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Biodigester is put to rest in joint meeting

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

Lowell city council and the Lowell Light & Power board put the biodigester to rest in a joint meeting at city hall at 5:30 pm on Monday. Litehouse will now use the 625 Chatham St. facility to pretreat the water used in the company's food manufacturing processes before it hits the city's wastewater system.

After a closed session of more than an hour, the city council and the Lowell Light & Power board returned to council chambers and each body passed separate resolutions, effective Tuesday, May 8, that terminated the lease agreement, option agreement, transportation agreement and purchase power agreement with Lowell Energy AD and waived the city's, Lowell Light & Power's or LEAD's right to pursue litigation against each other.

LEAD also has to pay any outstanding utility bills owed at the facility. Copies of the resolutions are available to the public by contacting city hall or Lowell Light & Power.

"Litehouse would agree to lease some space at 625

and also be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the pipeline between Litehouse and 625 Chatham."

A delegation from Litehouse attended the meeting, including president and CEO Jim Frank, vice

The CEO also talked about the company's recent growth and success.

"Most of [Litehouse's] growth has been centered right here in Michigan," Frank said. "This plant is, far and away, our largest producing plant and we've

production. This will not create any detectable odors.

"Aeration and proper operation of an aerobic facility prevent odor formation," Hipwell said.

"Over the past 10 years we have experienced substantial growth in our popular salad



Chatham, significantly less space than was leased to LEAD, for the pretreatment of its process water," said Lowell city attorney Dick Wendt. "It would agree to acquire the lift station and be responsible for maintenance and operation of the lift station

president of manufacturing Rob Tyrrell and Lowell plant manager Susan Serne. Frank said that over the last 17 months Litehouse has trucked an average of 67,000 gallons of water to Muskegon each day for treatment and disposal. That's 170 trucks of water a month on average.

made some big investments here."

Carl Hipwell, an engineer from the Boise, ID office of TO Engineers, said the company will use an aerobic process instead of the anaerobic process LEAD used to pretreat the water used in Litehouse's food

dressings and dips, which are produced in Lowell," Frank said in a press release Monday evening. "This growth has allowed Litehouse to invest nearly \$22 million in facilities and equipment and maintain a

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Showboat, reimbursement of flood costs and more discussed at city council meeting

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting on Monday, May 7. The meeting began at 7:30 pm, delayed half an hour after the joint meeting with the Lowell Light & Power board went longer than planned. The city council discussed the showboat, new carpet for city hall and more at the 41 minute meeting.

During public comment, State Rep. Thomas Albert provided a legislative update and offered to look into getting a grant to repair some train tracks in town.

"I saw in the Lowell Ledger there was a [letter] where somebody had some complaints about the railroad crossings," Albert said. "I spoke to the city manager, there is a local surface crossing grant that was made available during the road reform they did for the road funding a few years ago. There is kind of a process you have to go through to put through the

application. [...] You have to partner with the railroad agency to do it. But if you get through the process and you get approved, the state will pick up 60 percent of the funding and 40 percent would have to come from the railroad agency."

The council voted to give a \$20,000 retainer to the interior designer for the new Lowell Showboat. These funds will keep them on the project through Dec. 31, 2019.

"The showboat replacement project is progressing more rapidly in recent weeks and engineering and design is underway on the new structure," said Lowell city manager

Michael Burns. "Engineers working on the structure have requested additional information regarding interior fit and finishes and product specifications. Examples of product fit and finish decisions include items such as window and door selection and rough openings, trim material and finish, lighting, heating and cooling equipment and elevator specifications. With numerous technical questions regarding interior fit and finish, the city requested the professional services of Hearthstone Design Studio of Grand Rapids to serve as the interior designer of the showboat replacement project. Owner Shannon Parnofiello will work directly with the city's project manager, showboat work group and engineers to develop a plan for the finish components of the new structure."

The council voted to spend \$15,622 on new carpet for the second floor of city hall. The work will be completed

by low bidder Beachum Flooring.

"The carpeting is approximately 15 years old and has separated from the backing, creating potential trip hazards in some public spaces," Burns said. "Approximately 3,000 square feet of carpet are proposed to be replaced, as well as the wall base trim. The carpeting will be replaced with a 24 inch by 24 inch carpet tile product that is easier to remove and replace when a section becomes stained or damaged."

The city of Lowell should be getting \$9,980.09 from the state as reimbursement for expenses relating to this year's flooding.

"The city will be eligible for Section 19 funding from the State of Michigan pertaining to the February flood event," Burns said. "This means additional costs taken on by the city to address the flood will be eligible for reimbursement. For example, overtime, additional police staffing and

equipment we rented strictly for the flood event will be eligible for reimbursement."

The council voted to spend \$55,200 to replace some water valve boxes and sanitary sewer castings in advance of the Hudson St. resurfacing project.

"Approximately 20 water valve boxes and 20 sanitary sewer castings are proposed to be replaced within the project limits in advance of the resurfacing work," Burns said. "The replacement is necessary because valve boxes and sanitary sewer castings become damaged, settle over time or become unlevelled and impact street ride quality."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, May 21. That meeting will include a public hearing about the city's budget. The council will also have a Coffee with the Council event at the chamber of commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, June 2.



Thomas Albert

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Enjoy the vintage base ball of the Fallassburgh Flats

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Fallassburgh Flats Vintage Base Ball Club presents a unique opportunity to experience baseball the way it was played when the game first became popular in the US, just after the Civil War. The Lowell area team will have their first scrimmage against the Sydney Stars Base Ball Club at Fallassburgh Field on Saturday, May 19 and will play games all over the state this summer.

Vintage base ball is played by the original rules from the 1800s. No helmets or gloves; they only use wooden bats; the bases are bags of yarn stuffed with hay and held to the ground with tent stakes; and they play in a big open field instead of a fancy diamond.

“There are several rule changes from vintage base ball than that of modern day baseball,” said manager Justin “Bear Claw” Bronkema. “One example is if the striker [the batter] hits the ball and the ball makes contact with fair territory first, then from that point on it’s a fair ball, no matter where the ball goes from that point. So if the ball goes in the crowd or wherever, that ball is live. Another example would be that players are not allowed to slide into bases. If the player slides, he is out.”

Vintage base ball games run quite a bit faster than today’s marathon contests, which average just under three hours.

“The length of games varies,” Bronkema said. “Sometimes we play hour

games and sometimes we play an hour and a half. Sometimes we play seven innings and sometimes we play nine, it just depends.”

The Fallassburgh Flats’ home field at Fallasburg Village is the open field across from the schoolhouse. Win or lose, the entire team and their families enjoy a meal together after each game.

“We always encourage spectators to stay and enjoy the post-game meal,” Bronkema said.

For more information about the team, visit fallassburghflats.com or find them on Facebook. If you’re interested in joining or helping sponsor the team, send a message to fallassburghflats@gmail.com

May 19: Scrimmage/practice with Sidney Stars, Fallas Field

June 9: Rockford Summer Celebration

June 23-24: Michigan Vintage Baseball Festival, Frankenmuth

July 14: Ludington Mariners, White Pine Village

August 4: Sidney Stars tourney

August 11-12: World Tournament of Historic Base Ball, Greenfield Village

August 18: Bay City Independents

September 15: John Wesley Fallas Invitational Vintage Base Ball Tournament, Fallas Field

September 22: Rockford Fall Festival

Fatal automobile accident in Lowell Township

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A fatal automobile accident in Lowell Township took the life of Lowell resident Howard Thumser.

According to a report from the Kent County Sheriff’s Department, the accident happened on Tuesday, May 1, at around 3 pm on Grand River Ave., between Bewell Rd. and Gulliford Rd. in Lowell Township. A 2017 Jeep driven by Judith Thumser, an 83-year-old from Lowell, was eastbound on Grand River Ave. Witnesses at the scene said a tree fell and hit another tree. The second tree fell on the windshield and roof of Thumser’s vehicle. The passenger, Howard Thumser, a 90-year-old from Lowell, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Grand River Ave. was closed for an extended time during the investigation and while the Kent County Road Commission removed the fallen tree from the roadway. Alcohol and excessive speed do not appear to be factors.

“That pretty much sums it up,” said Lowell fire chief Ronald van Overbeek. “We were there and blocked traffic.” The accident is still under investigation.



along main street

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Two year old killed at motel

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Rickey Len Whiteside Jr., 29, was charged with first-degree child abuse Wednesday, May 2 after he allegedly punched two-year-old Londyn Florine Marie Amir to death while babysitting the child at the Lazy T Motel, 3370 Plainfield Ave. in Grand Rapids Township.

According to news reports, Whiteside confessed to punching the child in the face and knocking her to the ground unconscious on Sunday, April 29. The child was hospitalized but died on Wednesday, May 2. Doctors found traumatic injuries consistent with abuse for an undetermined amount of time.

Whiteside is being held on \$1 million bond at the Kent County Jail. He was convicted of assault and battery in 2010, trespassing in 2006, a drug charge in 2008 and a probation violation in 2009.

The Kent County Sheriff’s Department and Child Protective Services are investigating the incident.

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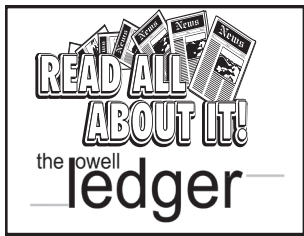
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workforce of more than 400 permanent residents in the greater Lowell area. Because we are a 100 percent employee-owned company and many of our employee owners live in the area surrounding the facility, it was of the highest importance that we found a solution that would ensure a comfortable living environment for all of our employee owners and our local neighbors. We appreciate the ability to work with the city on finding the right solution and are committed to ensuring our operations do not impact residents.”

“We are very pleased we have been able to reach a solution that makes environmental and economic sense for Litehouse,” Lowell city manager Michael Burns said in the same press

release. “Litehouse has been part of our community since 1932 and is a great employer and corporate citizen. This will allow Litehouse to continue to operate and to grow right here in Lowell. Since Litehouse will only pretreat process water at the facility, we do not expect any of the odor issues associated with the former biodigester.”

It will take six to eight weeks to complete the work that will make the facility operational. The company plans to invite neighbors to tour the building soon.



Litehouse president and CEO Jim Frank (left) said they currently haul an average of 170 trucks of water each month from Lowell to Muskegon. Boise, ID engineer Carl Hipwell (right), from the office of the engineering firm TO Engineers, said there will never be any odors.

Rash of identity theft and fraud in local area

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A rash of stolen mail incidents in Lowell and Ada turned into a rash of identity theft and fraud incidents.

According to information released by the Kent County Sheriff's Department last week, on Sunday, March 15, a suspicious vehicle was reported in Ada Township. The occupants of the vehicle, a male and female, were observed by the reporting witness going through mailboxes and taking mail. Over time, the KCSD, Lowell Police and other law enforcement agencies began to receive complaints of identity theft. The suspects were stealing the victims' identities, opening fraudulent credit card accounts in their names, then stealing the cards from the victims' mailboxes when the cards were delivered. The suspects often targeted neighborhoods with banks of mailboxes together. The two credit card companies seen recently with these fraudulent credit card accounts were HSBC Bank and State Farm Bank.

Lowell Police detective Scot VanSolkema has been working with the KCSD, the US Secret Service and the postmaster on these incidents.

“LPD was contacted by the various victims in our city,” VanSolkema said. “We were able to get credit card transaction history on the cards that the criminals actually acquired and used. We spoke with the various retailers to inquire about

security footage. Since other law enforcement agencies had been inquiring about the same Bank Identification numbers [the first six digits of a credit card], we were all included on the email together. We turned our cases over to KCSD Det. Randy Haverkamp who has been working with the US Secret Service and the US Postal Inspector trying to get federal charges.”

The mailboxes in question were located all over the Lowell/Ada area.

“There really was not a specific bank of mailboxes,” VanSolkema said. “The ones in Lowell were pretty much localized to Gee Dr.”

If you think you might have been targeted by these criminals, both still at large, Det. VanSolkema said the best first course of action would be to run a credit history with the various credit bureaus. The detective also suggested some preventative measures.

