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Inspection services, employee health ins. and more decisions at city council meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting on Monday, June 4. Nine people attended the 40 minute meeting where the council discussed inspection services, employee health care and more.

The council passed an agreement with Professional Code Inspections of Michigan for inspection services. At the last city council meeting on May 21, the council directed city manager Michael Burns to look into options beyond the agreement the city currently has with Cascade Township. That agreement will expire July 1.

"It was suggested by Cascade Township I reach out to Professional Code Inspections of Michigan to assist us," Burns said. "PCI provides building inspection services to many cities, villages and townships in West Michigan and are held in very high regard. [...] They can provide us with all the services we received from Cascade Township, which include building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspections."

The council voted to change the health plan for

city employees from the Priority Health HMO plan to a Priority Health Savings Account plan. Premiums for the old plan cost the city \$247,339.92 a year. The new plan costs \$204,131.16 a year, a difference of \$43,208.76 annually.

"The plan proposed is different than the current plan as it is a high deductible plan," Burns said. "Before insurance would kick in, the insured would need to contribute \$1,400 if they're single or \$2,800 if they're double or a family. This means rather than going to the doctor and making a \$15 copay, you would pay the negotiated full price for Priority Health care payments for the visit. Once you reach the deductible amount, insurance pays 90 percent of the costs, prescription costs may differ, until the individual reaches their total out-of-pocket amount of either \$3,500 for single or \$7,000 for a family. Then insurance funds 100 percent beyond those amounts. Preventative care such as your annual checkups, they're funded at 100 percent regardless if the deductible has been met."

The council also voted to join PROTEC, the Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights-of-Way, at a cost of \$472.88 and to donate \$500 to the Michigan Municipal League's Escanaba Legal Defense Fund.

"The city of Escanaba has been involved in a fight to preserve the correct assessment of large box stores," Burns said. "Several big box stores have been involved in challenging assessments based on closed stores and/or deed restrictions on the closed properties, thereby lowering the value of that property and then claimed that value of those stores be used as comparable to set the value of new property [and] stores. This isn't a proper way to set values for new properties and it has [been] artificially reduced the property taxes for the vibrant big box stores."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, June 18. They will meet with the public at a 'Coffee with the Council' event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, July 7.



Professional Code Inspections of Michigan president Kirk Scharphorn. His firm will take over inspection services for the city of Lowell.

AFC had Life Walk/Run fundraiser Saturday



by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Aiming to spread awareness of their mission and raise funds to support it the Alpha Family Center of Lowell hosted their annual Life Run/Walk last Saturday morning.

Convening bright and early at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds, employees and volunteers of AFC welcomed runners at 7:45 am for check in. The timed 5K race began at 8:30 am on a route through the community. Launching runners and then walkers from the starting line, individuals of all fitness levels were able to participate.

Monies were raised through pledges collected by participants or a \$25 registration fee in lieu of collecting donations. Prizes were awarded to the first three runners to complete the race along with medals for the best finish of each age group.

The AFC was founded with the goal of making a positive difference in the lives of families in the Lowell community. They offer free tests, education and resources for people facing an unplanned pregnancy.

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FROM will host a Roaring 20s party on June 20

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Flat River Outreach Ministries will celebrate their 20th anniversary by having a Roaring 20s party on Wednesday, June 20. There will be dinner, dessert, entertainment, a silent auction and the opportunity to play dress up before heading to the photo booth.

"We are encouraging attendees to dress in Roaring 20s style for the event, but it is not required," said FROM marketing and communications director Amanda Haberlein. "Roaring 20s style items can be found in Treasures Thrift Shop, online or at costume stores. While most people think of the flapper style dress at this time, there were actually quite a few other fashions that were popular during the 20s as well, such as low-waisted and shift dresses for women and pinstripes, fedoras and casual suits for men."

The evening will include a program highlighting FROM's past, present and future, plus a look at the

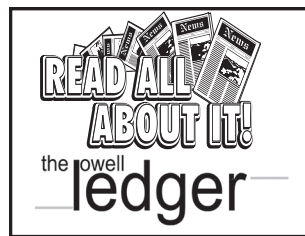
plans for their upcoming affordable housing project. Lowell music legend Roger McNaughton will provide the entertainment and items are already piling up for the silent auction.

"During the event FROM will unveil the plans for our housing program, Main Street Housing, showcasing what FROM's plans for the two homes [that were] purchased on Main Street in 2016," Haberlein said. "Items for the silent auction include one-of-a-kind items donated to Treasures Thrift Shop, such as a set of Madame Alexander dolls, a vintage KitchenAide mixer, a Galahad II mechanical mantle clock, a vintage drafting set and much more."

"This event really is a celebration and we are so excited to celebrate, with our community, all the things we have been able to do at FROM over the years," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "FROM wouldn't exist without the amazing support from our community and the dedication of so

many amazing volunteers. This really is an event to help celebrate the service of those who have been involved with Flat River Outreach Ministries from the very beginning as well as those who have just recently become acquainted with what we do. During the event we will highlight how the organization started and how it grew to what it is today."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit fromlowell.org or call 616-897-8260. Tickets are \$20 and will be available through June 19.



Taxpayers pay for stadiums & sports teams

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Professional sports teams and their owners get billions in tax breaks and incentives from the government to build the stadiums where they generate billions in profits for themselves.

According to a Sept. 6, 2017 report in the Detroit Free Press, the cost to build Little Caesars Arena for the Detroit Red Wings is \$863 million. This includes \$324 million in public money, plus a \$74-million payment to the Ilitch family's development firm "Olympia Development of Michigan" if the stadium causes at least \$200 million in new development nearby within five years.

The \$324 million public subsidy comes from taxes captured by Detroit's Downtown Development Authority through a tax increment financing plan. These taxes will be captured until at least 2051 and will be used to pay off bonds issued to pay for the arena's construction. Including interest, the overall cost to pay off the bonds is estimated at \$713 million.

Also according to the Sept. 6, 2017 Free Press article, "public obligations for the arena include \$250 million in DDA bonds issued in 2014 for the arena, \$34.5 million in DDA bonds issued this year to pay for accommodations at the arena for the Pistons and NBA games, \$4.85 million in closing costs and debt service reserves, [...] \$34.75 million to the project in taxes it captured between 2010 and 2014 [and] the DDA also is on the hook for the \$74-million reimbursement to the Ilitches' Olympia Development of Michigan."

According to a Detroit News opinion article on Jan. 7, 2018, the use of municipal bonds when building the facilities has cost taxpayers over \$3 billion over 16 years. "Because interest from municipal bonds is exempt from federal income taxes, the \$13 billion in municipal bond handouts given to stadiums that opened between 2000 and 2016 adds up to \$3.7 billion in federal taxpayer losses," the Detroit News article said. "Seventy-two sports team owners are billionaires and most teams are worth at least \$1 billion."

The Revenue Act of 1913 exempted the interest earned on municipal bonds to encourage investment in public infrastructure. Between then and 1953, only three stadiums were built with municipal bonds, all related to the Olympics. In 1953 the Boston Braves baseball team moved to

a publicly-built stadium in Milwaukee. Many teams followed this same path. Congress passed the Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968 with an exemption for sports facilities. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 removed this and added the requirement that at least 90 percent of the municipal bond debt service had to be publicly funded to qualify for tax-exempt status.

