
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 Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
 Deep Purple
 Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show
 The Flying Burrito Brothers
 Free
 Grand Funk Railroad
 King Crimson
 The Last Poets
 Led Zeppelin
 Mandrill
 Nazareth
 Rush
 The Shaggs
 The Stylistics
 Tower of Power
 Yes



NEW YORK TIMES FICTION BEST SELLERS

William Styron - "The Confessions of Nat Turner"
 Fletcher Knebel - "Vanished"
 John Updike - "Couples"
 Arthur Hailey - "Airport"
 Helen MacInnes - "The Salzburg Connection"



TOP 20 TV PROGRAMS

The Andy Griffith Show
 The Lucy Show
 Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.
 Bonanza
 Gunsmoke
 Family Affair
 The Red Skelton Show
 The Dean Martin Show
 The Jackie Gleason Show
 NBC Saturday Night at the Movies
 Bewitched
 The Beverly Hillbillies
 The Ed Sullivan Show
 The Virginian
 Green Acres
 The CBS Friday Night Movies
 The Lawrence Welk Show
 The F.B.I.
 The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour
 Gentle Ben

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Best Instrumental Performance: Chet Atkins for "Chet Atkins Picks the Best"
 Best Contemporary Female Solo Vocal Performance: Bobbie Gentry for "Ode to Billie Joe"
 Best Contemporary Male Solo Vocal Performance: Glen Campbell for "By the Time I Get to Phoenix"
 Best Contemporary Group Performance: The Fifth Dimension for "Up, Up and Away"
 Best Contemporary Single: Johnny Rivers and Marc Gordon (producers) and The Fifth Dimension for "Up, Up and Away"
 Best Contemporary Album: George Martin (producer) and The Beatles for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"

TV SERIES ENDINGS

The Abbott and Costello Cartoon Show
 The Andy Griffith Show
 Atom Ant
 Batman
 Cimarron Strip
 The Danny Thomas Hour
 Fantastic Four
 The Gumby Show
 I Spy
 Lost in Space
 The Lucy Show
 The Man from U.N.C.L.E.
 The Monkees
 The Rat Patrol
 Space Ghost
 The Superman/Aquaman Hour of Adventure
 Temptation
 To Tell the Truth
 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
 Yogi Bear and Friends

TV SERIES DEBUTS

60 Minutes
 Adam-12
 The Archie Show
 The Banana Splits
 The Batman/Superman Hour
 Bill Dance Outdoors
 The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Hour
 Columbo
 The Dick Cavett Show
 The Doris Day Show
 Fantastic Voyage
 The Ghost and Mrs. Muir
 Hawaii Five-O
 Here Come the Brides
 Here's Lucy
 Land of the Giants
 Mayberry R.F.D.
 Mister Rogers'
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 One Life to Live
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 The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau
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 Best R&B Solo Vocal Performance, Male: Lou Rawls for "Dead End Street"
 Best Rhythm and Blues Group Performance, Vocal

Quintet
 Best Instrumental Jazz Performance, Large Group or Soloist with Large Group: Duke Ellington for "Far East Suite"
 Best Score From an Original Cast Show Album: Fred Ebb, John Kander



1968 BIRTHS

January 2 - Cuba Gooding Jr., actor
 January 6 - John Singleton, film director and writer
 January 14 - LL Cool J, rapper and actor
 January 22 - Guy Fieri, chef
 January 24 - Mary Lou Retton, gymnast
 January 28 - Sarah McLachlan, singer
 February 1 - Lisa Marie Presley, singer
 February 1 - Pauly Shore, comedian and actor
 February 8 - Gary Coleman, actor

August 9 - Gillian Anderson, actor
 August 15 - Debra Messing, actor
 August 25 - Rachael Ray, television chef and host
 September 10 - Big Daddy Kane, hip-hop artist
 September 16 - Marc Anthony, actor and singer
 September 21 - Ricki Lake, actor, producer and television presenter
 September 25 - Will Smith, rapper and actor
 October 1 - Jay Underwood, actor



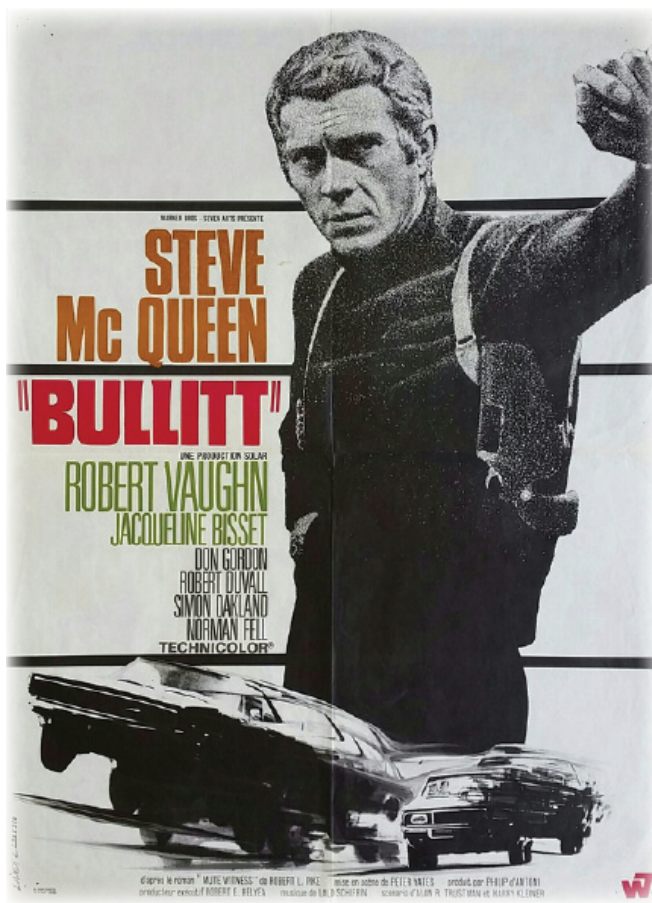
February 12 - Josh Brolin, actor
 February 18 - Molly Ringwald, actor
 March 2 - Daniel Craig, actor
 March 11 - Lisa Loeb, singer