“It is a rare occurrence,” VanSolkema said. “If you do not want your mail stolen look at getting a locking or secure mailbox. Also, there is a service that people can sign up for from the USPS to learn what mail will be delivered that day: informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action”

The KCSD also included some instructions about how to prevent becoming the victim of a crime such as this one.

“Don't let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox,” said the KCSD press release. “Promptly

remove mail from your mailbox after delivery, especially if you're expecting checks, credit cards or other negotiable items. If you won't be home when the items are expected, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail. Don't leave your mail unattended for extended periods. Have your post office hold your mail while you're away. If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting contact the issuing agency. If you change your address, immediately notify your post office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail. Hand outgoing mail to your letter carrier or mail it at the post office, an official blue USPS collection box on the street or a secure receptacle at your place of business. If you have concerns about security in your neighborhood, consider installing a lockable mailbox or obtaining P.O. box service from your local post office. If you see a mail thief at work, call police immediately, then report it to postal inspectors. If you believe your mail was stolen, report it immediately by submitting an online complaint at postalinspectors.uspis.gov or call[ing] 877-876-2455.”

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 616-632-6100.



Quadriplegic Danny Baird rides motor-cross again

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lifelong Lowell resident Danny Baird was born to be on wheels. A dirt bike enthusiast since the tender toddling age of three, he followed his paternal footsteps toward the thrill of the ride, spending most of his days since learning to ride, riding, tweaking and competing.

Faced with a life altering accident in 2012 all of that would change. Spinal injuries forced him off the bike and into a wheelchair. Devastated, he thought he would never pursue or enjoy his passion again, calling himself a “cripple.” But Baird would go on to immobilize the odds instead. He recently made a triumphant return to the bike surrounded by the roar of thunderous applause thanks to tremendous support, personal perseverance and some engineering ingenuity.

His path to racing started alongside his father Dave and big brother Eric. According to Baird, “My dad got my brother and I started out riding. I always looked up to my brother and wanted to be just like him. And then one day while watching my brother race at Moreland's, he asked me if I thought that looked like fun. And I of course said, “Yes Dad, I want to race too!”

And so he did. Riding with competitiveness for sport, riding with friends and family for fun, riding just to ride. “Anytime I'm riding my bike, immediately everything that's going on in life gets set aside and I'm 100 percent focused on riding and I'm happy,” said Baird.

That fast and furious bubble of happiness was popped on July 23, 2012, when at 23 years old Baird was in an accident that would leave him with no feeling

below his armpits. “I was at a hill climb at Dan Raymond Park in Muskegon and while riding passenger in a Yamaha Rhino, it flipped on top of me breaking my C7 vertebrae leaving me a quadriplegic,” Baird explained.

His immediate reaction was one of sheer devastation. “To be honest, I felt bad, like my life was over. I didn't understand why this happened to me and was really upset for the first week, but shortly after I realized that my life was just going to be different and with the support of my family and friends started working on getting out of the hospital.”

Fast forward to another hill climb about five years later. Forced to spectate but still enjoying the show, Baird sat with friend Corey Smith who prompted the question, would he ever want to try

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Can I still get Medicare at 65? Yes, you're eligible for Medicare starting at 65, no matter what year you

Social Security benefits, you have a seven-month period (your Initial Enrollment Period) to sign up for Part B. Generally, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends three months after your birth month.

six months before the date you apply for Medicare, but no earlier than the first month you were eligible for Medicare. To avoid an unwanted tax penalty, you should stop contributing to your HSA six months before you apply for Medicare. You can withdraw money from your HSA after you



were born. If you or your spouse worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years, you're eligible for Part A (hospital insurance) at age 65 for free. Part A helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility following a hospital stay. You're also eligible for Part B (medical insurance) if you choose to get it and pay a monthly premium. Part B helps pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventative services. If you are receiving Social Security benefits already, you are automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B at age 65. Because you must pay a premium for Part B, you can choose to turn it down. However, if you don't enroll in Part B when you're first eligible for it, and choose to enroll later, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage.

If you're not receiving

If you are covered under an employer group health plan, you may have a special enrollment period for Part B. If you are 65 or older and covered under a group health plan, either from your own or your spouse's current employment, you may have a special enrollment period during which you can sign up for Medicare Part B. This means that you may delay enrolling in Part B without having to wait for a general enrollment period and without paying the lifetime penalty for late enrollment. Additional rules and limits apply.

To avoid a tax penalty, you should stop contributing to your Health Savings Account (HSA) at least six months before you apply for Medicare. If you have an HSA when you sign up for Medicare, you can't contribute to your HSA after your Medicare coverage begins or you may have to pay a tax penalty. Premium-free Part A coverage begins

enroll in Medicare to help pay for medical expenses like deductibles, premiums, coinsurance, or copayments. If you'd like to continue contributing to your HSA, you shouldn't apply for Medicare or Social Security benefits.

How Much Does Part B Coverage Cost?

You are responsible for the Part B premium each month. Most people will pay the standard premium amount, which is \$134 in 2018 if you sign up for Part B when you're first eligible. This amount can change every year. You can find up-to-date premium amounts on Medicare.gov.

You can learn more about Social Security and Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare.

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to the editor

North Hudson Street concerns

Dear Editor,
Open Letter to Diane Jones, Kent County Commissioner,
District 4 - May 1, 2018

Ms. Jones,
Greetings! My wife Jane and I trust this letter finds you well.

We have lived here on North Hudson Street since the summer of 1979. Our little house was built in the mid 1800s and we do our best to take care of the house and the property. For some time now, we have been very concerned about the traffic and road conditions on Hudson Street. A quick drive on Hudson Street will show you that the road is coming apart and the speed of many drivers is out of control. The larger vehicles at above the speed limit literally shake the house.

Last fall, we spoke to staff at the Lowell Police Department regarding our concerns about the traffic on Hudson Street. They asked if I would be willing to have one of their "traffic speed machines" placed on our property

to monitor the passing vehicles. Of course, I agreed. At the end of the day, Department staff explained the preliminary results. To no one's surprise, I was told that there was an extraordinary amount of traffic and almost everyone was speeding! Hudson Street has a posted speed of 25 mph. As Hudson Street is a county road, it was suggested that I contact our county commissioner.

I can only imagine that there are other homeowners here on Hudson Street that have noticed the increase in traffic, speeding and noise. We are hoping for some relief for this problem. I have several suggestions to make. Perhaps the placement of "speed bumps" along the street; maybe changing side street stop signs to "four-way stop" signs. As you realize, no amount of changes made would be better than "good old-fashioned" law enforcement patrolling and monitoring. It seems that Hudson Street is a "no man's land" when it comes to speed enforcement.

I know that you are very busy. I hope that you will consider our concerns and perhaps contact the county road commission for their input. Jane and I invite you to join us some morning to see for yourself the "free for all" going on only steps from my front door. The "big" trucks start early, before "rush hour." I'll make a pot of coffee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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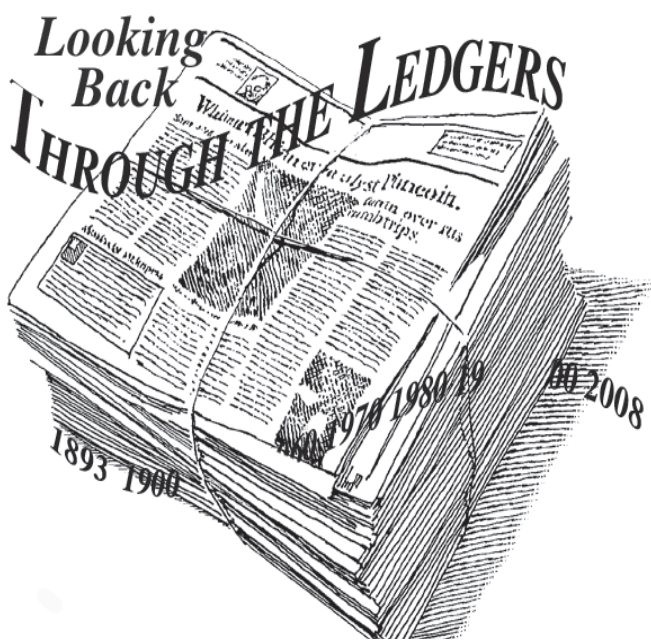
LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

It has been an incredible school year!

Our students continue to amaze me with their talents, abilities and successes. Our goal is to provide them with the best educational experience possible to instill the hope, belief and confidence they need to change our world. I am very proud of the work we are doing to serve our students and families. Staff inspire students to take on academic challenges, learn through the arts, prepare students for college and careers, and collaborate with our community to provide additional educational and service opportunities.

A few highlights from this school year include:

- Wendy Tenney, Orchestra Teacher, was named regional teacher of the year! Mrs. Tenney reflects our staff members and the passion that they bring to the classroom. Wendy started the orchestra program more than a decade ago and its success can be attributed to her and our dedicated teachers.
 - The district launched a new and improved district website to continually improve our avenues of communication.
 - The district implemented "Bridging the Gap" - a pilot program funded through donations and working with local agencies. This program connects families with mental health interventions that are identified needs.
 - Bushnell Elementary School received a grant from the LCTV Endowment Fund to upgrade their playground equipment.
 - The athletic teams had great success in each season. The Varsity Wrestling team won a State Championship in the 2018 winter season.
 - The elementary schools will be offering expanded summer programming for students this summer.
 - Cherry Creek Elementary is participating with the Reading Now Network to focus on early literacy.
- With the help and support of our parents, volunteers, and community members, we are confident that we will continue to serve our students well and help them succeed in school, as they prepare for college and careers.



125 years ago Lowell Journal May 13, 1896

Yesterday as Byron Goodsell, son of J. B. Goodsell, was playing on the dam at the shute, he lost his balance, fell into the water and was carried over the shute into the swift water below. Allen Buck, who was also playing there, gave the alarm and a crowd rushed to the rescue, 'Dolph Van Dyke being one of the first to respond. Probably on account of his experience, 'Dolph knew just what to do and he ran down below the mill and entered the river there, catching the boy just as he was going down the third time. This is the sixth boy 'Dolph has saved from drowning.

Eber Moffat is putting up a two story wooden building, sheated with sheet iron, on the bridge east of J. E. Lee's building. It will be used as a photographic studio on the ground floor with residence above.

L. H. Hunt & Co. have got a new Soda Fountain and opened up the season in good shape. Their Ice Cream Soda is delicious.

Fred L. Fallas is putting up two very pretty new houses on his lots north of A. W. Weekes'. He will occupy one himself.

Dr. L. D. Wood of Grand Rapids, bought twenty acres of fruit land from L. J. Post and N. P. Husted & Co. are planting it for him.

Frank E. Sayles has moved to Grand Rapids and taken a contract to do the teaming for the Worden Grocery Co.

Herm. Zeigler is laid up from the accidental contact of an adz with his knee cap. He is around but unable to work.

Carl English is settled in his old home and has his experimental shop in running order again. Carl is experimenting with apparatus for the production of the Cathode, or X ray. Robert White received a First Grade certificate as a reward for his struggles at the Teacher's examinations held at Grand Rapids last March. Robert was the only successful applicant for first grade.

There will be a leap year social Wednesday eve., May 20, at the home of Mrs H. Peters, of West Lowell. Ice cream and cake will be served at 5c a dish. Everyone come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Wool opens here at from 6 to 8 cents for fine unwashed and 8 to 12 cents for coarse unwashed and 8 to 12 cents for fine washed and 10 to 14 cents for coarse washed.

Those who have set new peach orchards are—Mrs Kellogg, 1,000 trees; Mr Rork, 1,500 trees; Mr Pant, 1,500 trees; J. C. Train, 1,100 trees and several others have added to their already large orchards.

The Deering leads: so far this year Brown & Sehler have sold seventy Deering binders and mowers. Ball and roller bearings does it.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 9, 1918

Alfred Warner and family went [to] Camp Custer Sunday to see their son Leonard. They found him feeling fine and had quite a visit with him. They also called on friends at Shelbyville on their way home.

Ed. Chappel, wife and little son of Alto took tea with Chas. Dygert and family Friday night. Ed. has been hanging paper there for a couple of day[s].