The Detroit Tigers got \$40.8 million two years ago from Florida taxpayers to renovate and expand their spring training center and the home of two minor league teams, Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. The city of Lansing spent \$12.8 million to build Cooley Law School Stadium, formerly Oldsmobile Park, for the Lansing Lugnuts. The city of Lansing spent \$13.5 million to modernize the stadium in 2015. Lansing's city-owned 7,527-seat stadium was built by the city to be home of the Toronto Blue Jays' Single-A affiliate, the Lugnuts, the city, and an \$11 million residential project attached to the ballpark, was privately financed by a developer. Comerica Park in Detroit cost \$326 million, \$145 million paid by the Tigers and \$181 million paid by taxpayers. On the other hand, construction of Fifth Third Ballpark was privately financed by the team owners in 1994 at a cost of \$6.5 million.



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~ Ray Bradbury (1920-2012)

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Angela, Cutlerville
"They should have the same rights, we're all humans, we all have opinions."



Dominic, Lowell
"They should all shut up and go away."



Jenn, Lowell
"Celebrities have the same constitutional rights that we all do."



Jim, Lowell
"Of course they have the same rights, but we've got a few warped people in this country, including our leader."



Rebecca, Lowell
"I think they have the same First Amendment rights, but they can't be upset when their employer decides to fire them because of their opinions."



Travis, Lowell
"They should shut up. I don't care to hear opinions from celebrities who think they're above everybody else. They just flap their mouths about everything."

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~ Frank Zappa (1940-1993)

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Tech savvy parents limit kids' screen time

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Many Silicon Valley parents, even technology giants like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, have suggested putting limits on kids' screen time.

Today, the average age of a child getting their first cell phone is 10. The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages any screen time for the first two years of life, then no more than one to two hours a day, no screens in bedrooms and enforcing mealtime and bedtime device curfews. In the UK, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence recently advised trying TV-free days or limiting screen time to fewer than two hours a day.

An article in the October 2017 issue of Business Insider revealed former Microsoft CEO Bill Gates implemented a cap on screen time when his daughter started developing an unhealthy attachment to a video game. The article also said that Gates didn't allow his kids to get cell phones until they turned 14.

Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple, said in a 2011 New York Times interview that he didn't even let his kids use the iPads that he helped invent.

"They haven't used it. We limit how much technology our kids use at home," Jobs said to the Times.

According to a May 30, 2018 CBS News report, many Silicon Valley parents send their kids to Waldorf schools. At the Waldorf School in Silicon Valley, 75 percent of the students have parents who work in the tech industry. Curriculum at Waldorf Schools favors physical activity, hands on experimentation, music and art over technology. Computers are not even introduced until eighth grade. The first Waldorf school was opened by Rudolf Steiner in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1919. There are now 1,139 Waldorf schools worldwide, including 190 in North America and 734 in Europe.



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viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Journal June 7, 1893

There is a steady increase in the electric lights, and it is a singular fact that no one who has yet used them have thrown them out.

Some of Lowell's residences was lighted for 68 cents for March, by electricity. Isn't that as cheap as kerosene.

The village has been obliged to find a new dumping ground for the rubbish and have selected the piece of ground north of the D. G. H. & M. Ry. Below the creamery for that purpose and here-after all rubbish of whatever kind will have to be taken there.

Have you been up to the site of the new dam? They are rushing things up there. The timid ones lose their fear at one view of the solid masonry "breast" that will hold the water in check. The West Mich. Electric Co. are pushing the work to a speedy completion and expect to deliver their fluid in Grand Rapids before Sept.

Electricity is life. It is also light, but all life is not light, neither is all light life, but all electric light is satisfaction and satisfaction prolongs life, therefore put electric lights in your house and live.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 6, 1918

A quite wedding took place at the home of Rev. H. Bank of Lowell Thursday, afternoon, May 31, when John H. Fahrni and Esther Mae Lind were united in marriage. The groom was attended by Manning Jones of Lowell and the bride by the groom's sister, Alice R. Fahrni, only the immediate relatives being present. Immediately after the ceremony, they motored to visit relatives in Edmore and Belding, returning Sunday evening to the home of the groom where a bountiful dinner was served. The dining room being decorated with maple leaves and evergreens. For the present they will reside at his home in South Boston. We wish the couple much joy in their new life. —[Com.]

Sunday, May 26, Claude Murray entertained the relatives to ice cream in honor of his brother Clyde, who left for Camp Custer Wednesday. Monday, his parents gave a family supper in his honor, and Tuesday they gave a farewell party. Those present beside the family were George Murray and family, Mort Rulason and family, Orla Rulason and wife and Dell Dawson. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro, light refreshments were served and all gave best wishes to Clyde for a quick ending to this terrible war. Through the kindness of the Rulason brothers, with their autos, the parents, wife, sister, brother and wife went to Grand Rapids to say the last goodbyes and see the boys on their way to Camp Custer. —[Com.]

There are about 900 names in the list of Lowell contributions to the last Red Cross drive—more than The Ledger can publish in this issue. -Expect to print it next week. Some job.

Miss Rogers of Grand Rapids will give a canning demonstration Friday afternoon, June 14, for the benefit of the Girls' Canning club just organized. The boys also have a potato club and all are busy preparing their ground for potatoes.

Allusion has recently been made in these columns to the moving picture production of Edward Everett Hale's classic story, "The Man Without a Country," which is to be shown at the Idle Hour theater Thursday, June 13. The Ledger cordially recommends this production to its readers in this unpaid notice.

John Ripstra and family and brother Mort and family of Grand Rapids spent the day here Sunday picnicking and fishing. The former were callers at J. Tower's, Mrs. Ripstra (nee Lottie Parker) having lived here years ago.

Prof. B. E. Quick of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., drove through from that place, a journey of 800 miles, last week and spent a day or two with Lowell relatives before leaving for Greencastle, Ind., where he will teach for an eleven weeks term at DePauw university.

The men of this vicinity gathered at the cemetery last week to do their share for the improvement on the new fence put up.

News has been received that Howard Farrell has been transferred to the Machine Gun company and is located at Camp McClellan, Alabama.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 10, 1943

Students graduating around Lowell today go into a world where there is much to be done. The primary function in the present setup is to build up military force rather than to promote educational ends. That comes after! Graduation in wartime is not like entering into a civil life to take up work that is a stepping-stone to a future of well-rounded, congenial tasks that are marks for financial and social advance. Education has made ready for this. But today they will step into jobs for which they haven't prepared, but for which they will produce until the time comes that they can follow their trades. Graduates step into blue jeans and they will meet this job as they have met the one of fighting for their country—magnificently. Not going out into a normal world, they will contribute their knowledge and the aid of their hands to helping get this world back together again. They are youth with a purpose, God bless them!

The census of Lowell School District No. 1 has been completed by Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps. The census shows a total of 731 in the district covering the period from birth up to the age of twenty.

The resolution of the Kent county board of supervisors requesting the Lowell Council to return the village to Central War Time in line with the rest of the county, was read at the regular meeting Monday night. The matter was discussed by the council, and on motion was ordered laid on the table until the next meeting.

The Servicemen's Honor Roll which has been placed in position on the front of Lowell City Hall and which was dedicated with appropriate services on Memorial Day, contains the names of upwards of 250 young men from Lowell and vicinity now serving in various branches of the country's military services. It is expected that when all of the names have been received the total will reach approximately four hundred, according to William Christiansen, who was appointed by the Common Council to look after details. The Honor Roll is a fitting recognition of servicemen from this locality and was dedicated to the memory of Gerald Ellis, who was the first man from this vicinity to

sacrifice his life in the present conflict.

Mrs. Wilber Pennock reports that her Foreman strain White Leghorn pullets have begun laying eggs at four months—a gain of about one month over the usual time. That's a practical way of helping out in the war effort. Mrs. Pennock has a flock of 1,600 chickens.