October 11 - Jane Krakowski, actor
 October 12 - Hugh Jackman, actor
 October 13 - Tisha Campbell-Martin, actor and singer
 October 17 - Ziggy Marley, musician and oldest son of Bob Marley



March 26 - Kenny Chesney, country music singer
 March 29 - Lucy Lawless, actor and singer
 March 30 - Celine Dion, singer
 April 8 - Patricia Arquette, actor
 April 14 - Anthony Michael Hall, actor and singer
 April 19 - Ashley Judd, actor
 April 23 - Timothy McVeigh, terrorist
 April 29 - Carnie Wilson, singer and television host
 May 7 - Traci Lords, actor and porn star
 May 12 - Tony Hawk, skateboarder
 May 28 - Kylie Minogue, actor and singer
 June 10 - Bill Burr, comedian
 June 14 - Yasmine Bleeth, actor
 July 15 - Eddie Griffin, actor and comedian
 July 16 - Barry Sanders, football player
 July 24 - Kristin Chenoweth, actor
 July 30 - Terry Crews, actor

November 5 - Sam Rockwell, actor
 November 8 - Parker Posey, actor
 November 10 - Tracy Morgan, actor and comedian
 November 12 - Sammy Sosa, Major League Baseball player
 November 15 - Ol' Dirty Bastard, rapper
 November 18 - Owen Wilson, actor and comedian
 December 2 - Lucy Liu, actor
 December 3 - Brendan Fraser, actor
 December 3 - Montell Jordan, singer
 December 5 - Margaret Cho, actor and comedian



40TH ACADEMY AWARDS

[Ceremony took place on April 10, 1968, postponed two days because of MLK assassination]

Best Actor: Rod Steiger - "In the Heat of the Night"
 Best Supporting Actor: George Kennedy - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"
 Best Picture: "In the Heat of the Night" - Walter Mirisch, Producer
 Best Supporting Actor: George Kennedy - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"
 Best Actress: Katharine Hepburn - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"
 Best Supporting Actress: Estelle Parsons - "Bonnie and Clyde"
 Best Directing: "The Graduate" - Mike Nichols
 Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay): "In the Heat of the Night" - Stirling Silliphant
 Best Writing (Original Screenplay): "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" - William Rose

FBI TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES

John William Clouser, remained at large by year-end
 Monroe Hickson, declared deceased by January 30, 1968
 Gordon Dale Ervin, remained at large by year-end
 Carmen Raymond Gagliardi, arrested December 23, 1968
 Jerry Ray James, arrested January 24, 1968
 Richard Paul Anderson, arrested January 19, 1968
 Henry Theodore Young, arrested January 9, 1968
 Donald Eugene Sparks, arrested January 24, 1968
 Zelma Lavone King, arrested January 30, 1968
 Jerry Reece Peacock, arrested March 5, 1968

THEY WON'T STAY DEAD!



1968 DEATHS

February 4 - Neal Cassady, writer (b. 1926)
 February 7 - Nick Adams, actor (b. 1931)
 February 15 - Little Walter, blues musician and singer (b. 1930)
 February 27 - Frankie Lymon, singer (b. 1942)
 March 20 - Charles Chaplin Jr., actor (b. 1925)
 March 20 - Carl Theodor Dreyer, film director (b. 1889)
 March 27 - Yuri Gagarin, Soviet cosmonaut, first human in space (b. 1934)
 March 30 - Bobby Driscoll, child actor (b. 1937)
 April 4 - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights activist, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (b. 1929)
 April 16 - Edna Ferber, writer (b. 1885)
 April 24 - Tommy Noonan, actor (b. 1921)
 May 5 - Albert Dekker, actor (b. 1905)
 May 19 - Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician (b. 1904)
 May 26 - Little Willie John, blues artist (b. 1937)
 June 1 - Helen Keller, spokeswoman for the deaf and blind (b. 1880)
 June 4 - Dorothy Gish, actor (b. 1898)
 June 6 - Robert F. Kennedy, U.S. Senator and Attorney General (b. 1925)

June 7 - Dan Duryea, actor (b. 1907)
 August 29 - Ulysses S. Grant III, soldier and planner (b. 1881)
 August 31 - Dennis O'Keefe, actor (b. 1908)
 September 8 - Luther Perkins, lead guitarist for Johnny Cash (b. 1928)
 September 18 - Francis McDonald, actor (b. 1891)
 September 18 - Franchot Tone, actor (b. 1905)
 September 19 - Red Foley, country singer (b. 1910)
 October 2 - Marcel Duchamp, artist (b. 1887)
 October 13 - Bea Benaderet, actor (b. 1906)
 October 30 - Ramon Novarro, actor (b. 1899)
 November 8 - Kokomo Arnold, blues musician (b. 1896)
 November 8 - Wendell Corey, actor (b. 1914)
 November 25 - Upton Sinclair, writer (b. 1878)
 November 28 - Enid Blyton, children's writer (b. 1897)
 December 10 - Thomas Merton, author (b. 1915)
 December 12 - Tallulah Bankhead, actor (b. 1902)
 December 20 - John Steinbeck, writer, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1902)
 December 26 - Weegee, photographer and photojournalist (b. 1899)



TOP GROSSING FILMS

- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- Funny Girl
- The Love Bug
- The Odd Couple
- Bullitt
- Romeo and Juliet
- Oliver!
- Rosemary's Baby
- Planet of the Apes
- Night of the Living Dead
- Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Lion in Winter
- The Green Berets
- Blackbeard's Ghost



- The Fox
- Charly
- The Boston Strangler
- Candy
- The Thomas Crown Affair
- The Detective

Red Arrow

- SOCCER

SPORTS

Girls soccer picked up a win & settled for a tie last week

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell girls varsity soccer hit the field twice last week picking up a win over non-conference competitor Muskegon Reeths-Puffer Rockets and settling for a tie versus the Red Hawks of Cedar Springs.