E. S. White is installing an up-to-date coffee ranch outfit in connection with his market business and will have his opening Saturday. See his announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Our old pioneer citizen, J. S. Hooker is very ill at his

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health

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

- wound care

Many people call the doctor asking advice about wound care and whether or not they need to be seen at the doctor's office. There are some things you can do at home to clean a wound. Hold the wound under warm tap water. Use soap and a soft washcloth to clean the skin around it. Try to keep soap out of the wound. Be cautious about putting other disinfectants (such as hydrogen peroxide or iodine) in the wound, because sometimes they may slow down the healing process. If there is bleeding, apply gentle but firm pressure to the wound with a clean cloth, gauze or bandage for up to 30 minutes. If possible, raise the wound above the level of the heart.

Call a doctor if the wound is deep, if the edges

won't stay together or if the edges are jagged. You may need closure of the wound with stitches or skin adhesive. You should also call a doctor if you see any signs of infection, such as worsening pain, redness or swelling, warm skin around the wound, a bad odor coming from the wound after it has been cleaned, a change in the color or amount of drainage from the wound; or fever, chills or nausea.

You can get a tetanus infection whenever you have a break in the skin. If you have a minor wound that is clean, you may need a tetanus shot if it has been more than ten years since your last shot. If your wound is more serious, you may need a tetanus shot if you have not had one in the past five years.

college news

Central Michigan University announces the names of students who were placed on the December 2017 honors list. Local students are: of Ada: Natalie Marie Carrington, Gabrielle Elise Collins, Bridget E Lally, Brianna Noell Leach, Cassandra Jo Marshall, Maggie Christine Obermeyer, Jessica D Rowland, and Eric Michael Terwilliger; of Alto: Maria Patrice Chase, Riley Grace DeWitt, Rachael Erin Gorton, Isabel Rosalynd Hinton, and Karli Ann Wormmeester; of Lowell: Matthew James Beachler, Delainey Marie Ferguson, Isabelle Candice Fleszar, Kamryn Renee Gaines, Haley Godbold, Jennifer

Elaine Hall, Maranda Holloway, Caleb Nathaniel Kaufman, Corah Kaufman, Kyle James Mankel, Alyssa Nicole McIntire, Chase Edward Miller, and Tessa Pattison.

Central Michigan University has announced the December 2017 graduation list. Local students are: of Ada: Chelsea Anderson, BSED; Tyler Millard, BAA; Patrick Snyder, MA; and Colin Vanderweele, BAA; of Alto: Marissa Hills, BAA; and Jacob Mitchell, BAA; of Lowell: Kaeleb Brown, BS; Zachary Crouch, BAA; Jennifer Hall, BS; and Stephanie Kline, BS.

Sharing security with mom on Mother's Day

Spring is upon us and it marks two very popular annual events: Mother's Day and the release of Social Security's baby name list. There's no better time to share some security with the people you love.

Signing up for a *my Social Security* account will give Mom the tools she needs to stay on top of her Social Security benefits. When she signs up at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, she can do a



While spending time with your mom on Sunday, May 13, you can help her quickly and easily sign up for a free, online *my Social Security* account. You can do it from home, which means more time to do the things you want to do together.

number of things. If she does not receive benefits, she can:

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business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Lisa Gilbert received Realtor of the Month in April.

This award recognizes Gilbert for her outstanding success and achievements.



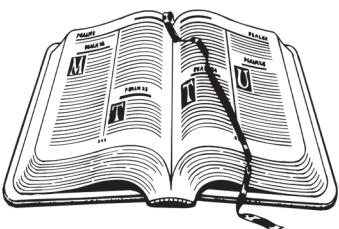
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ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER
Sunday, May 20, 2018
UMC 11 am - 5 pm

Chicken Dinner: \$9
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Chicken Only: \$5
Dine-In or Carryout

happy birthday

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CITY OF LOWELL

The City of Lowell, Department of Public Works is accepting applications for seasonal staff to work in city parks and streets maintenance. Duties will be performed mostly outdoors and may require occasional heavy lifting (50 pounds). Seasonal staff will work an average of 30 hours per week and the pay is \$10.00 per hour. Must be 18 years of age with a valid Michigan driver's license. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI, 49331 and may be submitted up until May 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m. Selected candidates must undergo a criminal background check prior to start date.

The City of Lowell is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Lowell Light and Power recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider

Lowell Light and Power has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. Neil James, manager of distribution operations at Santee Cooper, South Carolina, as well as chair of the Association's RP3 Review Panel, presented the designations on April 30 during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in Raleigh, N.C.

The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business

practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Lowell Light and Power joins more than 240 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation.

"This designation is about more than just reliability. It's about operational excellence," said James. "These utilities and their communities should be proud to represent the best of the best in the areas of reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement."

"This is a great honor," said Steve Donkersloot, general manager of Lowell Light and Power. "We take a lot of pride in the work we do to power this community. We are very happy to get this Diamond RP3 recognition

for our initiative and hard work."

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP3 designation for 13 years now. The



association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training and operations.

Homeschool students participate in a mock trial

The Lowell Classical Conversations Challenge Criminal Law, Criminal B class teamed up with the Clarksville Challenge B to compete against another Challenge B team

Phelan, who teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Defending Battered Women, Criminal Sentencing and also coaches national mock trial

The Lowell-Clarksville team won the defense and lost the prosecution by only one point. For more information on Classical Conversations



in a mock trial on April 25 at Cooley Law School in Grand Rapids. The case was a criminal case where the defendant, a battered woman, was accused of murdering her husband. They were presided over by auxiliary dean and professor Tonya Krause-

teams. The students all gave outstanding performances, with feedback from mock trial Judge Krause—Phelan, stating she was very impressed with the students' performance and could see the amount of quality work they had put into this endeavor.

you may attend an upcoming information meeting on May 9 at the Englehart Library, visit classicalconversations.com under 'connected' to register or email Stephanie at sgrinage@classicalconversations.com

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- Get her benefit verification letter;
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Retirement Estimator is the only source that provides Mom with Social Security estimates based on her own earnings record. This allows her to receive the most accurate estimate of her future retirement benefits. Visit the *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Sharing information about Social Security and helping Mom sign up for a *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount is a meaningful gift that shows you really care.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 16-20063-CA

In the matter of DARYN ROLLINS, WARD.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on May 17, 2018 at 8:30 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Allow the 1st annual account.

05/03/2018

Kent County Probate Court 180 Ottawa Avenue NW Suite 2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-632-5440

NEWSPAPERS Outperform Billboards in Michigan

Newspaper ads result in more purchases than billboards.

79% Eight in ten newspaper readers took action as a result of reading a newspaper ad in the past 30 days¹

2.3% 2.3% of adults made a purchase in the last 90 days as the result of a billboard ad²

Newspaper ads have more staying power

Saving the ad for future reference is one of the top-rated newspaper reader actions.¹

The newspaper is often passed along to someone else who sees the ad. Daily/Sunday newspapers average 1.9 readers per copy⁴

People simply scan billboards as they drive by.

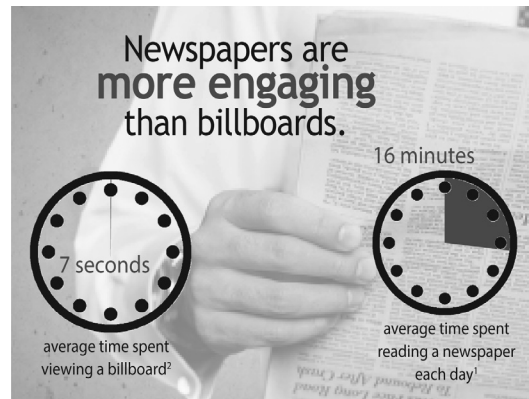


Newspapers ads provide more flexibility

Based on the length and complexity of the advertising message, retailers can choose from a variety of newspaper ad sizes – from smaller units up to full-page and two-page spreads.

Billboard ads should contain only three basic elements – an image, a copy line, and a company name or logo. Copy should be kept to nine words.²

Newspaper ads can be placed, and changed when necessary, within a day or two. Billboard creative is often posted for 30 days.



Sources: ¹eMarketer; ²Lamar Advertising; ³Triad/Coda Ventures - The Newspaper Generation Study; ⁴Pulse of America 2018; ⁵NAA

Looking back, continued

home in this village and prospects are not favorable for his recovery. He is in his 88th year and is the last survivor of his race. He has lived here 71 years.

Claude Staal has opened a lunch and pool room at the place formerly occupied by the Daily saloon, and will dispense cigars and soft drinks. Tom Shiel's stand is selling soft drinks, tobacco and cigars. The barroom in the hotel building is closed and offered for rent.

William L. Brown, registered under the selective service law in Kent district No. 2, and wanted as a delinquent for failing to report for draft examination, is serving a 25-year sentence for murder in Cheyenne, Wyo. Special Agent Fitch of the United States department of justice located him.

Don't be satisfied with a mongrel phonograph just because it is nice looking furniture, but buy a genuine Diamond Disc Edison which gives you the long playing and long lived Edison record which are only made and sold for the Edison. Ask for demonstration. R. D. Stocking, sole agent for Lowell.

The women of Lowell responded well to the request for registration, 706 names having been recorded in the township. The registrars request us to say that all the booths excepting the one at the school building will be open this week Friday and Saturday afternoons and Saturday evening to accommodate those who have been unable to attend before.

Carl Corson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Corson, fell from the second story window last Monday, slightly injuring his back and legs.

Charles Andrews has moved his repair and vulcanizing shop to the Wright building nearly opposite his old stand.

Lee S. Braisted is working in Lansing at the auto body factory and staying with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blough, who lived here about twelve years ago.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 13, 1943

The Ledger has now been going [at] it for half a century. No doubt you will be interested in what made news here 50 years ago, as reprinted in another column, from the Ledger's first issue.

Frank L. Stephens, commander of civilian defense for Lowell township, reports the blackout of last week Wednesday night as very successful. There were no accidents reported, and only a few violations of lighting restrictions. The only difficulty experienced was in one district where the appointed air raid wardens had left town to work in other localities. These posts will be filled from other districts. There are six auxiliary police districts and all together 189 turned out for protective service. This includes auxiliary police and auxiliary

firemen, air raid wardens, messengers, the medical division and staff.

There was a heap of excitement on Main Street about one o'clock last Friday afternoon when the fire department was called out to extinguish a burning awning at the Wepman store. The awning was destroyed and a plate glass window broken. The adjoining awning on Thorne's barber shop on the west, and the adjoining awning on the Fitzgerald restaurant on the east also caught fire and will have to be replaced. Cause of fire unknown.

"Good news for home owners has resulted from a recent amendment made by the War Production Board to Construction Conservation Order L-41," said Bruce Walter, proprietor of the Lowell Lumber & Supply Co. "Abestos-cement sidings and shingles are again available without restriction for the protection of homes in need of repainting or other maintenance and repair." The purchase of asbestos sidings and shingles, Mr. Walter pointed out, serves a dual purpose—it contributes to the war effort by enabling the production of more long fibre asbestos and the product furnishes fireproof protection to the home.

Lowell will be represented at the annual Wolverine Boys' State to be held at M. S. C. June 17 to 25, inclusive, by Oswald Bieri, who is sponsored by the American Legion post and Keith Franks, sponsored by the Rotary Club. Selections were made on the basis of the following characteristics. Leadership, physical cleanliness, mental alertness, vigor, enthusiasm, good personality, honesty, thrift and good sportsmanship.

Farmers hereabouts have been set back more than a month because of the cold, wet, backward spring, while farmers in several other states have been praying for rain.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger May 9, 1968

Attwood Corp., 1016 Monroe, which was shut down for a few hours Monday by striking members of the day shift of Local 7. Metal Polishers and Buffers, AFL-CIO, was back in full production today. A union spokesman said the walk-out was due to a "misunderstanding" over the layoff of a shop steward. James Cook Attwood, vicepresident in charge of labor relations, in a talk to the union group assured them of the firm's desire to cooperate in the dispute. With this assurance the day crew called off its pickets and the second shift resumed normal production.