The main buildings of the Paul Kellogg Vinegar Company have been joined together with a new cement block addition.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 6, 1968

Each day of their school career has been a stepping stone to the members of the Lowell High School senior class, bringing them one step closer to that magic moment of graduation. This long and eagerly anticipated moment will finally arrive tonight (Thursday), when young men and women participate in the 90th annual graduation exercises held at Lowell High School. The commencement exercises will take place in the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. The program will include the presentation of diplomas by Dr. Robert Reagan, president of the Board of Education, and awards and scholarships presented by Roger Bieri, commander of the Amercian Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 and Carl Hagen, principal of the senior high school. Laura Coons, valedictorian, and Gerald Thaler, salutatorian, will speak to their fellow classmates and their parents and friends in the audience. Also featured will be the Lowell Varsity Choir and the Senior Band with a variety of musical selections. Rev. Chas Davis of the Lowell Congregational Church will give the invocation and benediction for the commencement.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 9, 1993

Vindicated in victory. That's how Lowell Township Supervisor, John Timpson described his feelings Thursday morning following the approval of the highly contested Proposition 1 rezoning issue. "I'm pleased the community has seen fit to agree with the decision of the Township board," Timpson said. "The vote of the Township people gives us a reassurance that we are doing the right thing." The right thing Timpson refers to is the rezoning of approximately 206 acres of land located in Section 28 at the northwest corner of 1-96 and M-50 from Ag-1 and Ag-2 to light industrial. The developer of the approximately \$30 million light industrial site is Bob Grooters. One of the three or four companies interested in the site includes Lowell's ITM. The company's future plans include building a 100,000 square foot corporate machining facility. 55 percent of the 2,956 registered voters in Lowell Township went to the polls last Wednesday. Proposition 1 passed by a narrow count of 41 votes (815- 774) or 51 percent to 49 percent. "I believe the most important thing that will come from the vote will be controlled growth," Wells said. "There was going to be growth regardless, but this assures that it will be controlled." Wells went on to say that the industrial development site has been studied by the Township Board for three years. "By having controlled growth the township will also be able to save most of the farm land in the long run," Wells explains. Like the debates over the last three years, the vote too was divided. Precinct 2 passed Proposition 1, 404-210. Precinct 1 defeated Proposition 1, 564-411. Timpson said its passage will bring employment opportunity to the people of the Township. "The employment will create money, which will help stimulate business in Lowell," Timpson said. "Both the Township Board and I live here and have stock in this district. If they can't trust this Board then they can't trust anybody." Lowell's Township Supervisor said it is hoped that the industrial site will help to satisfy the needs of this district for years to come.

health

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

- heat stroke

Heat stroke is a condition that results from prolonged exposure to high temperatures or physical exertion in high temperatures. The most serious is when your body temperature rises to 104 degrees or higher. This condition requires emergency treatment, as it can cause damage to your heart, brain, kidneys and muscles. It can also result in death.

Signs of heat stroke include:

- Body core temp of 104 degrees F or higher
- Mental status changes, such as slurred speech, confusion, delirium and seizures
- Nausea and vomiting
- Flushed, dry skin
- Headache
- Rapid heart rate and breathing

The very young and old are at increased risk. Certain medications can also increase the risk of heat stroke, like stimulants. Medical conditions such as heart and lung disease also increase risk.

Prevention is key. Protect against sunburn and drink plenty of water. Never leave anyone in a parked car, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Exercise in the early morning or evening to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Treatment centers around cooling your core body temperature. Immersion in cool water is the quickest way. A cooling blanket and ice packs applied to the neck, arm pits and groin are also effective.

college news

University of Alabama student Christine Ringel, of Lowell, will participate in UA's Cooperative Education Program for summer 2018. Ringel will be working at GE Appliances-Louisville in Louisville, KY.

In the Cooperative Education Program, more than 250 students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment. This program offers work related to the academic major or career interests of each student and experience that enhances the students' employment prospects after graduation.

While in school, students carry regular course schedules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work. At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition

to valuable job experience. Participants maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration status each semester through graduation.

Alma College has released the dean's list for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2018 winter term. Local students, of Lowell: Marcus Malling is studying general studies and is a graduate of Lowell High School and Jacob Reagan is studying general studies and is a graduate of Home School Clearing House.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Davenport University has announced students named to the president's list for the winter 2018 semester. The president's list recognizes top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. Local students are: of Alto: Rachel Bowman, Elisabeth Giovannucci, Scott Hoek, Zachary Knowles, Samantha Kruse, Lauren Marchione, Danielle McCarty, Craig Nusser, Jayne Pyscher, Benjamin Reed, Christian Sirowatka, William Swartz, Grace Tegg, and Tracy Wolfe; of Lowell: Kailey Botma, Samuel DeVito, Paige Dejonge, Lauren Dood, Steven Endres, Vincent Larkin, Susan Merriman, Benjamin Noffke, Kyler Shurlow, Trevor Shurlow, Kelly St. John, and Gretchen Wilson.

To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

The following local students have been named to the dean's honor roll for the spring 2018 semester at Lawrence Technological University: of Ada: Lydia Irving, Architecture; and of Lowell: Nicholas Sytsma, Const. Engr. Tech. and Mgmt.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, released the college's dean's list for spring 2018 and Alexis Suwyn, of Ada, has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement.

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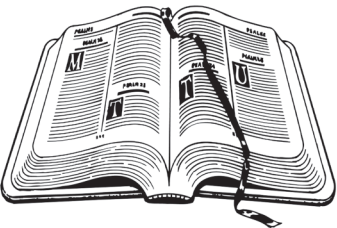
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Academic Spotlight



Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Brianna Roest & Darby Dean

A passionate pursuer of knowledge, Brianna Roest never intends to stop learning. As the Lowell High School class of 2018 valedictorian, Roest exits with a GPA of 4.412 and a myriad of academic accomplishments. Also a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Lowell Women's Club, interact club and the Science Research Club, Roest encourages others to share her love of education, "There is an impossible amount of information out in the world and it's up to us to attain however much of that knowledge as we can."



2018 LHS Valedictorian Brianna Roest.

Ledger: When was the first moment that you remember feeling like a Red Arrow?

Roest: When I went to my first Pink Arrow game in sixth grade. It was amazing feeling the sense of community at the game and I truly felt like I was a part of the crowd cheering on our team.

Ledger: What elementary level teacher made a distinct difference in your life and how?

Roest: My art teacher, Mrs. Coffman, made an enormous impact on my younger self. She really encouraged my love for art and even though I am by no means an artist, I thoroughly enjoyed working with her in art class knowing that in that class as long as I tried, I could not fail.

Ledger: What is your best memory of your elementary years?

Roest: I don't have a best memory, so much as a compilation of all these little insignificant moments that have made me who I am. Looking back on the compilation of memories gives me the perfect nostalgic feeling that is better than what any one memory would ever give me.

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

Roest: This fall I will attend the college of engineering at the University of Michigan to study materials science engineering with a minor in environmental science.

Ledger: What inspired you to your current career path?

Roest: I have had years and years of phenomenal math and

science teachers who have encouraged me in my pursuits even before I realized my career goals. The most influential of these teachers include Mrs. DeJonge, Mr. Michaud, and Mr. Dimmick.

Ledger: How did you stay motivated to maintain your academic status?

Roest: My family was a wonderful support group and motivational aspect. My parents always encouraged my love for learning and my siblings motivated me to live up to the legacy that they were leaving for me (my older sister was also a valedictorian and my older brother is practically a genius).

Ledger: How do you feel that LHS has better prepared you for your future?