Playing at home on Tuesday evening against Reeths-Puffer, Lowell took an early and aggressive lead shutting out the Rockets in the first half while finding the back of the net three times. Their 3-0 halftime lead held. Despite letting their opponent slip one through, the Arrows won the contest 4-1. Game goals

were earned by senior captain Riley Conlan, junior Regan Coxon, senior Maura Fitzpatrick and junior Isabel Remar. Adding assists to their season tallies were Conlan and fellow senior captain Darby Dean who was credited with two.

Friday, the team hosted Cedar Springs in less than favorable weather conditions battling for a 2-2 tie while chilly and wet. Knotted at one after the first, the back-and-forth contest continued in the second where both teams added a second goal to the scoreboard ending in the 2-2 finish. Conlan and sophomore Khloe Hayes led

Lowell's offense. Assists were credited to Coxon and junior Amber Clouse.

Currently holding a record of 3-0-2 overall and 1-0-1 in league play, the ladies face a jam-packed schedule over the next week as they work their way toward their top opponents in conference, Forest Hills Central Rangers and Forest Hills Northern Huskies. Last season, the pair of talented opponents were the only conference teams to deal Lowell losses during their 7-3 run through the OK White.

"The Forest Hills schools and the OK White conference is always

talented, producing a state champion and finalist last season in Division I and II," said varsity head coach Dan Lipon. "This season the climate has changed in the conference and the girls have the talent and athleticism to have [a] successful season in the White."

The Arrows met with Northview earlier in the week and faced Greenville on Wednesday. Next, they are scheduled to participate in non-conference action on Friday night at Grandville High School taking on the Bulldogs at 7:15 pm.



Senior Maura Fitzpatrick on the field for the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer team.

Girls lacrosse fall 11-9 to Grand Haven after overtime



With an undefeated record of 2-0 the Red Arrow girls varsity lacrosse team played a hot offensive game that kept equally footed opponent Grand Haven on their toes last week Wednesday in a tit for tat contest that ended in overtime. The young team was in the exchanged lead at halftime and continued to see their scores answered until Grand Haven tied the game up at nine. Forced into overtime, Lowell eventually fell in the highly competitive

game 11-9. Senior Nikki Paulus led the team in scoring putting four in the net. Sophomore Ellie Sandman and juniors Ava Frederickson and Ella Dougherty were also standout performers in the game. The girls will next face West Ottawa High School in conference action on Wednesday and Zeeland East High School on Friday. Both games are scheduled for 7 pm and take place in Red Arrow Stadium at Lowell High School.

Red Arrow Spring SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

* Denotes a meet at Red Arrow Stadium
4/21 at 8:45 am Soderman Relays at Caledonia
4/24 at 4:15 pm OK White Tri*

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/20 at 7 pm Zeeland*
4/23 at 7 pm at Spring Lake
4/25 at 7 pm at Hudsonville



BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/19 at noon Zeeland East*
4/21 at 1 pm West Ottawa*
4/24 at 7 pm at Grand Haven



GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a game at LHS tennis courts
4/19 at 4:15 pm at Ottawa Hills
4/21 at 10 am Lowell Varsity Quad*

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
4/20 at 7:15 pm at Grandville
4/25 at 6:45 pm Forest Hills Central*



BOYS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a meet at Deer Run Golf Course
4/23 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #2 at FHC
4/25 at 3:30 pm Jamboree #3 at FHN

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

* Denotes a meet at Cherry Creek Field
4/21 at 10 am Traverse City West* - double header
4/23 at 4 pm at Wayland - double header
4/25 at 4:15 pm Hudsonville* - double header

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Denotes a meet at Cherry Creek Field
4/19 at 4:15 pm at Thornapple-Kellogg
4/23 at 4:15 pm Caledonia* - double header



Go Red Arrows!

Catch Up On Lowell High School Sports

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Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Arrows drop three games against the Wildcats

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity baseball opened their OK White season on the wrong foot last week dropping all games of a three contest series against the Northview Wildcats.

Opening on Wednesday with a home doubleheader Lowell struggled to keep pace with Northview in the first game which resulted in a 9-3 loss. Down 2-0 going into the bottom of the third, the Red Arrows evened the score before watching

Northview pick up five runs over two innings to grab a firm lead. Lowell managed just one more run in the game. Senior Brady Douma led the team at the plate going 2-4 while fellow senior Travis Cornell took the loss on the mound allowing five hits and seven runs during his four innings on the hill.

Jumping back into action in the second half of the doubleheader Lowell experienced a similar result falling 9-5, despite holding

the lead until the sixth. Junior Jordan Dent got the ball moving in the first inning when he hit a double, scoring the team's first run. They collected three by the end of the inning and then added one in the second and

fifth, giving them a 5-4 lead in the high action game.

Northview shifted the momentum in the sixth when they picked up three runs to steal the lead. The 9-5 loss included single hits from Douma, Cornell, Dent,

senior Connor Douma, sophomore Logan Staley, junior Gavin Hoffman, senior Austin Whaley and senior Josh Hackstedt. Dent also served as pitcher working four innings before seeing relief from

B. Douma, senior Channing Perry and junior Jackson Helder.

On the road Friday in Wildcat territory to finish up the series, Lowell put wood to the ball nearly a dozen times holding the lead until the sixth before falling 6-4. Northview only managed three hits but their timeliness combined with a zero error added up to the win. Leading Lowell's offensive effort were B. Douma, Hoffman, Hackstedt and Whaley who each earned two hits. Senior Garrett Pratt took the loss after allowing three hits and five runs in just over five innings, while striking out seven.