Mrs. Jessie Salzgeber, a mother for more years than the institution of Mother's Day itself, is the winner of the Lowell Ledger-Suburban Life's oldest mother contest. She was a resident of Lowell for over 50

years before moving to Grand Rapids recently. Born near Watertown, New York on May 29, 1871. Mrs. Salzgeber has been in good health and active for her years until she suffered a slight heart attack about ten days ago. She is at present in a Grand Rapids hospital making an excellent and quick recovery much to the delight of her doctors and family. Mrs. Salzgeber is the mother of five children, four of whom are still living. When her husband, Charles, died about five years ago, his death ended a marriage that had lasted over 70 years. They met and married in Iowa where Mrs. Salzgeber, a graduate of Grinnel College, was a teacher in the state system. Her family is completed by six grandchildren nine great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren. She will receive a floral tribute from the editor and staff of the Lowell Ledger Suburban Life. Also entered in the contest from the Lowell-Ada area were Mrs. Edna L. Parsons, age 88; Mrs. Frank Marsh and Mrs. Lincoln Dygert, both age 87; Mrs. Jennie Kropf, age 86; Mrs. Elizabeth Shimmel and Mrs. Mae Woodward, both age 84.

Creation of an industrial development committee was under consideration today by the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. The proposal to get such development in the area under a full head of steam followed an interesting talk by George Matthes, industrial representative for the C & O Railroad before the C-C Board of Directors last Thursday. Matthes outlined a number of ways that local communities could avail themselves of services offered by the railroad to help establish the format needed to bring about good industrial development. "We can help...and we stand ready to help at an instant's notice," explained Matthes, "but it still requires time and effort on the part of a group such as the Chamber of Commerce to get this type of project started." Matthes stressed that proper preparation is vital in "selling" a community to an industrial prospect. "Be certain," he warned "that you not only have a site, but that you also have all the answers needed to persuade a businessman that this is where he should build." President Larry Wittenbach said that the C-C's next step would be to set up a committee to survey the area for possible industrial sites, investigate financing of such a project and ways to publicize and promote it.

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Looking back, continued

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 12, 1993

A couple buckets of water doused the flames Saturday morning at the Lowell Showboat, but the Showboat continues to feel the sting from the burn. Joe DeKraker, investigating the damages of the fire Monday morning for the fire marshal division, ruled that arson was definitely the cause of the fire. The fire damage totaled \$1,571.15. That is in addition to the cowardly vandalism acts that the Robert E. Lee Showboat endured over the past three weeks, which totaled approximately \$7,000. According to the report, the fire was started at the north end entrance. Holes in the floor, which are used to hold the gate that closes off the entrance to the boat, were stuffed full of material and then lit, according to Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons. "The acts are so senseless and destructive. I just wonder why?" Lowell Showboat President Thad Kraus said. Lowell Police officer Ken Hall received a call Saturday morning. When he arrived on the scene at 8:41 a.m. there were flames. A Lowell firefighter told Hall that he had seen flames the night before from his home across the river, but thought someone had a bonfire going, but was fooled by the location of the fire in comparison to the Showboat. The flames smoldered and then were rekindled by the morning winds. A fire destroyed the Showboat in 1970, a year after it was built by Ivan Blough. "We've been getting some phone tips and have a few suspects," Emmons said. "If anyone has information about the vandalism or the fire we'd appreciate a phone call. We're not ruling out that the vandalism perpetrators may also be responsible for the fire." Those with information on the fire, that would like to remain anonymous, may call 1-800-4996. Information leading to an arrest and conviction could bring an award up to \$5,000. Emmons added that anyone caught on the boat, not affiliated with the Showboat, will be arrested.

A Lowell teenager was saved after he slipped while trying to cross the dam and was then sucked into the strong white water current. Steven Styles was released from Butterworth Hospital following a near fatal bout with the strong current on the south side of Main Street Sunday afternoon around 2:45 p.m. Brian DeBold had taken his kids out on a tour of the parks on Mother's Day in an effort to give their Mom a reprieve. "We pulled up in the car on the city parking lot side of the dam when I heard a lot of young kids screaming to call 911," DeBold says. When he got to where the kids were, he saw a body in the white water. "About every 30 or 40 seconds or so his (Styles') head would come up," DeBold said. "At first we tried to make a human chain so we could reach him, but he wasn't coherent enough to try to grab the arm." When Styles' body reached the edge of the white water and the flat, calm part of the river, DeBold jumped in and grabbed ahold

of him. He needed help getting him to shore because earlier in the day he had his arm set and put in a cast. "When we got him to shore we laid him on his back and he coughed up water and started breathing," DeBold said. Debold said that he was told that Styles was trying to cross by the rail, but slipped and fell into the white water. Styles was released from Butterworth Hospital after a two-hour stay. He was up and feeling fine on Monday. In a telephone conversation, the 21-year old said he was in and out of it all the way to the hospital. "I remember faint scenes of all the faces," he explained. "It wasn't until after I arrived at the

hospital that I started coming out of it." Styles said he has swam above the dam before but never when it was open as far as it was on Sunday. "I don't think I will swim there again," he said. Styles was swimming with friends Chris Nauta and Jeff Reuther. Nauta said they were swimming on the Showboat side of the river when Styles went under the bridge to the other side. "He put in his foot and was pulled at first and then slipped," Nauta said. "It was a pretty scary moment, I just started yelling for help." Emmons said he was glad serious harm was averted, but was hopeful that from this, kids would avoid swimming near the dam.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 24th day of May, 2018, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Kenneth Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "JOHNSON AND GODFREY COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT", and the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 632-7910.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

- 41-24-14-300-001;
- 41-24-15-100-004; 300-016, -017, -022 thru -024; 400-004, -006, -007, -009, -010;
- 41-24-16-400-002, -010 thru -012;
- 41-24-21-100-010; 200-003, -004, -007, -018 thru -021, -023, -024, -026; 400-005;
- 41-24-22-100-001, -002, -005, -007, -008, -010, -012; 200-002, -005 thru -008; 300-003, -005, -010, -012, -013; 400-001, -005 thru -010;
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Clean comedic talent of Derrick Tennant scheduled May 18

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Comedian Derrick Michael Tennant will appear at Alpha Family Center of Lowell on Friday, May 18, for a “clean comedy” show to raise funds to benefit the center.

“Tennant is doing a combination of a comedy show with an inspirational talk,” said Christa Wetzel, executive director of the Alpha Family Center of Lowell. “His sister Julie will also be joining him to talk about what she does with the love chromosome. She has an extra chromosome, the ‘love’

chromosome. Ability Weavers join us this evening as they have a similar passion that all life has value and those that work at the Ability Weavers with different ‘abilities’ will be serving as volunteers at our event.”

“My sister Julie is with me on this tour; she has Down’s Syndrome, which is an extra chromosome,” Tennant said. Calling from the side of the road in Houghton, NY, Tennant continued, “Our grandfather said, ‘It’s not extra, you and me are just

missing it,’ and he called it ‘the love chromosome.’ He was pretty wise. Julie and I do between one and three events a month. For example, we just did an event where we were the entertainment at the annual fundraising benefit for a crisis pregnancy center in New York. It’s going to be pretty fun with her on stage with me.”

Although his style is “clean comedy,” Tennant said his material is so funny you won’t even notice the lack of profanity and adult themes.

“Comedy has always been a part of my life and my style is clean,” Tennant said. “That’s just who I am. I would suggest that anybody getting into comedy stay true to who they are. I don’t hate comedy that’s not clean. My judgment is only if it’s funny or not. But what I do is clean. It’s a marketing thing, if you think about it, because my audience is everybody. I can work for Coca Cola, I can do an event at a church, I can do an event for a place like the pregnancy center in Lowell, I can work at a comedy club or at colleges. You could take your mom to my show

and neither of you will feel embarrassed. When I feel the best is when somebody comes up to me and says, ‘It was really funny and you didn’t even say anything nasty.’ It means they’re just having a good time. There are a lot of clean comics and there are a lot of funny comics, but there aren’t a lot of clean, funny comics, unfortunately. Jim Gaffigan and Brian Reagan are great, there are definitely some that are amazing. What I do depends on what type of gig it is. When I’m doing a corporate gig like the one I



did last week for Aflac, it’s more motivational. How do you take a negative and make it a positive? Even in the comedy clubs, that’s kind of my theme. My left side is paralyzed, so my tagline is ‘Look on the right side.’ That’s a theme that’s always there. In comedy clubs I’ll talk about being single, inspirational stuff and that kind of thing. If it’s a faith-based event then I’ll have a message about my religious faith tied into it. Corporate events are usually structured around business. I use things like magic and mind reading, silly stuff to make it memorable or highlight a point.”

As a promising young athlete, Tennant suffered an injury that left him in a coma. After brain surgery, years of rehab and life in a wheelchair, he is mostly recovered, although his left side is still paralyzed.

“I remember when it happened, everything went black,” Tennant said. “I had brain surgery. When I came out of it I could hear, but that was it. I couldn’t move, my eyes were swollen shut from the surgery and I was

foggy from the drugs that were keeping me alive, so people didn’t know that I could hear. That was crazy. I could hear people saying, ‘I wonder if he’s gonna make it’ and that kind of thing. I was just thinking, ‘Don’t you know who I am? I’m the quarterback. I’m Derrick.’ It was only for a couple days when that stage existed, then I was able to move my fingers on my hand, that’s how I communicated. It was incredibly frustrating. In my mind what I was writing was crystal clear, but that was not what was showing up

on the paper. I was able to walk within a year. I was determined to not be in a wheelchair, but first I had to learn to sit up by myself. I would drool on myself, my face would droop down, I had a year of speech therapy, there was a lot going on. Now I still can’t use my left side, but I’m always stretching. I try to stay active, so I would say that my therapy is still ongoing.”

Tennant said his penchant for comedy was one of the things that carried him through those hard times.

“Comedy is a tool for everything, in my opinion,” Tennant said. “Smiles, joy and laughter are going to make everything in your life easier. Where there’s laughter, community happens. It brings people together. And for me to be onstage and see 100 or 1,000 people who are happy, smiling and laughing because of something I did or said, that’s just like a drug. It fuels me and definitely encourages positivity and keeps me going all over the world.”

Tennant was recently cast in the upcoming Jeff Foxworthy movie “Crackerjack” where he plays a one-armed softball player named Lefty.

“I’m not an actor by any stretch, but the writer and director saw me and asked me to be in the movie. I had a very small part because I showed up a day late, that’s a long story. It was fun. I really got to see that whole world and how those things work. It was fun to be on that

side of the camera. There is so much going on. I was quote unquote ‘an actor’ so I was treated very well but there were so many people working so hard all the time and there was always food available, which was nice. Every time you’d turn around there would be a trailer full of sub sandwiches or something. It was great. I haven’t done any acting since. I’m traveling and doing gigs all the time, trying to help people and connect.”

Tennant is technically a homeless person in that, Lone Ranger-style, he travels around spreading his message from town to town and has no fixed address.

“I travel full time,” Tennant said. “I don’t have a house or an apartment, I just travel. It’s awesome. I sleep wherever I am, I find a place. It’s crazy, there’s no rhyme or reason. For example, next week I’m doing six shows at comedy clubs in Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Huntsville, then sometimes there are months where I only do one or two comedy shows and just do corporate gigs. It’s all over the map, there isn’t any consistency to it at all. Between shows, I just do whatever I want, it’s awesome. I’m single, no kids and everything I own fits into a carry-on bag. I just go wherever I want and make an adventure out of it. Oh, it’s great. My company is called ‘14 Sleeves’ because I only own seven shirts. One says ‘Monday,’ one says ‘Tuesday...’ Today I’m wearing my Friday shirt. Because of that, my motto is ‘Live simply, love completely.’ That’s what I try to teach people to do, to focus on what matters. I’m not telling people to give all of their possessions away, but in every part of our lives we can try to live more simply and to love completely. I think it’s the right way to go, so that’s what I try to encourage people to do.”

The show will take place at Impact Church, 1070 Hudson, on Friday, May 18. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under. Buy our tickets online at aflowell.org/laugh-for-life or call 616-987-9533.