Roest: Through AP classes and other college preparatory classes, LHS has given me a feel for what college level classes will be like. LHS has also taught me important life skills, including time management, public speaking and self-motivation.

Ledger: What would you list as the highlights of your time as a Red Arrow?

Roest: Winning first place at an event in the Science Olympiad competition. Eating a whole pizza in one sitting. Being chosen prom queen by my peers. Graduating.

Lowell High School class of 2018 salutatorian Darby Dean's high school career could be called nothing other than a success. An active member of schools clubs and organizations, a triple threat athlete, helping to secure Red Arrow championships, is the second in her class to graduate with a summa cum laude level GPA of 4.382. Honored for both her academic and athletic performances, Dean's list of accolades include All-State soccer status, back to back OK White basketball championships, All-State academic honors in three sports, the LHS Female Athlete of the Year award and a permanent place in Lowell football history as the first female kicker to score a point in the program's 117 year history.

Ledger: When was the first moment that you remember feeling like a Red Arrow?

I first remember feeling like a Red Arrow when I was in second grade and was on a Little Lady Arrows basketball team. I remember when the older varsity players would come to our games and how much I looked forward to them coming and getting to talk to them after. I remember how much I couldn't wait to be one of them and play on the varsity team.

Ledger: What elementary level teacher made a distinct difference in your life and how?

I have two teachers. My fourth grade teacher Mrs. Blanding, because she was always there for me and matured me a lot before going into middle school and my fifth grade teacher Mr. Fillman, because he taught me how to laugh at myself. I had so much fun in his class and it's where I met some of my best friends.

Ledger: What is your best memory of your elementary years?

My most memorable moment from elementary school was probably fifth grade camp or playing football with all the boys at recess.

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

I will be attending Ferris State University to play soccer and will be studying pre-medicine in hopes of becoming a pediatric oncologist.

Ledger: What inspired you to your current career path?

I have always known I wanted to go into medicine. [but] Throughout my life, I've had close loved ones and seen families go through the battle with cancer and their fights inspired me to want [to] help others with their fight against cancer.

Ledger: How do you feel sports participation enhanced your high school experience?

Playing in sports has enhanced my high school experience because of the friendships I've made. I found my best friends through sports and created the best friendships, the friendships I will have for the rest of my life. Also, the memories you make and the bond I've created with every team I've been a part of is such a great aspect of high school. It's a part that really can't be beat.

Ledger: What other groups, clubs or organizations did you participate in?

Throughout high school I have been a part of Student Council all four years, National Honors Society, Youth Advisory Council and Lowell Women's Varsity Club, the last three years. I am also one of sixteen members of Student Advisory Council for the MHSAA the last two years and joined Interact Club this past year.

Ledger: How do you feel that LHS has better prepared you for your future?

Lowell has prepared me for the future because it's taught me how to carry myself as an adult and in a mature manner which will help me through college and making connections with new people and my future professors.

Ledger: What would you list as the highlights of your time as a Red Arrow?

Back to back conference champs in basketball and making it to district finals for soccer my junior year were really memorable moments for me. Also going to football games and supporting the wrestling team in their state championships with my friends was also really memorable.

Ledger: What legacy do you hope that the class of 2018 leaves behind in the community?

I hope the class of 2018 can leave the future generations with the message that they shouldn't take any of the time you have in high school for granted, because it really does go by so fast. I would hope we can just remind the new people who will be entering the high school and the people currently in high school to just cherish the time you spend with friends, in the clubs you participate in and sports teams you're a part of.



2018 LHS Salutatorian Darby Dean.

Sunday evening Summer House Concerts begin at LowellArts

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

RyneShyne Enterprises and LowellArts have joined forces to put together a series of “Summer House Concerts” featuring the cream of the crop of Grand Rapids indie bands.

For a suggested \$5 donation, at 6 pm every Sunday in June and July, these concerts will offer a unique opportunity to witness a live recording session, as organizers plan to record professional-quality audio and video. The concerts will also be broadcast live on WRWW.

“Each Sunday at 6 pm we’ll go live on WRWW. I’ll introduce the bands and interview them between the songs,” said Ryne Clark, the instigator behind this and many other musical

projects. “The interview is not going to be separate from the session at that point, it’s all going to be broadcast live on the radio station during the session. People

can come in and watch the session being broadcast, recorded and filmed. It’s a lot more personal. It’s also a lot more pressure on the

they have in past sessions. And we’ll have giveaways and cool stuff like that. The events are every Sunday in June and July. We decided

recruiting more filmmakers, so that’s going to be cool. Even if you can’t pay the \$5, we want everybody to come out, have a good time and

projects at RyneShyne Enterprises’ online headquarters, ryнешyne.club.

“When the video is all done, it won’t have as much of the interview because people will really want to see and hear the songs,” Clarke said. “We’ll be filming with more than just one camera; there will be mounted cameras and various different shots. I’ll probably put the interviews up separately as a podcast. We’re also looking into doing single song releases from each session or a compilation CD of single songs, the best performance from each night.”

Through RyneShyne Enterprises, Clarke has hosted 16 live music sessions from a friend’s home and the WRWW studio. The LowellArts concerts came about after a brainstorming session Clarke had with John Wenger.

“I’ve played at LowellArts by myself or with different bands probably four or five times now and I’ve known the lady who runs it for a long time, she’s a friend of the family,”

Clarke said. “I’ve had fun doing music sessions, setting them up and all that, but I wanted to make them a lot more interactive. Plus, it was getting taxing for Jeremy Kargl’s parents with us doing all these music sessions in the basement of their house each week. Teaming up with LowellArts just seemed like a smart thing to do. This series came about from me and John Wenger bouncing around ideas. John does sound for all the Lowell Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts and the other House Concerts at LowellArts. He’s put up some really cool stage lights in the art gallery and he’s setting up the stage each week.”

Clarke appealed to friends and the Internet and soon a definitive line up of bands was created.

“I made a post on a Facebook page for the Grand Rapids music scene saying that I was doing free music sessions and some of the bands approached me there,” Clarke said. “Some of the other bands were recommendations from those bands. I like the folk punk bands in Grand Rapids and it’s pretty easy to get these bands to come play.



Bet on Rats will be at LowellArts at 6 pm on Sunday, June 10.

bands, but even if there are mess-ups, it will capture the raw essence of a live performance. It’s more fun. Bands won’t have to wear headphones either, like

to make them free but with a \$5 suggested donation. I thought a lot of people might have \$5 and anything helps out. We’re trying to upgrade equipment and I’m

see what we do. We put a lot of work into it. Hopefully people show up!”

The live session will then be edited into music videos, podcasts and used in other


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I haven't been a long time member of the Alien Dogs, but by playing shows as their bassist I've met a lot of people who said they might like to do sessions."

Clarke is just the bass player in the Alien Dogs, but he is also the leader of the Ryne Experience and is a member of the Preservers. He recently self-released 25 copies of an EP called "Indie

Rock Pop Star" with samples of what an ambitious new project could sound like.

"They're kind of more like demos than anything else, just like showing what the two sides of my new record would be like," Clarke said.

"I did the two main songs on the EP in December and January, then the other two are band demos. It's a good look at the new record I'm going to be putting out, which is going to be a double record. The first record will be me with my acoustic and

whatever, on it. I'll just take all the instruments in my room and throw them on the tracks. Of course I'll spend a lot of time working on it, putting the different parts in there and mixing it up. I'm going to cut three tracks for the other record with the

"We are going to play a few shows this summer," Clarke said. "I just got hit up today by the Red Barn, so we're going to play there on June 12 and we're probably going to play at the July 4th parade in Grandville. We're going to be on a float in front

of something like 50,000 people, which sounds crazy. Plus it's a paid gig. We'll also be playing at the 'Dancing in the Streets' parade in Lowell later this summer."