Now 0-3 in conference Lowell ventured back into the OK White on Monday with a doubleheader, hosted by Cedar Springs. They finish up the three-game series on Wednesday before traveling to take on non-conference competitor Thornapple Kellogg on Thursday afternoon to wrap up the week.



Junior Jackson Helder pitches relief for the Arrows in OK White action.

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Lowell Charter Township is soliciting sealed proposals for the LaFramboise Fur Trading Post project. Major items of work include installation of approximately 608 square feet replica trading post building, 620 square feet of stamped concrete, 160 square feet of brick pavers, earthwork and site grading, private utility connections to building, and restoration.

Sealed proposals will be received by Lowell Charter Township: 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331 until 10:00 a.m., local time, Thursday, May 3, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents may be obtained beginning 10:00 a.m. local time, April 17, 2018 at the offices of Lowell Charter Township: 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331; Telephone (616) 897-7600. A non-refundable payment of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) will be required for each set of Contract Documents.

Contractors shall direct all questions to the project engineer, Dan Fredricks, P.E., of Land & Resource Engineering, (616) 301-7888.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total of the bid price.

After the time of opening, no bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

Lowell Charter Township reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Lowell Charter Township.

LaFramboise Fur Trading Post

Sports Summaries

GIRLS TENNIS

Recently competing on their home courts against former OK White competitor the Caledonia Scots the lady Arrows varsity tennis team fell 6-2. Two ladies earned their victories in straight sets at the event. Maria Leon picked up her win at first singles and Mary Jo Buechler at third singles. They will compete once more in conference action this week. After traveling to Cedar Springs on Tuesday, they will be hosted by Ottawa Hills Thursday before hosting the Lowell Quad this Saturday morning beginning at 10 am.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

As spring sports launch, the final accolades for the

winter season are still rolling in with four teams being added to the list of Academic All-State recipients. Lowell's varsity wrestling team earned the honor as a team with a cumulative GPA of 3.8173. Seniors Keigan Yuhas, Connor Nugent and David Kruse earned the same honor as individuals. Also winning the award and having three individuals recognized, is the varsity gymnastics team, represented by senior Maura Fitzpatrick and juniors Emily Lothian and Hadyn Nash. Also getting the nod as a team were the varsity boys basketball team with a combined GPA average of 3.677. The girls varsity basketball team received an honorable mention with a cumulative GPA score of 3.629.

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Synopsis of Minutes
April 9, 2018

Motions Approved:

1. Firefighter applicant Bryce Newton.
2. Engineering quote from Prein & Newhof.
3. Resolution 2018-015 Closing Old Belding Rd for Memorial Day.
4. Resolution 2018-016 Fee Schedule.

Our next Township Meeting
will be **May 14th at 7 p.m.**

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

Red Arrow

- SOFTBALL

SPORTS

Arrows sweep the Wildcats 9-0, 3-1 & 14-7

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity softball took on Northview High School in their first OK White challenge of the season sweeping the Wildcats 9-0, 3-1 and 14-7.

The defending conference champions shutout Northview in the opening stanza of the three game series as part of a doubleheader on Wednesday. The 9-0 game started out quiet with neither team making their way across home plate for the first two innings. Lowell's bats began to bring the runs in the next

four innings highlighted by a six-run fifth inning.

Racking up hits for the Red Arrows were junior Kylee Stephens who collected two hits and two RBIs and senior Miah Ransom who logged one hit and two RBIs. Junior slugger Allyson Lange added a solo home run launching the ball over the left fence in the fourth inning. Junior Emily Depew throw a fantastic game from the mound that included five strikeouts.

In the second half of the doubleheader, Depew returned to the mound producing eight strikeouts. The 3-1 victory found

Lowell trailing for several innings before getting their first offensive momentum in the fifth inning where they tallied three runs after junior Maddi Jordan created plate action with one of her two hits. Junior Corah Miller added two hits to the scoreboard.

The series wrapped up at Northview on Friday where they doubled Northview's effort with a 14-7 win for a perfect 3-0 record. Last season, the team finished with an overall winning record of 25-12, a near perfect 13-1 record in league play and the conference championship.

Returning every single one of their players to the roster this season, the team may bring home a second consecutive title.

This week the team welcomes the Cedar Springs Red Hawks for a doubleheader on Wednesday. They will finish up that series at Cedar Springs on Thursday at 4:15. On Saturday morning the team will host a doubleheader versus non-conference competitor Traverse City West with games at 10 am and noon.



Junior starting pitcher Emily Depew on the mound during a sweep over the Wildcats.

LHS March Students of the Month

Annelise Kolp, 12th grade and Christian Teachworth, 10th grade; are the Lowell High School March Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be

achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Kolp and Teachworth. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Kolp was nominated by Jeff Larsen and he writes, "Annelise, along with Laurel Blakie, have taken the tragedy in Parkland, FL to heart and have organized this month's student walkout, scheduled for March 14th. I am not only impressed by their

contributions to my AP Lit classroom, but encouraged that they've taken steps to address the #NeverAgain movement."

Olivia McCain and Mrs. Trierweiler nominated Teachworth and they write, "Christian has been a pleasure to have in my class over the past two years. He has a very strong work ethic and positive attitude. Christian is resilient whether that be in academics, sports, or his personal life. Christian is a very talented hockey player, playing for the Grand Rapids Sled Dogs. This month, Christian has had some difficult situations arise and he has taken them on with grace and hope. We are so proud of Christian and how much he has grown during this school year."



Annelise Kolp



Christian Teachworth

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

~Sydney J. Harris

nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on May 2, 2018, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian and appointment of a Conservator.

Dated: April 16, 2018

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 558-6781

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC
Atty.s for Petitioner
by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)
3425 Kelly St.
Hudsonville, MI 49426
Phone (616) 633-0196

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of **MARION FARE**
Guardianship File No. 18-203,211-GA
Conservatorship File No. 10-198,119

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her children: David Fare, and any other unknown children or spouse, whose address(es)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-203108-DE

Estate of LYNN ROBERT RENFRO. Date of birth: 11/28/1944.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lynn Robert Renfro, died 05/28/2017.