“The money raised that evening will go towards the ongoing financial needs of the Alpha Family Center of Lowell,” Wetzel said. “We have our annual 5K walk on June 2 at the fairgrounds [aflowell.org/life-run-walk-5k]. We don’t receive any funding outside of our own fundraising endeavors, so we do depend heavily on these events.”

Baird, continued

it again? The answer was of course yes, but how? Smith replied by connecting him with Matt Luna who got to work straight away modifying Baird’s bike, beginning the process of bringing a lost dream back to reality. “Matt fabricated a cage around my legs. I have a Rekluse auto clutch and a Translogic push button shifter,” explained Baird. “I still just use the front brake; I haven’t gotten a rear hand brake yet.”

Getting him back in the dirt was truly a group effort, according to Baird, who credits many family members and friends for his recent return to the sport. “I have some amazing friends and the greatest dad in the world. Without them, none of this would be possible,” he said, continuing, “my best friends Justin Acevedo and Ashleigh Inman put in a lot of hard work at the track and my girlfriend Sheena Noah has had my back from day one when I decided to try riding again. She helps with everything; keeps me focused and is always pushing me to better myself.”

Now 29 and a father to three, Baird is showing his own brood the racing ropes. Recently appearing in a motor-cross event at the Deltaplex Arena in Grand Rapids, the crowd had a strong reaction to his story, standing in ovation after it was told. “Hearing the crowd yelling for me was something really cool and it made me smile,” he said. Looking toward the future with a bright disposition, “I’m not too sure what’s next. I’m going to race as much as I can and continue to better myself as a rider. One year ago I began riding bikes again and I never could have dreamed of the things I have accomplished. I’m looking forward to seeing what else I can achieve.”



Lowell native Danny Baird alongside his modified bike, sporting some recently earned hardware.

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Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Connor Nugent & Regan Coxon

A Red Arrow in team and heart since kindergarten, Connor Nugent is a prime example of a gifted student athlete. Participating on Lowell's successful football, wrestling and lacrosse teams, the senior also excels in the classroom as a member of the National Honors Society and participates in the Lowell FFA, 4H and the Model UN. Nugent will play lacrosse this spring hoping to bring home some hardware to wrap up his high school athletic career.

Ledger: What was the first sport you starting playing and what drew you to it?

Nugent: The first sport I started to play was football. I started to play football early on, when I was about five or six. I started with flag football. What drew me to football was my family pushing me to be part of a team and [to] get some physical activity in.

Ledger: When did you begin playing lacrosse and what do you enjoy about it?

Nugent: I began to play lacrosse when I was eight years old. Lacrosse is just such a fast-paced sport and is very open to many ups and downs. This is what draws me to this awesome sport, just the rigor and speed of the game is wonderful.

Ledger: What has been your greatest moment on the lacrosse field to date?

Nugent: My greatest moment on the lacrosse field to date was last summer. I also play some travel lacrosse, this is where players from across the state come together and [we] form a team to go out to different tournaments around the country. I was happy to play with all of these guys; we formed really tight bonds and played excellent lacrosse last summer. Of course, we won some of the tournaments as well, so that was pretty fun.

Ledger: What are your personal and team goals in lacrosse this season?

Nugent: The goals that I have set for myself for this lacrosse season are to become a leader for the team and I want to become the best lacrosse player I can possibly be. For my team, the goal I want to see achieved is to become closer as a team and to make this season one to remember.

Ledger: How would you describe your experience as a Red Arrow wrestler?

Nugent: My experience as a Red Arrow wrestler has been fantastic, from the coaches, teammates and many wrestling matches. I have so many outstanding memories that will last a lifetime.

Ledger: What accolades have you received through your sports participation?

Nugent: Through sports I have received many accolades, both individually and with a team. With my numerous teams we have won academic all-state titles, conference, district, regional, and state championships. Individually, I was all-state in wrestling and I was named an MIAAA student athlete for the state of Michigan.

Ledger: Where will you attend college next fall and what career will you pursue?

Nugent: I will be attending Cornell University next fall and I will be pursuing a career in agricultural business and management.



Connor Nugent

Ledger: Do you intend to continue your athletic career at the collegiate level?

Nugent: I hope to continue my athletic career at Cornell, but with many variables on the road to becoming an athlete at Cornell, it will be difficult.

Ledger: Who is your personal inspiration?

Nugent: My personal inspiration is my father, Thomas Nugent. He has been a wonderful role model always teaching me to be the best I can be. He has also taught me to be [a] leader every day, in the classroom and also on the field and mat. I strive to follow in his footsteps of being a superb student and an excellent athlete.

Ledger: How do you feel being a Red Arrow has prepared you for life post graduation?

Nugent: Being a Red Arrow has given me many life lessons and skills that will help me be successful after graduation. I feel that there is no better place to learn and become a leader than right here at Lowell.

Regan Coxon is a dual threat for both the Red Arrow girls varsity soccer and basketball teams. A three-year starter on both teams, the junior combines explosive drive, fast feet and a ferocious competitiveness to spark her teammates into Lowell competitive history. Her current title tally includes back-to-back OK White championships on the basketball court, after a decades long championship drought. Currently leading the Lady Arrow soccer season with 17 goals and six assists as she (and the team) work toward the top of the OK White with seemingly only Forest Hills Central in their way.

Ledger: When did you start playing soccer and what drew you to it?

Coxon: I started playing soccer when I was five years old. What drew me to the sport was that it incorporated my excessive energy and competitiveness.

Ledger: What position do you play and why do you enjoy it?

Coxon: I play striker forward and what I enjoy most about it is the accomplishment of scoring goals and giving assists to my teammates.

Ledger: What is your relationship like with coach Lipon?

Coxon: Coach Lipon and I connect with the love of soccer we both share and we both want the team to be the best it possibly can.

Ledger: What has been your favorite moment on the field thus far?

Coxon: My favorite moment on the field throughout my career was beating Grand Rapids Christian my freshman year for the first time in three years.

Ledger: What are your ultimate goals on the field this season?

Coxon: My ultimate goal on the field this season is to beat Forest Hills Central and become conference champs and then move up from there.

Ledger: What have you learned from your senior teammates?

Coxon: What I've learned from the seniors is the leadership and guidance they bring every single game. I've also learned that these are friendships that I will hold on to forever.

Ledger: How does soccer parallel action on the basketball court?

Coxon: The footwork I think is very important for both sports. The balance, footwork and body awareness I have helps me achieve the best I can on the basketball court or the soccer field.

Ledger: What awards or accolades have you earned as a student athlete?

Coxon: The awards I have achieved as a student athlete for soccer are all-conference and all-district my first two years and third team all-district last year. For basketball, I have received all-conference my second and third years, honorable mention class A all-state through BCAM, AP, Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, third team all-GR, first team all-OK White.

Ledger: Do you have any post graduation plans at this time?

Coxon: At this time I plan on playing a sport in college. I still am undecided on which sport or college I want to attend. I would like to further my education to become a dental hygienist.



Regan Coxon

Ledger: Who is your personal inspiration?

Coxon: My personal inspirations are my parents, teammates and coaches. Without them I wouldn't be where I am now and they inspire me every day to do my best.

Ledger: What do you think is unique about competing as a Red Arrow?

Coxon: What I think is unique about being a Red Arrow is that the community comes together as one during sporting events. It is always an honor to represent someone during those honorary games, such as the veteran game for basketball. But my personal favorite part of being a Red Arrow is my connection and the friendships I have made with the little kids that come out and support.

Red Arrow

- BASEBALL

SPORTS

Arrows go 1-2 in three game series vs Huskies

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Competing in the OK White for the third time this season, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity baseball team went 1-2 in a three game series versus the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern.

On Monday evening, the Red Arrows hosted FHN for a doubleheader which ended with the Huskies on top both times. In game one Lowell rallied from a four run fifth inning deficit, just short of forcing an extra inning, falling 7-6. FHN utilized solid pitching and five stolen bases to earn the first and last lead of the game connecting bat to ball eight times.

Lowell managed six hits in the game including the late inning rally strikes from juniors Jackson

Helder, Gavin Hoffman and senior Josh Hackstedt, who led the offense going 2/3 at the plate. The team also followed suit in base stealing earning several free spaces including three from senior Connor Douma. Fellow senior Garrett Pratt too the loss from the hill allowing eight hits and seven runs during his five innings.

A four run, first inning got the Huskies off to a quick lead in game two eventually winning 6-2. Unable to get their offense started Lowell only managed three hits. Two of those were earned by Hackstedt, who matched his game one performance at the plate. Sophomore Logan Staley tallied the pitching loss for Lowell allowing the first inning lead before exiting the mound.

Finishing up the series Wednesday at FHN the Arrows turned the tables on the Huskies picking up a 7-1 win propelled by a five run third inning. Tied 1-1, doubles from C. Douma and senior brother Brady Douma, a single from Helder and a score on an error from senior Austin Whaley each led to RBIs. The team totaled nine hits in the game led by Hackstedt and C. Douma.

Throwing for three innings Red Arrow senior Travis Cornell earned the pitching win striking out three while walking none and allowing only two hits and no runs. Junior Jordan Dent opened up the game. The victory moved Lowell to a nearly even OK White record of 4-5 and an overall record of 8-10 on the season.



Junior Red Arrow Jordan Dent on the hill.

After battling the Greenville Yellow Jackets on Wednesday, the Arrows host Grand Rapids Catholic Central for non-conference action on Thursday at 4:30 at Cherry Creek Elementary on Foreman in Lowell.

Boys and girls win dual first-place finishes at invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Competing in and out of the OK White last week the girls and boys varsity track and field teams faced tough competition against the Forest Hills Central Rangers and the Forest Hills Northern Huskies, yet earned dual first-place finishes at the Hopkins Invitational.

In league action on Tuesday, the two Lowell teams headed to a Northview hosted conference quad to face FHN and FHC. The ladies topped the Huskies 70-67 and the Rangers 91-

46 propelling their record to 4-0 with just one regular season conference meet remaining on the schedule.

Earning points in every event against Northern the girls secured the win, just prior to going into the final event with nine first-place finishes. Individuals claiming top spots were junior Diana Roth in the 100 and 200 meter races, junior Lauren Aud in the 1600m, freshman Theresa Judd in the 300 hurdles, senior Amber Brown in the pole vault, freshman Tressa Huizinga in the high jump

and sophomore Julia Pytlik in the long jump. Relay teams earning first place were the 400m team of sophomore Kerstin Johnson, freshman Madison Brown, sophomore Mya Kaywood and Roth; and the 800m team of Kaywood, Brown, Roth and sophomore Kyra Snyder.

Beyond the firsts, the ladies also collected 13 second- and third-place finishes. On the track Judd earned second in the 110 hurdles while thirds were secured by sophomore Ashley Boehr in the 300

hurdles, Snyder in the 200m, Aud in the 800m, junior Haley Nieuwkoop in the 3200m and junior Grace Ostrander in the 400m. In field senior Lexi Cook placed third in the shot put and second in discus, Pytlik and freshman Kaylee Diamond claimed second and third in the high jump respectively, senior Lizzie Kuhns placed second in the pole vault and Diamond and Kaywood took second and third in the long jump.

They simultaneously trumped FHC after taking a quick lead, ultimately claiming 11 first-place finishes along with six seconds and nine thirds. Along with a repeat performance for the top spot from above, the team saw Ostrander rise from third to first in the 400m, Judd grabbed the 300 hurdle title, Pytlik claimed longest jump honors, Cook took first in both the discus and shot put,

and the 1600m relay team of Boehr, Ostrander, Diamond and Judd also grabbed a win.

Over the weekend at the Hopkins Invitational the Lady Arrows continued winning earning a 173 point first place over Hopkins (135) and Sparta (93). Along with multiple medal finishes from Judd and Diamond, the team saw victories from their 800 and 1600m relay teams with six second-place finishes and eleven other Lowell athletes in the top five. Adding to the record book were Judd for eighth in the 300 hurdles with a 49.57, Diamond with seventh in the long jump leaping 16', Cook for eighth in discus with a toss of 98'10" and the 400, 800 and 3200m relay teams moved to fourth position.