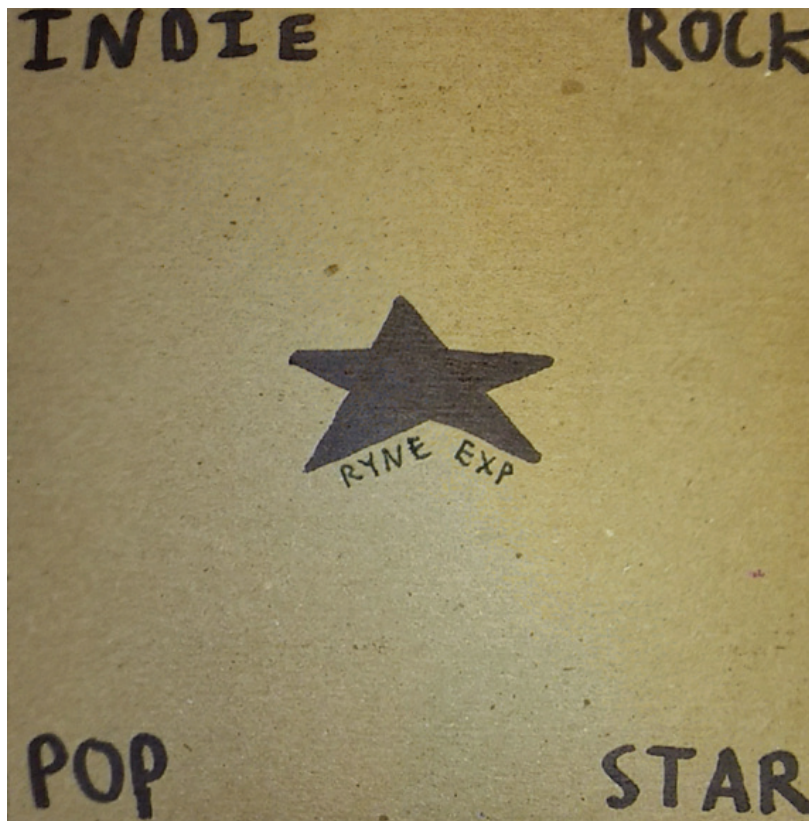
The next RyneShyne/LowellArts House Concert is Grand Rapids folk punkers 'Bet on Rats' on Sunday, June 10. For more information visit lowellartsmi.org

"The calendar is on the

LowellArts website," Clarke said. "You can also read about the bands and there are links where you can explore their music. If you click on the links, listen to some of their music and see what they're doing, you might be more inclined to come out. Bet on Rats is going to be cool. I like the 78 RPMs and I'm really looking forward to Conrad Shock and the Noise. I've heard a lot of good things about Elroy Meltzer, that he's a super funny guy, so I'm looking forward to that one."



Ryne Clarke of RyneShyne Enterprises has teamed up with LowellArts for a concert series.



The "Indie Rock Pop Star" EP by the Ryne Experience is a preview of their upcoming album.

a bunch of overdubs like the first two songs on the EP are. The other record is going to be like the other two songs on the EP where I collaborated with a bunch of other musicians. The two records will definitely be different even though they'll be inside the same packaging. One will be more acoustic and the second will be more rock based, but we'll have to see how it turns out. I don't know what's going to happen. On the acoustic one, I'm going to throw accordion, banjo,

Preservers. Jerry Wenger is definitely going to be on it, my friend Devin will be on it and Mitch from the Alien Dogs will too. I'm also going to try to do a track with both Gabe Tower and Mitch Petersen from the Alien Dogs. That would be a cool role reversal if maybe I did guitar and vocals and Gabe did bass or something like that, just to mix it up. That's something I'm trying to put together right now."

The Preservers have at least three shows booked this summer.

- June 10: *Bet on Rats*
- June 17: *78 Revolutions Per Minute*
- June 24: *Silverstiles*
- July 1: *Ugly Flannel*
- July 8: *Conrad Shock and the Noise*
- July 15: *Maggie May*
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- SOFTBALL

SPORTS

Ladies claim the Division I district championship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity softball added another trophy to their season collection last Saturday at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I District Championship.

After completing a perfect 12-0 OK White season and garnering the conference championship, the Red Arrows began their postseason last week Saturday hosted by local heavy hitter the Rockford Rams. Producing two no hitters while racking up their own runs the

team utilized consistent pitching and active and accurate at bats.

They pummeled the Rams in the district semi-finals in the 3-0 win. This win propelled the Arrows to the finals round against the Northview Wildcats where the Lady Arrows continued winning, this time 8-0, earning them a shot at the regional title.

The team will vie for that title at Grand Haven High School this Saturday, June 9, at noon where they will face the Caledonia Scots in the regional semifinal.



The 2018 District Championship Red Arrow varsity softball team. (Photo by Kim Stephens)

Great Lakes Baseball 10u brings home the bling after unforgettable performance in Kalamazoo

Submitted by Danielle Haller

Great Lakes Baseball head coach Larry Bennett's 10U players wasted no opportunities at the plate this past weekend when they headed out of town for the "Battle In The Zoo" travel baseball tournament in Kalamazoo. On Sunday they found themselves taking the field for the championship game against a Kalamazoo team "ATH Stampede."

Great Lakes Baseball 10U pulled away for good with six runs in the third inning. In the third Tyler Elliott singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run; Henry E

grounded out, scoring one run; Daniel Conrad singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run; and an error scored two runs for Great Lakes Baseball 10U. Colton Brinks led things off on the pitcher's mound for Great Lakes Baseball 10U. He went three innings, allowing only two runs on two hits and striking out six. Catcher Logan Haller was solid behind the plate throwing out multiple players from the opposing team at second and third. Any player from the Stampede team that was able to hit off the Great Lakes pitcher was called out

at first base, as first basemen JJ Kelsey was nearly unstoppable.

With a final score of 10-5, the Great Lakes 10u baseball team, along with coach Bennett and his coaching staff, proudly took [to] the field to shake hands with their opponents and be awarded rings for their first-place win. Upon completion of the awards ceremony it was nearly impossible for this crew to contain their excitement as they ran off the field to celebrate with each other with their families waiting anxiously on the other side

of the fence. The players cheered, the coaches smiled and the moms cried. To say that victory felt good would be an understatement.

Coach Bennett commented after the conclusion of the tournament, "All 11 players contributed to the outcome of this weekend. I couldn't be more proud of them as a team as well as individually. I felt confident in what we brought to this tournament in terms of talent, determination and our general desire to win, and the boys followed my lead all weekend long. They played with class against every opponent and kept a positive mental attitude throughout the entire tournament and when those things are combined with the talent this team has, good things start to happen. Our team makes it a goal throughout the year to spend time together, practice even during the off-season and do anything we can to remain a team during the season and during the off-season. Our practices are orderly and sometimes

tough and I expect a lot out of them but that's because I know what each player and my confidence in them actually shows through them whether they are

and a season record of 12-3, it's safe to say this won't be the first time you hear about this group making a name for themselves. The Great Lakes 10U team is a travel baseball team made




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Red Arrow SPORTS

23 Red Arrow athletes earn all-conference honors

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Twenty-three Red Arrow athletes were given all-conference honors by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for their sports performances. Of the nearly two dozen honorees an impressive nine represented the varsity track and field team.