Creditors of the

decendent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Betty R. Morlock, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 12, 2018

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obituaries

ANDERSON

Virginia M. Anderson, age 92 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Anderson. She is survived by her children, Daniel John Anderson, Brenda (Joel) Roudabush, Ronald (Beverly) Anderson; grandchildren John (Catherine) Roudabush, Susan (Chad) Bell, Stacey (Terry) Koslek, Travis (Rachel) Anderson, David (Kellie) Anderson; and great-grandchildren Cassandra, Jack, Eddie, Ethan, Andrew, Morgan, and James. Virginia graduated from Lowell High School in 1943. Funeral will be Tuesday, April 17, at Vergennes United Methodist Church. Pastor Matt Stoll officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.



**Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you
must keep moving.**

— Albert Einstein

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GERARD

Charlene Dawn Gerard, age 80 of Lowell, went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, April 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Vernon Gerard (2012); parents Ben and Glenna Rillema; and great-granddaughter Alia Michelle Davis. She will be greatly missed by her children Janice Gerard, Jonathan (Sandra) Gerard, Nicole (David) Jankowski, Geoffrey Gerard; brother Robert Rillema; sisters Ruth Warner, Melanie (Doug) Grooters; grandchildren Amanda (Lance) Davis, Samantha Snyder, Christopher Hunt, Amber Gerard, Cory Gerard, Peyton Jankowski, Dawson Jankowski; great-grandchildren Austin and Blake Snyder, as well as cousins, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. She went by many names: Charlene, Char, or Dawn. She was always a gentle and giving lady with a big heart and held a life-long love for God, family, heritage music, gardening and crafting. Early in their marriage, she and Vern spent time building Princess Bake Shops, a church, a family, and were able to celebrate 56 years of marriage before Vern passed. During their marriage, they loved visiting Pentwater, taking at least one day to visit every year. She touched many lives whether it was through her long career in Tupperware sales or any of her other ventures. A keen talent of hers was knitting; many new babies were recipients of her hand-made blankets. She spent her retirement knitting then donating hats and scarves, meeting friends at McDonalds or "Timmy Hortons", and developed a special love for card-making. She would spend many hours with fellow crafters at weekend-long stamping sessions. Early in 2017, she was diagnosed with stage three colon cancer. She didn't let that hold her back, still managing to make it to stamping weekends, occasional Tuesdays at Gilda's Club of Lowell, even holding mini-card making sessions at her room in Heather Hills. She was an inspiration to many. A celebration of her life was held Sunday, April 15, during a memorial service at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Rev. James Bowen officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Milan's Miracle Fund at <https://www.milansmiraclefund.org/donate> to support ending childhood cancer.



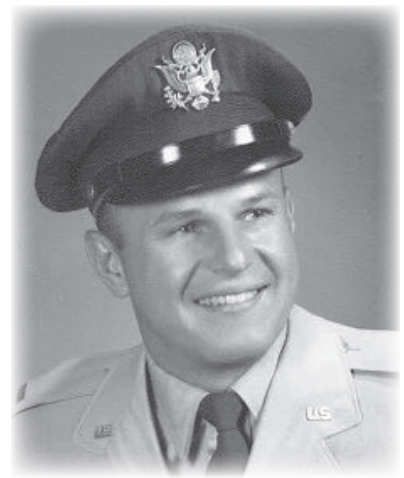
KOETJE

Susan Kay Koetje, age 66, of Caledonia, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Delores Meeuwsen. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Timothy Koetje, Travis (Joyelle Monroe) Koetje, Traci Koetje; and their father, Rodger (Shawn) Koetje; grandchildren, Alexander Koetje, Hanna Koetje, Timothy Koetje, Kaden Koetje; brothers and sisters, Ronald Meeuwsen, Donna Meeuwsen, David (Kristine) Meeuwsen, Sharon Meeuwsen; many nieces and nephews; and lifelong friends, Mike and Teckla Lane. Sue always had a smile and loved to spend time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at the Family Tavern, 114 W. Main St. SE, Caledonia on Sunday, April 29 from 12-4 pm with dedication and prayer at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help defray funeral expenses. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralhome.com



MARVIN

James Albert Marvin, age 84, formerly of Lowell, Michigan, passed away peacefully in Fort Collins, Colorado, Saturday, November 25, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Marvin. He is survived by his children Deborah Marvin, Eric Marvin (fiancée Heather), Patrick (Amy) Marvin, Sherri (Charles) Dunn, Tony (Mindy) Heykoop, Tim (Kathy) Heykoop; sister, Nancy Davenport; 22 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Rev. Joe Fremer officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



PENNING

Ruth Anne Penning (Moore), age 73 of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord Wednesday, April 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Penning; parents, Sterling "Bud" and Hazel Moore; brothers Robert Moore, George Moore; stepson, John Penning; aunt Shirley King; and nephew Bob Knapp. She is survived by her sons, Michael Powers, Patrick (Angie) Penning, Sean Penning; sister, Judy (Chris) Christiansen; grandchildren, Sydney, Raiven, Trinity, Kayden, Jayden, Pierson; and many nieces and nephews. Ruth grew up in Lowell, Michigan; and was a graduate of Lowell High School, where she had been a cheerleader. She took pride in her 40 years of work in the insurance industry. She loved the sunshine, and spending time with her family. She will be missed dearly. A funeral was held Saturday, April 14, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor John Campbell officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with funeral expenses.



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help wanted

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misc.