The gents went 1-1 at their corresponding conference events trumping FHN 78-59 but falling to FHC 76-61. At Hopkins the boys earned a 154 point first place. First-place finishes were recorded by senior Will Reynolds in the 110 and 300 hurdles, senior Caleb Devereaux in discus and the 1600m relay team of Reynolds, senior Ken Stump and sophomores Nigel Mika and Devin Dietz.

Also bringing home first place were senior Sam Misak in the 200m, senior Casey French in the pole

vault, Mika in the 800m, Devereaux in the shot put and the 400 and 800m relay teams of Misak, senior Austin Pollock, French and senior Jacob Rau. In addition, the team tallied 15 second place and eight thirds in the combined events. The break even event dealt the team their first OK White loss of the season, dropping them to 3-1 in conference play.

Bettering their second place finish at the event last season, the boys earned first in Hopkins with record-breaking performances from senior Morrison Ismond, who moved to number two in the 1600m with a time of 4:34.20; Reynolds placed fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41:35; and the 400m relay team jumped up to eighth on the all-time school leader board. Lastly, additional top performances included firsts from Reynolds in the 110 hurdles and Devereaux in discus; as well as five runner-up finishes.

Completing their regular conference season earlier in the week facing Greenville and Cedar Springs. The track and field teams begin their post season on Friday at Houseman Field to participate in the conference finals scheduled to begin at noon.

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SPORTS

Girls improve conference record to 3-1-1

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Improving their conference record to a winning 3-1-1 the Lowell girls varsity soccer team picked up their fourth shut out of the season over the Bengals of Ottawa Hills and played an intense half hour against Forest Hills Northern before a rain delay stopped action last week.

Monday on the road at Ottawa Hills, the girls earned an oppressive 10-0 win over the clearly outmatched Bengals. "Ottawa Hills is in a tough position for conference play. The OK White is arguably one of the best in the state," explained Lowell head coach Dan Lipon. "Ottawa Hills forfeited both games last season and they just lack the experience to compete in the conference."

Scoring all ten of their goals in the first half of play, the Arrows saw three athletes find the back of the net. Junior forward Regan

Coxon and sophomore midfielder Khloe Hayes slid four goals apiece past the Bengal goalkeeper. Junior Isabel Remar followed with two goals. Assists were credited to senior co-captain midfielder Riley Conlan who logged four and fellow midfielders, juniors Amber Clouse and Jaki Hayes who each tallied two.

Red Arrow junior Callie Ingram earned the shutout keeping the Bengals few efforts on goal at bay. She is part of a talented trio of goalkeepers adding to the success of the team. "All three goalies in the program have contributed at the varsity level this spring," said Lipon speaking of freshman Hannah VanDeWeert and junior Abby White. "The girls have made many positive strides and gained lots of experience at the varsity level. They continue to become more confident and consistent each week!"

Wednesday back in

league action at home the girls took to the field against the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern, who currently hold second place in the OK White behind state-ranked Forest Hills Central. Lowell battled the Huskies with ferocity for about a half hour before a nearby lightning strike eventually became a weather cancellation.

More compelling than their earlier game despite its unfinished and scoreless nature, the competition showcased both the strengths and weaknesses of the Lady Arrows. Among their list of strengths is senior co-captain Darby Dean on defense. An impressive threat in front of the Lowell net, Dean protects her goalkeepers with sharply tuned instincts and a sense of urgency in every play. Lipon said that her leadership and experience have made a "huge impact" this spring. "She is the best center back in West Michigan, but she has also contributed

offensively with two goals and six assists, which is tremendous."

Possession consistency and mistakes in defense as in the third quarter proved their weaknesses. If corrected, the team is one of the best in the state, according to Lipon. The to-be rescheduled match up will help determine the fate of the OK White as Lowell is currently ranked third in the conference. They are scheduled to meet FHC, who has not allowed a goal against them all season, next Wednesday. Lowell fell 2-0 in their earlier season contest.

A long stretch on the road kicked off with conference competition on Monday at Northview High School and at Cedar Springs on Wednesday. The Lady Arrows will wrap up their week on Saturday at the Grand Rapids Catholic Central Invitational beginning at 4:45 pm.



Senior co-captain Riley Conlan sends one up against rival FHN.

Ladies fall 9-3 to Byron Center Bulldogs

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity softball team fell 9-3 versus the Bulldogs of Byron Center on the diamond last week.

The Arrows were

unable to get their offense going, only collecting three runs through the fifth inning, while Byron Center piled on seven. Adding the final two runs in the late innings, the Bulldogs ultimately claimed the 9-3 win. Highlights for

Lowell included a triple from junior Emily Depew and a single from Megan Summerfield.

This week the team, currently undefeated in the OK White, will jump back into conference play.

They welcomed Greenville earlier in the week for a doubleheader, then traveled to finish up the series. The girls will host the Lowell Softball Invitational on Friday and Saturday at 4 pm and 9 am respectively.

Sports

Summaries

GIRLS TENNIS

Dropping two contests last week, the Lowell girls varsity tennis team battled the tough Forest Hills teams on the court last week. Welcoming the Northern Huskies on Monday, the ladies were shut out of the win succumbing 8-0 in the OK White match up. Traveling Thursday to Ranger country to continue league play, the Arrows fought hard to the tune of just one victory for a 7-1 loss. Currently holding a losing 2-3 conference record and a 4-4-1 record overall. They hosted their final home game of the season on Tuesday against Greenville. On Thursday they will compete in non-conference tournament play at Mona Shores and wrap up their OK White season over the weekend competing in the conference meet.

BOYS GOLF

A 163-181 non-conference loss and a fifth-place OK White finish were the results for the Lowell boys varsity golf team last week. First hitting the green at the Broadmoor Country Club on Tuesday they faced former conference rival the Caledonia Scots. The Arrows fell by 18 strokes. Leading the Red Arrow effort were sophomore Noah Barnhart who shot a 41, followed by junior Mike VandenHout (45), Drew Davidson (47) and freshman Brad VandenHout (48). Hosting the OK White conference at Deer Run Golf Course on Wednesday, they placed fifth for the third time this season. Tallying a combined card total of 188, scoring was led by Barnhart (42), junior Tyler Kapcia (45), junior John Russell (48) and M. VandenHout (53). This week the team will travel to OK White jamborees five and six which will be hosted by Northview at Thousand Oaks Golf Course on Monday and Greenville at Bowen Lake Golf Course on Wednesday. Both matches are scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm.

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Junior Red Arrow pitcher Madison Sage on the hill.

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FUSS

Lois Marie Fuss, age 84 of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, May 3, 2018. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth Bieri and Roger Bieri. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Paul Fuss; sons, David (Gerrie) Fuss, Carl Fuss, Gerald (Jennifer) Fuss; grandchildren, Dalton, Sophia, and Wyatt Fuss; brothers, Richard (Phyllis) Bieri, Paul (Cathy) Bieri, Ronald (Jan) Bieri; sisters-in-law, Donna Bieri, Marian (James) Lewis; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral was held Monday, May 7, at Alto United Methodist Church. Rev. Bob Wright officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alex's Lemonade Stand (Attention: Wyatt Fuss, CORD Hero), <https://www.alexlemonade.org/hero/wyatt-fuss>; or Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th St. SE, Alto, MI 49302.



GABRION

Dolores "Dee" Ann (Jewell) Gabrion of Zeeland, formerly of Lowell, went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, May 1, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents Richard and Marcella Jewell; her husband John Gabrion. She is survived by her children, Lorri Gabrion, Nancy (Gary) Wandell, Karen (Roger) Graham, and Brian Gabrion; cousin Elaine (Gene) Sorden; sisters-in-law Maxine Weaver, Bonnie McNeal, Vicki (Andy) Root, Mary Gabrion; grandchildren, whom she adored, Emily Wandell, Katie (Jim) Shaw, Julie Wandell, Landon (Amber) Graham, Elizabeth (Craig) Boonstra, Brock (Arica) Graham, Brianna Gabrion, Brendan Gabrion, Madelyn Gabrion; great-grandchildren Joseph, Jacob, John, Nathan, Graham, Brady, Natalie, Casen, and Trey. Dee was excited about the expected arrival of twin great-grandchildren this fall. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother who grew up on a small dairy and potato farm in Rockford, MI. She attended Central Michigan University where she met the love of her life, John. Dee enjoyed teaching elementary school and being in the Lowell Garden Club, and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Lowell. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, May 8, at First Baptist Church of Lowell. Pastor Brock Graham officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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GROOT

Fred Russell "Russ" Groot, age 79 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from complications of cancer. Born July 7, 1938 to Fred and Johanna (De Mooy) Groot, Russ grew up in Western Springs, IL. He often recalled stories of his beloved aunts, uncles and grandparents; trains and locomotives, and automobiles, including those he made and drove himself at a young age. He grew up connected to friends and family in the Dutch Christian Reformed community, the Western Springs Christian Reformed Church, and the First Christian Reformed Church in Cicero, IL. Family trips to the Three Oaks region beaches and blueberry farms began a lifelong association with Western Michigan and Grand Rapids, where he attended Calvin College and met and married his wife, Carolyne Van't Hul. He lived and worked in southwest suburban Chicago, establishing a career in construction equipment sales. He later lived in Monee, where he enjoyed renovating his pre-civil war farmstead; and in Beecher, where he was an active member of the community and local Lions Club. He was a member of the Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, and the Faith United Reformed Church of Monee, where he gave instrumental insight and energy to the planning and building of their new church. He particularly enjoyed patronizing the local "dirt farm" coffee shops and befriending people he met everywhere he went. He relocated to Lowell, MI, in 2006 to retire; and continued his lifelong loves of making friends, attending steam tractor shows, and spending time with his family. He also became a member of Grace United Reformed Church in Alto. He is survived by his former wife, Carolyne; children, Sandra (Gary) Keyt, William (Lisa Wax) Groot, David (Stefanie) Groot; grandchildren, Justin, Jeffrey, Naiya, Ellis; and sister Sandra (Robert) Van Poolen. He was predeceased by his brother, James Groot. Services will be held Saturday, May 12, 11:00 a.m. at Grace United Reformed Church, 9922 84th St. SE, Alto, MI 49302. The family will greet friends and relatives before the service from 9-11:00 a.m. Pastor Michael Schout officiating. Interment Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beecher, IL, Lions Club.



It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.
 — J.K. Rowling,
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

MCCAUL

Helen Elizabeth McCaul, "Granny," 84, a longtime resident of Lowell, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at home surrounded by loved ones. She had been courageously fighting cancer for the last year and a half. Helen was born in Alto, Michigan to Elof and Anna Erickson on February 12, 1934. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Art Erickson and Paul Erickson, and her loving husband of 40 years, Dick McCaul. Together, Dick and Helen owned and operated McCaul's Auto Service of Lowell for many years. Helen leaves behind four sons, Rick (Miranda) McCaul, Jim McCaul, Tim (Julie) McCaul, and Terry McCaul; six grandchildren, Denell McCaul, Jamie (Ryan) Roe, Shelley (William) McCaul-Parent, Jennifer McCaul, Steven McCaul, and Brian (Evangeline) McCaul; and four great-grandchildren, Olivia Starkweather, Marcus Roe, Eric Parent, and Isaac McCaul; five siblings, John (Lucille) Erickson, Norm Erickson, Harry Erickson, Alvin Erickson, and Ester Erickson; two ex-daughters-in-law that she still thought of as family, Peggy McCaul and Cathy McCaul; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. In life, Helen enjoyed playing Aggravation with her aggravating ladies, motorcycle rides with her grandson-in-law, Ryan, and spending time with her friends and family, especially her great-granddaughter and best friend, Olivia. While we are all deeply saddened to see her go, we are thankful that her pain and suffering are no longer. Granny, you kept telling us "there are better days ahead," and you have now found them. Rest easy. Funeral was held Tuesday, May 8, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.