Earning all-conference honors in track and field were seniors, Caleb Devereaux, Morrison Ismond, Will Reynolds and Jake Rau; junior Diana Roth; sophomores, Kyra Snyder and Julia Pytlik; and freshmen, Kaylee Diamond and Theresa Judd.

Members of the Lowell varsity softball team named

all-conference were seniors, Megan Summerfield and Kenzie North; juniors, Kylee Stephens, Emily Depew and Madison Jordan; and sophomore Kaia Zimmerman. Seniors Brady Douma and Garrett Pratt were selected from the talent of the Red Arrow varsity baseball team.

Three additional sports saw one or more student athletes named all-conference. Seniors, Darby Dean and Riley Conlan; and junior Regan Coxon of the Lowell girls varsity soccer team; senior Jake Nugent and junior Ella Dougherty from the Red Arrow lacrosse program and junior Maria Leon for girls varsity tennis.



Lowell High School all-conference athletes.

Boys fall 8-7 in district finals against the Huskies

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

After completing their conference season last week 10-8, the Red Arrow varsity basketball team made two steps into the postseason before falling in the district finals.

In game one versus

Greenville, senior Garrett Pratt threw a perfect game for an 8-0 win. Allowing no hits or runs Pratt struck out 11 Greenville batters and walked only one in the no hitter.

Junior Gavin Hoffman and senior Brady Douma secured two hits each.

Douma led in stolen bases earning three of the Arrows 11 steals.

Game two on Saturday against the Rockford Rams resulted in another no hitter for Pratt. Pratt pitched all seven innings, striking out five. Douma logged the only plate action winning the

contest 1-0 and earning the team a place in the district finals.

Facing the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern a few hours later for the championship, the Arrows held a 7-4 lead moving into the sixth inning, but fell behind after a late inning

surge from their opponent. The 8-7 walk off loss was led by Hoffman and junior Jackson Helder both earning RBIs. Pratt and Douma each tallied multiple hits. Senior Travis Cornell and junior Jordan Dent combined on the hill in the season ending game.

Led by head coach Justin Miller, the Red Arrows finished the spring season with a break even 15-15 record overall.

Arrows go 1-1 against Huskies, fall out of districts early

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Completing both their regular and post-season just days apart, the Lowell Red Arrow varsity soccer team went 1-1 against the Forest Hills Northern Huskies last week, falling quickly out of the race for district championship.

Wrapping up their regular season schedule on Wednesday against FHN, the Arrows secured a virtually perfect victory taking down the Huskies with a 5-0 shut out. Junior goalkeeper Abby White saved eight in goal.

Goals were earned by sophomores, Maddie Halfmann and Khloe Hayes, as well as juniors, Isabel Remar and Regan Coxon. Assists were credited to Hayes, Coxon, senior co-captains, Darby

Dean and Riley Conlan; and junior Aly Holdridge. The win secured the team's regular season record at 8-3-1 in conference play and 11-3-5 overall placing them third in the OK White.

Saturday the team faced the Huskies once again for post-season action. Falling 2-1 and out of the district race early, the Lady Arrows' lone goal came from Remar and was assisted by Dean.

With the close of the season, the team, led by head coach Daniel Lipon, says goodbye to a handful of seniors, including Dean, Conlan, Maura Fitzpatrick, Katherine Kroll and Hailey Hoevenaar.



Senior co-captain Riley Conlan on the field.

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1. Certification of Cowan Lake Special Assessment District petition.
2. Umbaugh as Municipal Advisor for Cowan Lake Sewer project.
3. Resolution 2018-018; Reversing a determination of the sewer administrator, extending sewer service, including a second hook-up for future property split.
4. Resolution 2018-017; Road Millage Proposal.
5. FASC Member Dale Oberlin to serve remainder of Steve Christians term.

Our next Township Meeting will be **June 11 at 7 p.m.**
The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

obituaries

CROSS

John Raymond Cross, age 64, passed away on January 20, 2018. He was born on May 11, 1953 to Donald and Elaine Cross in Grand Rapids. He met the love of his life, Tina, and married her on April 6, 1973. John and Tina moved to the Tampa, FL area in 1998. John was a loving husband and father with a tremendous sense of humor. While he will be greatly missed, we know his spirit rests with the Lord. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, John, Michael, and Donald; and six grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner, Emma, Evan, Damian and Arthur. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 1-4 pm at Keiser's Kitchen in Lowell. Family and friends are welcome.



ERICKSON

Norman Erickson, age 85 of Barryton, Michigan, formerly of Lowell, passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elof and Anna Erickson; sister, Helen McCaul; brothers, Paul Erickson, Art Erickson; brother-in-law Dick McCaul; and sister-in-law Pat Erickson. He is survived by his companion, Noreen Doolittle; children Vicki (James) Reingrover of Littleton, CO, Michael (Caryl) Erickson of Alta Loma, CA, Kathy (Steve) Henney of Westland, MI, Nancy Morris of Okemos, MI; siblings, John (Lucile) Erickson, Harry Erickson, Esther Erickson, Alvin Erickson; grandchildren, Mark Reingrover of Lakewood, CO, Marci (Chris) Bennett of Littleton, CO, Aaron Erickson of CA, Andrew Erickson of Alta Loma, CA, Aimee Erickson of WA, Stephanie (Kris) Smyth of Plymouth, MI, Stephen (Michi) Henney of Canton, MI, Robert Morris, Richard Morris both of Holt, MI, Ryan (Jenny) Morris of Okemos, MI; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be held Saturday, June 9, at 12:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. The family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral home chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Autism Alliance of Michigan, 30100 Telegraph Rd. Bingham Farms, MI 48025; or online at <https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/donate/>



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FAULKNER

Roger L. Faulkner, age 84 of Ada, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2018. He is preceded in death by his brother, Larry Faulkner; and three



grandchildren. Roger is survived by his beloved wife, Vicki Faulkner; children, Dan (Linda) Faulkner, Roger (Betsy) Faulkner, Ralph (Jody) Faulkner, Teri Phelps, Janet (Chad) Taylor, Josh (Karlie) Faulkner; sister, Joy (Dick) Cooper; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Roger served in the Korean War in the US Marine Corps. He was a former football coach in the Forest Hills and Lowell area, as well as an avid hunter. A private celebration of Roger's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



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MCLEAN

Steven "Mort" James McLean, age 63 of Clarksville, passed away unexpectedly Monday, June 4, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, James McLean; and sister, Deb Alkema. Steve is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jan McLean; daughters, Haley and Madison McLean; mother, Mary McLean; brothers Tom (Kim) McLean, Jay (Linda) McLean; sister Karen (Chris) Yost; brothers-in-law Scott (Heather) Alkema, Steve (Deb) Perry; sister-in-law Holly (Vernon) Nyhuis; and many nieces and nephews. Steve graduated from MSU and was a diehard State fan. He was a loyal and dedicated employee of Amway; the company from which he retired. He loved hosting his friends for parties. Steve will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held Thursday, June 7, from 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Funeral service will be held Friday, June 8, 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Deacon Mike Mauer officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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SHANK

Kay Louise (Anderson) Shank, age 68 years of Grandville, passed from life Friday, May 25, 2018 at Blodgett Spectrum Hospital surrounded by her loving family, following a lengthy illness. She was born in Athens, Ohio on July 20, 1949 to the late Marvin L. Anderson and Carol Cline Anderson and raised on her family's farm on Kissing Rock Ave., Lowell. She was predeceased by her sister, Christy in 1996. Kay graduated with the class of 1967 from Lowell High School. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, David L. Shank. Also surviving are her children, Victoria (Chris) Robinson of Allendale, Melissa Cutrara (Jonathan Wade) of Salisbury, MD, Todd (Penny) Shank of Grand Rapids and Rodney Shank of Oregon; grandchildren, Amanda Inlay, Ashley Meena, Lexie Robinson, C.J. Robinson, Megan Guy, Sydney Cutrara, Z.J. Cutrara, McKenzie Meyers and Decker Shank; great-grandchildren, Nola Inlay, Neva Inlay, Sophia Guy and Beauregard Guy. She is also survived by her siblings, Keith Anderson of Holland, June VanWingen and Joan Cunningham of Grand Rapids, Julie Heydenburg of Sparta and Linda DesJarden, Pam Anderson, Tim Anderson, Joel Anderson, Richard Anderson all of Lowell; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service and reception will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Luella Collins Community Center in Wayland, MI at 1 pm with interment at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell later this summer.