HUNTERS SAFETY CLASS -- Qua Ke Zik Sportsmans Club will sponsor a hunters safety class at their facility at 8731 West Riverside Drive, Saranac on May 3, 4 & 5. Class times are 5:30 pm to 9 pm on Thursday & Friday & 8 am to noon on Saturday. Class size is limited so please pre-register by texting students name to 616-666-0893 or email to b.bourgette@att.net. You must attend all three sessions to earn your certificate. There is no charge for the class.

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April

AND ONGOING EVENTS

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LOWELLARTS EXHIBITION: MAYFIELD & MOSAICS - April 21 - May 26. LowellArts hosts 2 exhibitions simultaneously The Mayfield Fibers Arts Group and the Mosaic Artists of Michigan. LowellArts, 223 W. Main, Lowell. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 am - 6 pm & Sat., 10 am - 5 pm. www.lowellartsmi.org

DENIM PLANTER ADULT CRAFT - April 25 at 5 pm. Supplies provided. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

DENIM PLANTER ADULT CRAFT - April 24 at 2 pm. Supplies provided. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the

month from, 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

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VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

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

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

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

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TAURUS

(April 20-May 20):



The Chesapeake Bay is a fertile estuary that teems with life.

It's 200 miles long and holds 18 trillion gallons of water. More than 150 streams and rivers course into its drainage basin. And yet it's relatively shallow. If you're six feet tall, you could wade through over a thousand square miles of its mix of fresh and salt water without getting your hat wet. I see this place as an apt metaphor for your life in the coming weeks: an expanse of flowing fecundity that is vast but not so deep that you'll get overwhelmed.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20):



You'll soon arrive at a pressure-packed turning point.

You'll stand poised at a pivotal twist of fate where you must trust your intuition to reveal the differences between smart risks and careless gambles. Are you willing to let your half-naked emotions show? Will you have the courage to be brazenly loyal to your deepest values? I won't wish you luck, because how the story evolves will be fueled solely by your determination, not by accident or happenstance. You will know you're in a good position to solve the Big Riddles if they feel both scary and fun.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22):



Strong softness is one of your specialties. So are empathetic

rigor, creative responsiveness, and daring acts of nurturing. Now is a perfect time to summon and express all of these qualities with extra flair. If you do, your influence will exceed its normal quotas. Your ability to heal and inspire your favorite people will be at a peak. So I hereby invite you to explore the frontiers of aggressive receptivity. Wield your courage and power with a fierce vulnerability. Be tenderly sensitive as an antidote to any headstrong lovelessness you encounter.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22):



Pink Floyd released the album The Dark Side of the Moon.

Since then, it has been on various Billboard charts for over 1,700 weeks, and has sold more than 45 million copies. Judging from the astrological aspects coming to bear on you, Leo, I suspect you could create or produce a beautiful thing with a similar staying power in the next five months. What vitalizing influence would you like to have in your life for at least the next 30 years?

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):



I beg you to take a break sometime soon. Give yourself permission to

indulge in a vacation or recess or sabbatical. Wander away on a leave of absence. Explore the mysteries of a siesta blended with a fiesta. If you don't grant yourself this favor, I may be forced to bark "Chill out, darn it!" at you until you do. Please don't misunderstand my intention here. The rest of us appreciate the way you've been attending to the complicated details that are too exacting for us. But we can also see that if you don't ease up, there will soon be diminishing returns. It's time to return to your studies of relaxing freedom.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):



Singer-songwriter Roy Orbison achieved great success in the 1960s,

charting 22 songs on the Billboard Top 40. But his career declined after that. Years later, in 1986, filmmaker David Lynch asked him for the right to use his tune "In Dreams" for the movie Blue Velvet. Orbison denied the request, but Lynch incorporated the tune anyway. Surprise! Blue Velvet was nominated for an Academy Award and played a big role in reviving Orbison's fame. Later the singer came to appreciate

not only the career boost, but also Lynch's unusual aesthetic, testifying that the film gave his song an "otherworldly quality that added a whole new dimension." Now let's meditate on how this story might serve as a parable for your life. Was there an opportunity that you once turned down but will benefit from anyway? Or is there a current opportunity that maybe you shouldn't turn down, even if it seems odd?

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):



You've been to the Land of No Return and back more than anyone.

But soon you'll be visiting a remote enclave in this realm that you're not very familiar with. I call it the Mother Lode of Truth. It's where tender explorers go when they must transform outworn aspects of their approach to partnership and togetherness. On the eve of your quest, shall we conduct an inventory of your capacity to outgrow your habitual assumptions about relationships? No, let's not. That sounds too stiff and formal. Instead, I'll simply ask you to strip away any falseness that interferes with vivacious and catalytic intimacy.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):



In 1824, two British explorers climbed a mountain in southwestern

Australia. They were hoping to get a sweeping view of Port Phillip Bay, on which the present-day city of Melbourne is located. But when they reached the top, their view was largely obstructed by trees. Out of perverse spite, they decided to call the peak Mount Disappointment, a name it retains to this day. I suspect you may soon have your own personal

version of an adventure that falls short of your expectations. I hope and also predict that your experience won't demoralize you, but will rather mobilize you to attempt a new experiment that ultimately surpasses your original expectations.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):



Capricorn rock musician Lemmy Kilmister bragged that he swigged a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey every day from 1975 to 2013. While

I admire his dedication to inducing altered states of consciousness, I can't recommend such a strategy for you. But I will love it if you undertake a more disciplined crusade to escape numbing routines and irrelevant habits in the next four weeks. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you will have a special knack for this practical art.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

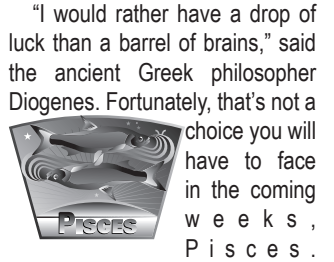


Germany was one of the big losers of World War I, which ended in 1919. By accepting the terms of the Versailles Treaty, it

agreed to pay reparations equivalent to 96,000 tons of gold. Not until 2010, decades after the war, did Germany finally settle its bill and fulfill its obligation. I'm sure your own big, long-running debt is nowhere near as big or as long-running as that one, Aquarius. But you will nonetheless have reason to be ecstatic when you finally discharge it. And according to my reading of the astrological omens, that could and should happen sometime soon. (P.S. The "debt" could be emotional or spiritual rather than financial.)