MODLIN

Katherine Maxine (Moerdyke) Modlin, 9/22/1938 - 4/27/2018 Cascade Township. Katherine (Kathy) passed away peacefully in the care of Faith Hospice Trillium Woods with her family by her side. She is survived by her children, Yvonne Blanchard (David), Marilyn Wilson (Phillip), Audrey Boehm



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(Mark) and Jake Kish (Karen Ottaviani-Farnsworth); sisters, Frances Schweitzer and Jaklyn Morse; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Katherine graduated from Lowell High School in 1956. She lived most of her adult life in Cascade Township and moved to Leisure Village in Belmont in 2008. She moved back to Cascade to Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community in 2016. She spent several years enjoying the events and the people at the Northview Senior Center. During her brief stay at Sentinel Pointe, she made many friends and brought puzzle making to life for the residents. She will be missed by her classmates that stayed connected over the years, her group of card playing friends and her close friends Ray and Jerry. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt who will be deeply missed by her family. At Katherine's request, there will be no services. Memorial contributions can be made to Faith Hospice Trillium Woods or Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community.

THUMSER

Howard Andrew Thumser, (aka Dad, Papa Howard, Grandpa, HT), age 90 of Lowell, went to be with his Heavenly Father unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Howard was an avid outdoor sportsman. He is survived by his wife, Judith; and Gwen (Dave) Stegehuis, Jackie (John) McKinney, Cathy Noffke, Beth (Chris) Cole, Anne (Jim) McDonald, Tammy (Brad) Bonifield, Rick (Pam) Stegehuis, Eydie Cook; 11 great-grandchildren: Alicia, Alexis, Benjamin, Ryan, Tristan, Trevor, Sabrina, Olivia, Maxwell, Grady, Gus; and his pet Corgi, Elsie. The family will greet visitors on Friday, May 18, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331; and Saturday, May 19, 10-11:00 a.m. prior to the service. Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club of Lowell, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331; or Lowell United Methodist Church.



LEGAL NOTICE

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RICHARD VANDER
Guardianship File No.
18-203,308-GA

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Dated: May 3, 2018

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her children: Kim Young, Sonja Vander, and any other unknown children or spouse, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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WHEELER

Venita Sue Wheeler (Laser), age 85 of Grand Rapids, formerly of Alto, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Venita was born in Colfax Township, Michigan on March 14, 1933. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Dorothy Laser; younger sister, Beverly Brack; and her beloved husband of 66 ½ years, James Amos Wheeler. Venita and James wed on November 18, 1950 at the Methodist Church in Rodney, Michigan. She



is survived by three children, Ralph Curtis (Janet) Wheeler, Jamie Sue (Joel) Moran, and Ellen Lynn (Paul) Seese; nine grandchildren, James (Marisa) Wheeler, Brandee (Ricardo) Williams, Heather (Brian) Hazelett, Angela (Todd) Osborn, Robert (Maggie) Moran, Josh Moran, Ashly Moran, Leannah Seese, Raymond (Aminat) Seese; sisters, Shirley Wheeler, Nancy (Larry) Karcher; brothers, Kenneth Laser, Gordon Laser; several great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and very special cousins Ed and Joan Wheeler. Memorial service was held Saturday, May 5, at Raybrook Manor Chapel, Grand Rapids. Venita's nephew, Scott Karcher officiated. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Disability Advocates of Kent County, 3600 Camelot Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, or online at www.dakc.us.



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Notice is hereby given that the Lowell City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell to receive public comment, verbally or in writing, on the proposed 2018-19 City Budget and the proposed 2018-19 Millage Rates. The proposed budget provides for general fund expenditures of \$2,974,369.78. The proposed millage rates are 15.70 mills for City operations and .2423 extra voted millage for museum operations.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2018-19 Budget is available for review and inspection during normal business hours at the Lowell City Hall and on our website at www.ci.lowell.mi.us.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing or may appear and speak in person at the hearing. Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the City Clerk at (616) 897-8457 or the Michigan Relay Center TDD 1-800-649-3777 for accommodations.



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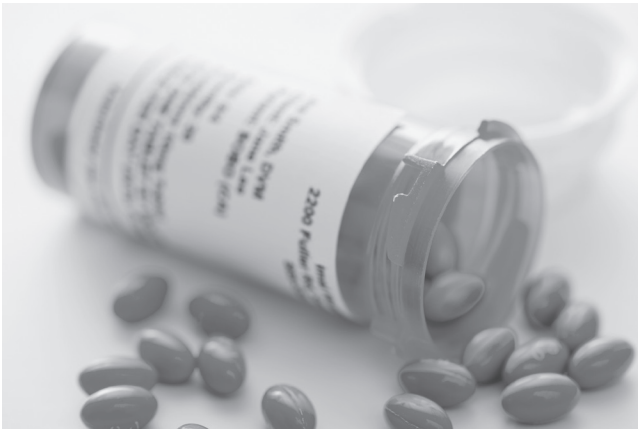


Families Against Narcotics calls on Michigan Legislature to support Locking Prescription Vial legislation

HB 5857 would help reduce teen opioid pilfering

The statewide community support and advocacy group, Families Against Narcotics (FAN), announced its support for HB 5857 and urged legislators across the state to pass this important legislation without delay.

“This legislation will help to reduce the number of Michigan children and teens that start abusing prescription pills by making it harder for them to pilfer from the family



medicine cabinet,” said Judge Linda Davis, executive president of FAN. “I am proud to stand in full support of this bill and sincerely hope that legislators across the state will join together to approve it without delay. We need all hands on deck to make sure HB 5857 becomes law because it will save lives.”

Pilfering is the act of stealing someone else’s prescription medication for recreational use with the hope that it will go undetected. Pilfering has been identified as the leading source of youth opioid abuse and studies show each year nearly 600,000 children from across the country initiate prescription drug abuse by pilfering.

Sponsored by Rep. Joe Bellino (R-Monroe), the legislation would require that opioids and other highly addictive Schedule II drugs be dispensed in Locking Prescription Vials. Experts believe the measure would prevent 150,000 young people from initiating drug abuse over a 10-year period.

The ineffective and outdated child-resistant prescription vials currently in use have not been modified in nearly 50 years. When the Federal Poison Prevention Packaging Act was enacted and child-resistant vials were designed in 1970, the goal was to prevent children under age five from gaining access to aspirin. Today, the medicines being prescribed for pain management are nearly 80 times stronger than morphine.

“With chapters across the state, Families Against Narcotics is on the front lines, helping people directly impacted by this epidemic,” said Davis. “By modernizing the outdated packaging used to dispense and store opioids, this bill will have a tremendous positive impact, saving lives in communities statewide and saving millions in health care costs.”



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House plan protects Michigan deer from deadly disease

State reps. Jim Lower, Tom Barrett and Thomas Albert introduced a proactive plan to protect Michigan deer from chronic wasting disease.

Chronic wasting disease, a lethal illness that has decimated deer, elk and moose populations in other states, was first identified in Michigan in May 2015. As of March 2018, 57 free-ranging deer have tested positive for the disease.



“Chronic wasting disease is known to spread easily from deer-to-deer,” said Lower, of Cedar Lake. “We must take a more proactive approach to stop its spread in Michigan and protect our healthy, sustainable deer herd.”

The first piece of the three-part plan prohibits the importation of live deer – which includes whitetail deer, elk and moose – into Michigan.

“To prevent the spread of disease, hunters cannot bring bodies of deer they shoot in other states home to Michigan, but importing live deer is allowed,” said Albert, of Lowell. “It’s time to bring common sense to the law and prohibit the importation of all deer – dead or alive.”

The proposed reforms also establish strong health and safety protocols for privately-owned cervids imported before the ban, including a requirement that privately-owned deer, elk and moose farms construct a secondary fence around the perimeter of their facilities. Current law only requires captive deer facilities to have one fence.

“It’s critically important that we take every possible precaution to keep captive deer from coming into contact with wild deer,” said Barrett, of Charlotte. “Single fences simply aren’t cutting it. They allow wild deer to come nose-to-nose with deer on farms. One sick deer mingling with wild whitetails is all it takes to jeopardize Michigan’s hunting heritage.”

The final piece of the plan includes a new fund dedicated to addressing chronic wasting disease in Michigan. People would have the option to make a \$1, \$5 or \$10 donation to the fund when purchasing a Michigan hunting license. The donations would go directly toward research into eliminating chronic wasting disease.

“Hunters have a stake in this. They value the opportunity to participate in one of Michigan’s most treasured traditions and it all rides on our deer population remaining healthy,” Lower said. “This is a smart solution that allows concerned citizens to help protect a valuable natural resource.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates hunting generates more than \$2.3 billion in economic impact in Michigan, including expenses related to food and lodging and \$1.3 billion spent on equipment.

The legislation, House bills 5770-5772, were referred to the House Agriculture Committee for consideration.

Michigan manufacturers support long-term Talent Funding Bill

The Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA) and leaders of Michigan manufacturing companies applauded the introduction of Senate Bill 946 (Senator Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth), which would ensure ongoing operation of the Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF) program. Since FY 2014, the STTF has provided \$72.9 million in competitive awards to more than 2,000 Michigan companies for short-term training that enhances talent, productivity and employment retention.

Funding for skilled trades training has been provided for in annual appropriations bills. To ensure ongoing operations of the effective and popular STTF program, legislation is needed to codify the program in statute. SB 946 also continues the evolution of the program to respond to employer and workforce demand.

“The Skilled Trades Training Fund has leveraged nearly \$1 billion since its inception and is a vital funding source for employers looking to train and upskill their workforce,” said Chuck Hadden, MMA president & CEO. “As Michigan enjoys its lowest unemployment rate in nearly two decades, skilled talent is a scarce resource. The STTF is a training mechanism coveted by states across the country and its continued growth will improve the competitiveness of Michigan employers and of our state as a whole.”

SB 946 will also change the name of the STTF program to the “Going Pro Talent Program” to better reflect the broad nature of the talent being trained and to better communicate the significance of the professional trades.

“MMA would like to thank Senator Ken Horn for recognizing the importance of maintaining and growing this innovative program to build Michigan’s talent pool,” said Delaney McKinley, MMA senior director of government affairs and membership. “His leadership on this bill is critical to ensuring that the Skilled Trades Training Fund will continue to generate public-private partnerships between employers and Michigan’s workforce development system to design training models that adapt in real time with changing employer demand.”

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

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

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - will be holding their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell at 6:30 pm.

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.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

BOYSCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing

5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor, Lowell.

CUBSCOUT 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.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

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 - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

TECH HELP - Wednesdays by appointment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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

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

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.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

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

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TAURUS**(April 20-May 20):**

Born under the sign of Taurus, Edmund Wilson was a renowned twentieth-century author and critic who wrote more than 30 books. He also served as editor for *Vanity Fair* and *The New Republic*, and influenced the work of at least seven major American novelists. When he was growing up, he spent most of his free time reading books, 16 hours a day during summer vacations. His parents, worried about his obsessive passion, bought him a baseball uniform hoping to encourage him to diversify his interests. His response was to wear the uniform while reading books 16 hours a day. I trust you will be equally dedicated to your own holy cause or noble pursuit in the coming weeks, Taurus. You have cosmic clearance to be single-minded about doing what you love.

GEMINI**(May 21-June 20):**

It's possible you could pass for normal in the next three weeks; you might be able to fool a lot of people into thinking you're an average, ordinary contributor to the dull routine. But it will be far healthier for your relationship

with yourself if you don't do such a thing. It will also be a gift to your less daring associates, who in my opinion would benefit from having to engage with your creative agitation and fertile chaos. So my advice is to reveal yourself as an imperfect work-in-progress who's experimenting with novel approaches to the game of life. Recognize your rough and raw features as potential building blocks for future achievements.