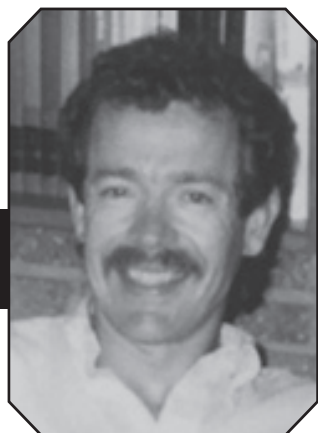


THORNTON

Amy Josephine Thornton, age 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, May 31, 2018. She was born in Columbus, Georgia, to Guy and Ethel Thornton on September 27, 1941. She grew up to be a true Georgia Peach. Upon graduating from Baker High School (Class of '59) she married Tom Smith of Saranac, 1959-1963; they had two sons, Tom Smith and Bill Smith. Amy married again to Craig Starkweather of Lowell, 1964-1970; they had two daughters, Roxanne Sokoloski and Suzanne O'Connor. She worked for the State of Michigan in the Kent CAP/CETA organization, Michigan Employment Security Commission and the Riverside Correctional Facility. Upon retiring from the state, she opened a daycare facility and became the "grandma" for a couple of generations of kids throughout the Lowell area. Amy is survived by her four children, Tom Smith, Bill (Cindy) Smith, Roxanne Sokoloski, and Suzanne (Dan) O'Connor; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and her brother, George (Beth) Thornton. Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 12 from 6-8 pm at the church of the Nazarene, 201 North Washington, Lowell. Graveside service will be on Wednesday, June 13 at 11 am at Oakwood Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Church of the Nazarene community hall. Flowers may be sent to the Church of the Nazarene. Please consider memorial contributions to Senior Meals on Wheels or the American Diabetes Association.



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GEMINI (May 21- June 20):



Between 1967 and 1973, NASA used a series of Saturn V rockets to deliver six groups of American astronauts to the moon. Each massive vehicle weighed about 6.5-million pounds. The initial thrust required to launch it was tremendous. Gas mileage was seven inches per gallon. Only later, after the rocket flew farther from the grip of Earth's gravity, did the fuel economy improve. I'm guessing that in your own life, you may be experiencing something like that seven-inches-per-gallon feeling right now. But I guarantee you won't have to push this hard for long.

CANCER (June 21- July 22):



Mars, the planet that rules animal vitality and instinctual enthusiasm, will cruise through your astrological House of Synergy for much of the next five months. That's why I've concluded that between now and mid-November, your experience of togetherness can and should reach peak expression. Do you want

intimacy to be robust and intense, sometimes bordering on rambunctious? It will be if you want it to be. Adventures in collaboration will invite you to wander out to the frontiers of your understanding about how relationships work best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):



Which astrological sign laughs hardest and longest and most frequently? I'm inclined to speculate that Sagittarius deserves the crown, with Leo and Gemini fighting it out for second place. But having said that, I suspect that in the coming weeks you Leos could rocket to the top of the chart, vaulting past Sagittarians. Not only are you likely to find everything funnier than usual; I bet you will also encounter more than the usual number of authentically humorous and amusing experiences. (P.S.: I hope you won't cling too fiercely to your dignity, because that would interfere with your full enjoyment of the cathartic cosmic gift.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22):



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It's a Dead Language

In Charleston, South Carolina, Cara Koscinski and her whole family were looking forward to her son Jacob's May 19 graduation party. The Post and Courier reported he had excelled in his Christian-based homeschool program, earning a 4.79 GPA and the summa cum laude distinction, an honor Koscinski included in the wording on the cake she ordered online from her local Publix store. When the software informed her "profane/special characters (are) not allowed," Koscinski made clear that phrase was Latin, meaning "with the highest distinction," and even included a link to a website explaining it. Still, when the cake arrived, it read: "Congratulations Jacob! Summa --- laude Class of 2018." Jacob was embarrassed and Koscinski had to tell her 70-year-old mother why the store had censored the word. Publix offered to remake the cake, but as Koscinski noted, "You only graduate once."

Ironies

Police officers in North Ridgeville, Ohio, were sure the man who called them at 5:26 am on May 19 to report being followed by a pig was impaired and hallucinating. But sure enough, the Associated Press reported, officers on the scene found a completely sober man, walking home from the Elyria Amtrak station with a pig trailing behind him. The department's Facebook page reported that Patrolman Kuduzovic wrangled the oinker into the back seat of his cruiser and later secured it in the station's dog kennels, where the owner later retrieved it. "Also," the post noted, "we will mention the irony of the pig in a police car now so that anyone that thinks they're funny is actually unoriginal and trying too hard." Touche.

According to my analysis of the astrological omens, a little extra egotism might be healthy for you right now. A surge of super-confidence would boost your competence; it would also fine-tune your physical well-being and attract an opportunity that might not otherwise find its way to you. So, for example, consider the possibility of renting a billboard on which you put a giant photo of yourself with a tally of your accomplishments and a list of your demands. The cosmos and I won't have any problem with you bragging more than usual or asking for more goodies than you're usually content with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 22):



The coming weeks will be a favorable time for happy endings to sad stories, and for the emergence of efficient solutions to convoluted riddles. I bet it will also be a phase when you can perform some seemingly clumsy magic that dispatches a batch of awkward karma. Hooray! Hallelujah! Praise Goo! But now listen to my admonition, Libra: The coming weeks won't be a good time to toss

and turn in your bed all night long thinking about what you might have done differently in the month of May. Honor the past by letting it go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21):



"Dear Dr. Astrology: In the past four weeks, I have washed all 18 of my underpants four times. Without exception, every single time, each item has been inside-out at the end of the wash cycle. This is despite the fact that most of them were not inside-out when I threw them in the machine. Does this weird anomaly have some astrological explanation? - Upside-Down Scorpio." Dear Scorpio: Yes. Lately your planetary omens have been rife with reversals, inversions, flip-flops, and switchovers. Your underpants situation is a symptom of the bigger forces at work. Don't worry about those bigger forces, though. Ultimately, I think you'll be glad for the renewal that will emerge from the various turnabouts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):



As I sat down to meditate on your horoscope, a hummingbird flew in my open window. Scrambling to herd it safely back outside, I knocked my iPad on the floor, which somehow caused it to open a link to a Youtube video of an episode of the TV game show Wheel of Fortune, where the hostess Vanna White, garbed

Oops!

Lyons, New York, resident Jesse Graham, 53, must have been surprised when deputies of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department appeared at his door on May 11. WHEC TV reported that Graham, a fugitive wanted by the Mooresville (North Carolina) Police Department, had apparently accidentally dialed 911, summoning the deputies himself. Graham was charged with being a fugitive from justice and possession of marijuana, and he awaits extradition to North Carolina.