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20):

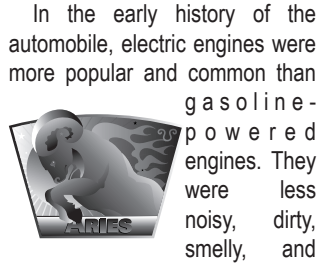


"I would rather have a drop of luck than a barrel of brains," said the ancient Greek philosopher Diogenes. Fortunately, that's not a choice you will have to face in the coming weeks, Pisces.

According to my reading of the cosmic signs, your brain will be working with even greater efficiency and ingenuity than it usually does. Meanwhile, a stronger-than-expected flow of luck will be swirling around in your vicinity. One of your main tasks will be to harness your enhanced intelligence to take shrewd advantage of the good fortune.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19):



In the early history of the automobile, electric engines were more popular and common than gasoline-powered engines. They were less noisy, dirty, smelly, and

difficult to operate. It's too bad that thereafter the technology for gasoline cars developed at a faster rate than the technology for electric cars. By the end of the first decade of the twentieth century, the petroleum-suckers were in ascendance. They have remained so ever since, playing a significant role in our world's ongoing environmental degradation. Moral of the story: Sometimes the original idea or the early model or the first try is better. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you should consider applying this hypothesis to your current state of affairs.

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Unclear on the Concept

Jonathan Rivera, 25, of Hartford, Connecticut, dutifully appeared in Hartford Superior Court March 7 to answer charges of stealing a car on Feb. 17. While he waited his turn, the Hartford Courant reported, parking authority agents outside the courthouse spotted a 2014 Subaru Legacy with license plates that had been reported as stolen. The car itself had also been stolen from Newington, Connecticut. Police waited for the driver to return and arrested Rivera as he started to drive away in the Subaru. He was charged with second-degree larceny and taking a car without the owner's permission.

Phoenix mom Sharron Dobbins, 40, was determined to get her two teenage sons out of bed for Easter services on April 1. When one of them sassed her back, she grabbed a Taser. "I said, 'Get up! It's Jesus' Day!'" she told KNXV TV. Dobbins said she "sparked" the weapon just to make noise, but the 16-year-old called police, who found two small bumps on the boy's leg and arrested Dobbins for child abuse. Dobbins told KNXV, "I did not tase my son ... all I was trying to do is tell my kids to put God first."

Dangerous Food

Some people don't like ham. When Beverly Burrough Harrison, 62, received a gift of ham from her family on Feb. 12, she waited until they left, then set it on fire and threw it in a trash can at the Bomar Inn in Athens, Alabama, where she was living. As smoke filled the room, AL.com reported, Harrison took her dog and left without alerting anyone to the fire. As a result, she was spared from being a victim of the ham bomb that blew out the front wall of the room when a can of butane fuel was ignited. Harrison was held at the Limestone County Jail on a felony arson charge and could face life in prison if convicted.

Our Weird Addiction

On March 6, Royal Canadian Mounted Police participating in an awareness campaign set up several large electronic signs in North Vancouver, British Columbia, that warned drivers: "POLICE AHEAD -- STAY OFF YOUR PHONE." Despite that, within just two hours officers ticketed 89 drivers, 74 of them for distracted driving, which results in a \$368 fine plus a \$175 penalty payment on a first offense. "It is evident there is still more education and enforcement needed to make our roads safer," remarked Cpl. Richard De Jong to CTV News.

Compelling Explanation

Fort Pierce, Florida police pulled over a car on March 21 after observing it swerving down the roadway. As they approached they smelled marijuana and during the ensuing search, passenger Kenecia Posey, 26, was shocked -- shocked! -- when police found two bags in her purse: one containing marijuana, the other cocaine. WPLG TV reported that Posey admitted the marijuana was hers, but told officers: "I don't know anything about any cocaine. It's a windy day. It must have flown through the window and into my purse." Posey was charged with felony possession of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Failure to Communicate

Things went from bad to worse for soccer player Sanchez Watt during a match in Hertfordshire, England, on March 6. Awarded a yellow card, Watt was asked his name by referee Dean Hulme, who mistook "Watt" for "What." As Watt repeated his name over and over, the referee became perturbed and changed the yellow card to red for dissent, BBC Sport reported. Hulme rescinded the card when someone explained the mixup. "I think everybody found it amusing afterwards, including the referee," said team chairman Dave Boggins. "He was very apologetic."

Crime Report

A 23-year-old Salina, Kansas woman arrived at her home around 9:30 p.m. on March 29 to find that the door had been locked and chained from the inside. She called police, who searched the home and found no one inside, but about two hours later her ex-boyfriend's legs punched through the ceiling in her living room, the Salina Journal reported. Tyler J. Bergkamp, 25, of Salina, had been hiding in the attic. Police arrested him and took him to Salina Regional Health Center to recover from his fall. Five days later, he left the hospital and broke into another woman's house where he left his hospital gown, exchanging it for one of her T-shirts and a pair of sneakers. Bergkamp was rearrested a short time later and faces a number of charges.

Disappointing

Organizers of the Big Cheese Festival in Brighton, England, on March 3 were forced to offer refunds to patrons after the event failed on several levels: 1. The festival ran out of cheese. 2. The promised "craft" beer was Bud Light and Stella Artois. 3. The wet weather prompted some to call the event #BigMudFestival and prevented some cheese-mongers and entertainment acts from making it to the site. "Sadly, due to this, a few compromises had to be made," festival organizers said. The BBC reported the festival has offered half-price tickets to next year's event for anyone who bought a ticket this year.