CANCER**(June 21-July 22):**

"Paradise is scattered over the whole earth," wrote the scientific poet Novalis, "and that is why it has become so unrecognizable." Luckily for you, Cancerian, quite a few fragments of paradise are gathering in your vicinity. It'll be like a big happy reunion of tiny miracles all coalescing to create a substantial dose of sublimity. Will you be ready to deal with this much radiance? Will you be receptive to so much relaxing freedom? I hope and pray you won't make a cowardly retreat into the trendy cynicism that so many people mistake for intelligence. (Because in that case, paradise might remain invisible.) Here's my judicious advice: Be insistent on pleasure! Be voracious for joy! Be focused on the quest for beautiful truths!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

These days, your friends and allies and loved ones want even more from you than they usually do. They crave more of your attention, more of your approval, more of your feedback. And that's not all. Your friends and allies and loved ones also hope you will give more love to yourself. They will be excited and they will feel blessed if you express an even bigger, brighter version of your big, bright soul. They will draw inspiration from your efforts to push harder and stronger to fulfill your purpose here on Planet Earth.

VIRGO**(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

One of the advantages you get from reading my horoscopes is that I offer confidential information about the gods' caprices and leanings. For example, I can tell you that Saturn -- also known as Father Time -- is now willing to allot you a more luxurious relationship with time than usual, on one condition: that you don't squander the gift on trivial pursuits. So I encourage you to be discerning and disciplined about nourishing your soul's craving for interesting freedom.

LIBRA**(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

Vincent van Gogh's painting *The Starry Night* hangs on a wall in New York's Museum of Modern Art. He created it in 1889 while living in a French asylum. Around that same time, 129 years ago, a shepherd in Wyoming created a sourdough starter that is still fresh today. A cook named Lucille Clarke Dumbrell regularly pulls this frothy mass of yeast out of her refrigerator and uses it to make pancakes. In the coming weeks, Libra, I'd love to see you be equally resourceful in drawing on an old resource. The past will have offerings that could benefit your future.

SCORPIO**(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

Love everyone twice as much and twice as purely as you ever have before. Your mental health requires it! Your future dreams demand it! And please especially intensify your love for people you allegedly already love but sometimes don't treat as well as you could because you take them for granted. Keep this Bible verse in mind, as well: "Don't neglect to show kindness to strangers; for, in this way, some, without knowing it, have had angels as their guests."

SAGITTARIUS**(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

After meditating on your astrological

aspects for an hour, I dozed off. As I napped, I had a dream in which an androgynous angel came to me and said, "Please inform your Sagittarius readers that they should be callipygian in the next two weeks." Taken aback, my dreaming self said to the angel, "You mean 'callipygian' as in 'having beautiful buttocks'?" "Yes, sir," the angel replied. "Bootylicious. Bumtastic. Rumpalicious." I was puzzled. "You mean like in a metaphorical way?" I asked. "You mean Sagittarians should somehow cultivate the symbolic equivalent of having beautiful buttocks?" "Yes," the angel said. "Sagittarians should be elegantly well-grounded. Flaunt their exquisite foundation. Get to the bottom of things with flair."

CAPRICORN**(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

Now is a favorable time to discuss in elegant detail the semi-secret things that are rarely or never talked about. It's also a perfect moment to bring deep feelings and brave tenderness into situations that have been suffering from half-truths and pretense. Be aggressively sensitive, my dear Capricorn. Take a bold stand in behalf of compassionate candor. And as you go about these holy tasks, be entertaining as well as profound. The cosmos has authorized you to be a winsome agent of change.

AQUARIUS**(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

In his 1931 painting *The Persistence of Memory*, Salvador Dali shows three clocks that seem to be partially liquefied, as if in the process of melting. His biographer Meredith Etherington-Smith speculated that he was inspired to create this surrealistic scene when he saw a slab of warm

Camembert cheese melting on a dinner table. I foresee the possibility of a comparable development in your life, Aquarius. Be alert for creative inspiration that strikes you in the midst of seemingly mundane circumstances.

PISCES**(Feb. 19-March 20):**

"My whole life is messed up with people falling in love with me," said Piscean poet Edna St. Vincent Millay. She spoke the truth. She inspired a lot of adoration and it stirred up more chaos than she was capable of managing. Luckily, you will have fewer problems with the attention coming your way, Pisces. I bet you'll be skilled at gathering the benefits and you'll be unflummoxed by the pitfalls. But you'll still have to work hard at these tasks. Here's some help. Tip #1: Stay in close touch with how you really feel about the people who express their interest in you. Tip #2: Don't accept gifts with strings attached. Tip #3: Just because you're honored or flattered that someone finds you attractive doesn't mean you should unquestioningly blend your energies with them.

ARIES**(March 21-April 19):**

The Torah is a primary sacred text of the Jewish religion. It consists of exactly 304,805 letters. When specially trained scribes make handwritten copies for ritual purposes, they must not make a single error in their transcription. The work may take as long as 18 months. Your attention to detail in the coming weeks doesn't have to be quite so painstaking, Aries, but I hope you'll make a strenuous effort to be as diligent as you can possibly be.

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Look-alikes

Dolores Leis, 64, of Nanton in Galicia, Spain, is a modest wife and potato farmer. But thanks to the internet, she has found fame as "Trump's Galician sister." The Associated Press reports that a journalist researching farming posted a photo of Leis at her farm on Instagram and the striking resemblance between her and the U.S. president caught the attention of the web. "I say that it must be because of the color of the hair," Leis told *La Voz de Galicia* on April 24. She added that she's not overwhelmed by the sudden attention because, unlike her doppelgänger, she doesn't use a mobile phone and isn't much interested in online chatter. "I look at everything that my daughters show me, but it never stung my curiosity to have (a phone)," she said.

Misguided

Greyhound Bus passengers were frustrated on April 19 after their trip to New York was delayed by mechanical trouble and navigational challenges. The ride started in Cleveland, where the scheduled departure time was 2:30 am, passengers told WEWS-TV, but the bus didn't leave until 6 am. After crossing into Pennsylvania, the bus turned around and the driver explained he was returning to Cleveland because of mechanical difficulties. However, the driver missed Cleveland and drove all the way to Toledo before realizing the mistake and headed back to Cleveland. "We were on this bus for seven hours just going in a circle," said passenger Morgan Staley.

Bathing News

Evelyn Washington, 29, broke, then crawled through a window in a Monroe, Louisiana home on April 17, then settled into a warm bath with a bag of Cheetos and a large plate of food within reach on the toilet lid. The Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* reported that when the homeowner returned from work around 5 pm, she called police, who removed Washington to

the Ouachita Correctional Center, where she told them "an unknown male told her to break into the victims' residence."

On April 4, a homeowner in the Longton area of Stoke-on-Trent, England, returned home to discover a man bathing in his tub and enjoying a cup of Oxo (broth), according to the BBC. When police arrived, the 36-year-old naked man tried to flee but was caught and arrested. The homeowner complained: "He ate me crisps, had five rounds of corned beef and sauce, ate a jar of pickles, had two ice creams and a can of Coke."

What's in a Name?

A Planet Fitness customer in Saginaw Township, Michigan, was alarmed April 15 to find a Wi-Fi network named "remote detonator" while searching for an available connection. The gym manager evacuated the building and called police, who brought in a bomb-sniffing dog and declared the facility safe after a three-hour shutdown. Saginaw Township police chief Donald Pussehl told MLive.com that people often choose odd names for their Wi-Fi networks, adding that one on his own street is called "FBI surveillance van."

Crime Report

In October 1981, Stephen Michael Paris escaped from the Jess Dunn Correctional Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he had been serving a nine-year sentence for drug possession and distribution. Using the name Stephen Chavez, Paris managed to evade authorities until April 12, when investigators tracked him down, thanks to his mother's obituary, at an office in Houston where he was working. Now 58 years old, Paris was mentioned in his mother's tribute, using his alias, the Associated Press reported. After confirming his identity with fingerprints, the U.S. Marshals Service returned him to custody.

New World Order

Jaywalkers, beware: The city of Daye, in Hubei province China, has installed water sprayers and an electronic screen at a crosswalk to stop people from crossing on a red light. Five pylons were placed along the road April 16, *China Daily* reported, three of which identify offenders using sensors and then spray them with water vapor. Other pylons "photograph people crossing against red lights," explained Wan Xinqiang of the Daye public security bureau, and "a large electronic screen at the intersection will instantly display their photos. ... If the equipment works well, we will utilize it throughout the city."

Inexplicable

On April 23, police officers in Warren, Michigan, responded to a home for a welfare check on 68-year-old George Curtis, whose relatives had become concerned because they hadn't heard from him. Curtis was, indeed, dead. In fact, WJBK-TV reported, he had been deceased for months, maybe even a year. Also in the home, his girlfriend, who had continued living there with his decaying body, which was laid out in a bed. Police transported the unnamed woman to a hospital for a mental evaluation and are awaiting a report on cause of death from the medical examiner.

Meanwhile, on the South Side of Chicago, police responded to reports of an elderly woman pushing a dead body around the Chatham neighborhood in a shopping cart on April 21, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Officers took the woman to a hospital for a mental evaluation and launched an investigation into the female body, whose age and identity had not been determined at press time.

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- 15. Liable to cry
- 16. Was rebroadcasted
- 17. Pilot's deadline
- 18. Packers QB
- 19. *Where ATMs have instructions in Latin
- 21. Army bathroom
- 23. Surf turf
- 24. "At ____, soldier!"
- 25. Pat
- 28. University head
- 30. Pre-wedding agreement
- 35. Caspian Sea river
- 37. Like the fairy tale duckling
- 39. Pore in a leaf
- 40. Hindu Mr.
- 41. Intrudes
- 43. Month before Nisan
- 44. Perpendicular to the keel
- 46. "Pronto!"
- 47. Highway hauler
- 48. Magazine collection
- 50. Bike maker
- 52. Bro's counterpart
- 53. Start of a conclusion
- 55. Look through a scope
- 57. *Popular all-inclusive location, pl.
- 61. *Where to visit "the happiest place on Earth"
- 65. Yokel's holler
- 66. Crematorium jar
- 68. Dip a ____ the water
- 69. General direction
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- 4. *Orient Express, e.g.
- 5. On the same page
- 6. Echoed by the flock
- 7. Chronic drinker

- 8. *Down Under marsupial
- 9. Scorch
- 10. ____ wig or ____ winkle
- 11. *Middle name of Shakespeare's hometown
- 12. Unit of force
- 15. *Taking the ____, or going to Baden-Baden
- 20. Consumed
- 22. Pharaoh's cobra
- 24. Joins the military
- 25. *Location of world's tallest building
- 26. Omani and Yemeni
- 27. " ____ in Toyland"
- 29. *Where to see Taj Mahal
- 31. #17 Across, pl.
- 32. Source of lymphocytes, pl.
- 33. Savory sensation
- 34. *Chunnel ride from London
- 36. *Party in Maui
- 38. *Sydney Harbour is one of first to ring in the new one
- 42. Ancient fishing tool
- 45. Modus operandi
- 49. Female pronoun
- 51. In working order
- 54. Run-of-the-mill
- 56. Native New Zealander
- 57. Memory unit
- 58. Nobleman's title
- 59. Throat-clearing sound
- 60. Flipside of pros
- 61. Unrivaled
- 62. *Vegas light
- 63. Floppy storage
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- 67. *Home to Christ the Redeemer

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This year FROM celebrates its 20th year anniversary which wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the community. FROM started in 1998 with a focus on bringing together individuals, families, churches, and businesses to respond to the needs of our neighbors in the greater Lowell community. Organized by 13 local churches, FROM began as an Access Six food pantry in the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Lowell with the purpose of addressing hunger in the Lowell area.

FROM has grown to what it is today because of amazing leadership from the Board of Directors, dedication from staff, support from volunteers and backing from the community. What started out as the vision of a few has turned into an entire community showing love to our neighbors.

During those first years, an average of 12 families a month received services out of the church basement. In 2017

FROM served an average of 170 families each month in just the pantry alone. Lunch Buddies provided 10,595 meals to children during winter, spring and summer breaks and 80 families received assistance paying past due heat and electric bills. It's not just about the numbers, but about making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

FROM services have grown and expanded over the years to include over a dozen programs that address needs like food insecurity, financial assistance, employment services, housing and more. FROM's focus is on walking alongside our neighbors in need and our Connections Office helps people access services at FROM or partner organizations.

On June 20, FROM will celebrate our 20th anniversary with a Roaring 20s Anniversary Event. For more information go to www.fromlowell.org.



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