Anger Management

Frustration with the cable company boiled over in Ridgewood, New Jersey, on May 7, when a dispute between an Optimum employee and a woman left the cable worker stranded on high. While the employee was in an elevated bucket working on lines, northjersey.com reported, a 59-year-old woman turned off the truck and "took utility property" before walking away, making it impossible for the worker to lower the bucket. Ridgeview police charged the woman with harassment, false imprisonment, disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing.

What a Crock!

As it negotiated a roundabout in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland, a dump truck filled with manure lost its balance on May 21 and tipped over, spilling its load onto a Peugeot 208 with the driver inside. A witness said he "couldn't believe anyone got out alive," but the male driver was able to crawl through the pile of excrement and was unhurt, if stinky, Metro News reported. The car, however, "was crushed," according to a Police Scotland spokesman.

in a long red gown, revealed that the word puzzle solution was USE IT OR LOSE IT. So what does this omen mean? Maybe this: You'll be surprised by a more-or-less delightful interruption that compels you to realize that you had better start taking greater advantage of a gift or blessing that you've been lazy or slow to capitalize on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):



You're in a phase when you'll be smart to bring more light and liveliness into the work you do. To spur your efforts, I offer the following provocations. 1. "When I work, I relax. Doing nothing makes me tired." - Pablo Picasso. 2. "Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them." - Ann Landers. 3. "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." - Aristotle. 4. "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." - Scott Adams. 5. "Working hard and working smart can sometimes be two different things." - Byron Dorgan. 6. "Don't stay in bed unless you can make money in bed." - George Burns. 7. "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is lightning that does the work." - Mark Twain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):



"There isn't enough of anything as long as we live," said poet and short-story writer Raymond Carver. "But at intervals a sweetness appears and, given a chance, prevails." My reading of the astrological omens suggests that the current phase of your cycle is one of those intervals, Aquarius. In light of this grace period, I have some advice for you, courtesy of author Anne Lamott: "You weren't born a person of cringe and contraction. You were born as energy, as life, made of the same stuff as stars, blossoms, breezes. You learned contraction to survive, but that was then." Surrender to the sweetness, dear Aquarius.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):



Between you and your potential new power spot is an imaginary ten-foot-high, electrified fence. It's composed of your least charitable thoughts about yourself and your rigid beliefs about what's impossible for you to accomplish. Is

there anything you can do to deal with this inconvenient illusion? I recommend that you call on Mickey Rat, the cartoon superhero in your dreams who knows the difference between destructive destruction and creative destruction. Maybe as he demonstrates how enjoyable it could be to tear down the fence, you'll be inspired to join in the fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):



According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you would be wise to ruffle and revise your relationship with time. It would be healthy for you to gain more freedom from its relentless demands; to declare at least some independence from its oppressive hold on you; to elude its push to impinge on every move you make. Here's a ritual you could do to spur your imagination: Smash a timepiece. I mean that literally. Go to the store and invest \$20 in a hammer and alarm clock. Take them home and vociferously apply the hammer to the clock in a holy gesture of pure, righteous chastisement. Who knows? This bold protest might trigger some novel ideas about how to slip free from the imperatives of time for a few stolen hours each week.

TAURUS (April 20- May 20):



Promise me that you won't disrespect, demean, or neglect your precious body in the coming weeks. Promise me that you will treat it with tender compassion and thoughtful nurturing. Give it deep breaths, pure water, healthy and delicious food, sweet sleep, and enjoyable exercise. Such veneration is always recommended, of course -- but it's especially crucial for you to attend to this noble work during the next four weeks. It's time to renew and revitalize your commitment to your soft warm animal self.



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ACROSS

- 1. *Kids' getaway, pl.
- 6. School org.
- 9. Inoffensive manner
- 13. ____ Heap of "David Copperfield"
- 14. *Corn unit
- 15. Cuckoo for what puffs?
- 16. Charleston, e.g.
- 17. Genetic info carrier, acr.
- 18. Bornean ape
- 19. *Beachwear
- 21. *Popular U-pick fruit, pl.
- 23. *Water sport equipment
- 24. Drug abuser
- 25. Scholastic aptitude test
- 28. Fastened with stitches
- 30. Type of discrimination
- 35. Tongue-____
- 37. Musical finale
- 39. Slow, musically speaking
- 40. Dramatic part
- 41. Fielding mistake
- 43. Bulgarian, e.g.
- 44. Richard Bachman to Stephen King
- 46. Carte du jour
- 47. Sushi restaurant libation
- 48. *Gastronomic outing
- 50. Email folder
- 52. Like Tom Thumb
- 53. Bathtime bubbles
- 55. Philosophical system
- 57. *Chilled brew
- 61. *It's out for summer
- 64. Monetary worth
- 65. Kum Ba ____
- 67. More ill
- 69. Tanks and such
- 70. Nurses' org.
- 71. Reason to strike
- 72. Nessie's loch
- 73. To the ____ degree

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74. Moves like a pony

DOWN

- 1. Something to chew on
- 2. Speedy steed
- 3. Like a tennis skirt
- 4. Puts in a backpack
- 5. Arabic elders
- 6. ____ meter or ____ scope

- 7. *Limited with SPF
- 8. Plural of #2 Down
- 9. Millimeter of mercury
- 10. Antioxidant-rich berry
- 11. *Soft-serve server
- 12. ##
- 15. Cattle pen
- 20. Daughter of a sibling
- 22. Always, in verse
- 24. Disrobe
- 25. Spaghetti ____
- 26. Garlic mayonnaise
- 27. Denoting the final purpose
- 29. Live bait
- 31. ____ pool
- 32. Donald Trump to Jared Kushner
- 33. *Garden bean support
- 34. *Blockbuster
- 36. Kind of principal
- 38. Popular steak condiment
- 42. Relating to runes

- 45. Train's "Hey, Soul ____"
- 49. Pool stick
- 51. *Warm-weather garb
- 54. Israeli statesman Moshe
- 56. Food grinder
- 57. Rocky's nemesis ____ Drago
- 58. Kind of package
- 59. Trees of genus Ulmus
- 60. Sonny and Cher and Abbott and Costello
- 61. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, e.g.
- 62. Hodgepodge
- 63. " ____ we forget"
- 66. *Unwelcome guest at #48 Across
- 68. High ____, as in an image

Puzzle solutions on page 13

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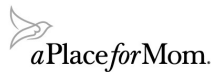
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- I would really have to think about it.....50%

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Goal: \$120,000
Total Raised:\$126,278**



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	4/26/18 Week 1	5/6/18 Week 2	5/13/18 Week 3	5/20/18 Week 4	5/27/18 Week 5	6/3/18 Week 6	TOTALS
NORTH	9911	10124	3659	12257	21166	5572	62,689
SOUTH	16698	4262	5119	13729	17459	6322	63,589

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Flat River Outreach Ministries is celebrating our 20th anniversary this year and it wouldn't be possible without the kindness of so many of you. Lowell is known as being a generous community, but I have to say that I'm constantly amazed by the generosity of the place that I call home.

This year we had matching sponsors who donated \$20,000 in honor of our 20th anniversary to match any new or increased donation to Food Fight and, even though this amount was larger than in years past, the match was used up by the beginning of week 5! Our goal for this year was to raise \$120,000 in food and financial donations and our final total came in at \$126,278 with South winning this year! This means that the two teams are now tied with 5 wins each!



We are humbled and blown away by your generosity. So many of you donated food and funds to make this our largest Food Fight yet and we are very thankful for you.

Every time you support FROM with your finances, donations, volunteer hours, and more you help us walk alongside our neighbors during times of need.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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