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- 6. Vigor
- 9. Opera house box
- 13. Completely dedicated
- 14. *Earth Day month, acronym
- 15. Boiling kettle emission
- 16. Dog collar attachment
- 17. Lao-tzu follower
- 18. Think tank output
- 19. *Greenhouse gas
- 21. *Green transportation
- 23. U.N. labor issues org.
- 24. Copper coin
- 25. Unit of electrical resistance
- 28. Short for "and elsewhere"
- 30. Take for ransom
- 35. Blow up
- 37. *What exhaust pipes do
- 39. Cabbage
- 40. "I'm ___ you!"
- 41. Alternative to talkers
- 43. Russian autocrat
- 44. Must-haves
- 46. Was aware of
- 47. Giant Himalayan
- 48. Put on a pedestal
- 50. "Team" homophone
- 52. Say it to agree
- 53. Hallway permission
- 55. Mouth piece
- 57. *Homemade fertilizer
- 61. *Marked with different recycling codes
- 65. Shylock's practice
- 66. O in OPEC
- 68. Æle de la CitÉ river
- 69. Blackthorn fruit, pl.
- 70. Future fish
- 71. Mixed breed dogs
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DOWN

- 1. "___ down!"
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- 3. ___ du jour
- 4. Hindu sage
- 5. Get a lungful
- 6. Toupee spot
- 7. *Federal org.
- 8. Exploratory spacecraft

9. "___ and the Tramp"

- 10. Crude group
- 11. Hockey score
- 12. Highland tongue
- 15. Target of crime
- 20. Prominent
- 22. Desk well content
- 24. Grisham novel "The ___"
- 25. *Diminishing layer
- 26. Sharpens
- 27. Sacred song
- 29. In a frenzy
- 31. Half-rotten
- 32. Offensively curious
- 33. Winged
- 34. *The ___ Agreement
- 36. Pie a la ___
- 38. *Oxygen generator
- 42. Excellent, old fashioned

45. Indian soldiers in Great Britain's army, e.g.

- 49. More, in Madrid
- 51. Unwholesome atmosphere
- 54. *Nature's rage
- 56. Impostor
- 57. Intersection of two arcs
- 58. Capital of Norway
- 59. Negatively charged particle
- 60. The hunted
- 61. Same as pleaded
- 62. South American monkey
- 63. Sean Penn's movie "___ the Wild"
- 64. ___ pool or ___ pit
- 67. Debtor's letters

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Big Boiler Brewing to host Business Brew, free business development program

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

“Business Brew” is a new, free business development program for Lowell area businesses, focusing on marketing and communications. The first of these monthly events will take place at Big Boiler Brewing, 318 E. Main, on a date in May yet to be determined.

“Business Brew” was an idea put together by three local marketing and communications professionals: Laura Huth-Rhoades of Do Good Consulting, Brianna Furlong of Management Support Services and Jeanne Noorman, a Lowell-based freelance writer and editor.

“In meeting with Liz Baker from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, I asked if there might be opportunities for me to set up a free consulting clinic so that I could use my talents to help different area businesses and non-profits,” Huth-Rhoades said. “Liz said she liked the idea but she wanted to make sure that it was inclusive and she challenged me to reach out and find other people who might be involved in an effort like that. I thought that was a super idea.”

To participate, first one must fill out a short online survey, which can

be found at surveymonkey.com/r/H29X7TW. The three envision the program being offered between 90 and 120 minutes one morning each month. The time will be divided into an initial free 20 minute “Top Tips” session, a group session open to anyone where Huth-Rhoades, Furlong and Noorman will share tips on different marketing and communications topics. Following the 20 minute open session, the three experts will break into private, free sessions for those interested in seeking personalized advice on marketing or communications specific to their business. Any remaining openings beyond those for the pre-registered will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Participants get to choose which marketing pro they want to work with based on their needs coupled with the areas of expertise each volunteer pro offers. There will also be time for a Q&A, networking and free food and coffee.

“In going to chamber of commerce events, I connected with two other women who do similar marketing and communications type work,” Huth-Rhoades said. “We gravitated toward one

another and talked about this idea and it took off. We realized that we all have different yet similar things to offer. We can complement each other in the services that we’re able to provide for people who might attend something like this.”

“We feel we can do a lot of good for our community with this opportunity,” Noorman said. She specializes in business blogging, writing and editing needs. “The three of us offer a very broad array of marketing and communications talents and with Business Brew, businesses can really get a leg up, at no cost, with some of their biggest needs.”

“It can be challenging to get the affordable marketing support you need as a small business, especially when you’re a marketing team of one or struggling to get your systems to work for you,” Furlong said. She specializes in website development, print design, brand consistency and technology needs. “We’ve already received great feedback about bringing Business Brew to the Lowell area and are so excited to be a part of giving local businesses a free way to boost their marketing and communications.”

Huth-Rhoades is a

recent transplant to the Lowell area from central Illinois. She said she plans to continue working with the community, just like she did when she lived in Illinois.

“I am relatively new to Lowell, I just moved here last year after getting married to a local Michigan

boy,” Huth-Rhoades said. “I lived in Illinois my whole life and Champaign/Urbana the past 25 years, so it was not a difficult sell for him to lure me from Illinois to Michigan. He is from Clarksville, but Lowell is where we settled. We really loved the community here and we’re settling in really

nicely. We’re remodeling a home on Main Street that I’m also using as my home office. I have a history of community service. I served on the city council down there in Illinois for eight years and I was known for doing a lot of volunteer work, giving back to the community and that kind of thing. When I got up here it was important to me to start getting connected to the community right away and to find ways that I could give back like I was doing in Champaign/Urbana.”

For more information about Business Brew, contact Laura Huth-Rhoades at 217-778-1687 or laura@dogoodconsulting.org or contact Brianna Furlong at 517-930-0550 or brianna@managementsupportservices.com



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