

## Local veteran awarded Bronze Star for WWII service

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell World War II veteran Glenn Marks was presented with a Bronze Star in a special ceremony at Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. SE on Thursday, June 14. During the war, Marks was an army medic on the front lines in Germany.

"Glenn Marks was with the First Army Corps at the front lines during a surprise attack that the Germans perpetrated on the Allies," said VFW post commander Herm Weststrate.

Weststrate contacted the office of US Rep. Justin Amash, who authorized the Bronze Star two weeks ago.

"I appreciate it, it's nice. I'm glad to have it," Marks said. "I've thought maybe I had earned something like this, but I wasn't worried about it. I didn't know it was available, so I never applied for it. I never thought what I did was that important. I did my duty, I can say that."

Marks was directly in the middle of some of the heaviest fighting during the war.

"We were called to pick up patients, the wounded," Marks said. "We came to the road going down to the dam where the wounded were. The jeep driver stopped and said, 'I'm not going down there, it hasn't been cleared of mines.' I argued with him for about 15 minutes or so, finally I said, 'We're going down, I'll walk ahead of the jeep.' We made it down and got to the first building. There were two wounded there, but the officer said there were two more guys wounded worse than them. He said to go down to the next building to see if we could get those guys. I led the other three guys and we started down. We got partway down and shots rang out. We all dove for the ditch. One of the guys said, 'Go ahead, you fool. Get yourself killed if you want to. I'm going back.' So the other guys broke and went back to the first building. The commander there said to take the first two guys out since we had opened up the road. So we took them to the aid station."

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Glenn Marks with his Bronze Star award.

## Final performances of "Our Time" Fri. & Sat. at LowellArts

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Do not miss "Our Time" by Ken Levine at LowellArts. Last weekend's performances were standing-room-only and there will only be two more shows this weekend.

"Last night was opening night and we've had a packed gallery both nights, so it has been awesome," said director Brent Alles. "It's a funny, funny, funny, funny play and the cast is great. The jokes are good. The 70s references aren't too deep, so if you were born after the 70s you'll still laugh at it."

"Our Time" is the semi-autobiographical account of Ken Levine's early career in the comedy industry in Los Angeles in the mid-70s. Levine's television writing credits include one episode of the Jeffersons, 17 episodes of M\*A\*S\*H, two episodes of the Simpsons, four episodes of Wings, 36

episodes of Cheers, five episodes of Becker and seven episodes of Frasier. He also wrote the movies Critical Condition starring Richard Pryor and Volunteers starring Tom Hanks and John Candy. The play's four characters are aspiring comedians, television writers and disc jockeys. The story recounts the ups and downs of their personal and professional lives as they try to break into show business. It was easy to detect the hand of an experienced comedy writer in the play's hilarious, witty dialogue. Because it was written for the stage instead of television, Levine was free to let rip with a few salty lines. Occasionally one got the feeling that the play was a collection of scintillating jokes that were cut from various TV scripts over the years, but because the characters are comedians, the clever, ribald dialogue did not sound forced or

unnatural. The LowellArts Players, Zack Conrad, Sam VanderVeen, Rob Freund and Allison Kavanaugh, all perfectly embodied their roles and delivered Levine's intricately worded repartee with confidence and gusto.

The Lowell production was only the second time this play has ever been performed, so playwright Ken Levine attended all of last weekend's shows.

"I thought they did a great job," Levine said. "It was really fun to watch and it was great to hear it get laughs. One of the reasons why I enjoy playwriting is because it's nice to actually hear the laughter."

Levine said he was no stranger to Michigan, he worked as a disk jockey at Detroit top forty station WDRQ in 1974, but this was his first trip to West Michigan.

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Playwright Ken Levine attended last weekend's performances.

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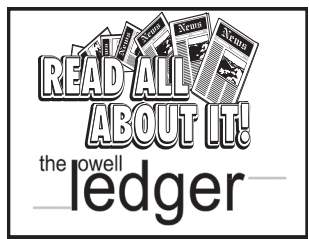
# LowellArts, continued

“I’ve spent some time in Michigan. It has really been fun,” Levine said. “Lowell is really charming. I didn’t know until I first came here about your charming Main Street and the Showboat on the river. Now, in the summer, it’s so gorgeous and beautiful. I was like, ‘Wow, this really is nice!’ I bet it’s really beautiful in the fall.”

The final performances of “Our Time” will be at LowellArts on June 22 and 23. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To purchase your tickets call 616-897-8545 or visit [lowellartsmi.org](http://lowellartsmi.org)



There will be two more performances of “Our Time” by Ken Levine, starring [L-R] Zack Conrad, Sam VanderVeen, Rob Freund and Allison Kavanaugh.



# Project updates among topics at LL&P board meeting



The Lowell Light & Power board in discussion during last week’s meeting.

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Light & Power board had their latest regular meeting on June 12. The board heard updates from L&P general manager Steve Donkersloot on a variety of topics and projects during the one hour and 50 minute long meeting.

During the meeting, it was revealed that “power factor penalties that we are charged on an annual basis” will be eliminated because of the completion of “capacitor bank project # 1;” the Shell gas station, Larkin’s and the post office

have been converted from overhead to underground power lines; work to convert King Milling to underground should begin next month; and Beachum Flooring completed installation of new carpeting in the L&P offices.

A complete recording of this meeting is available on Lowell Light & Power’s YouTube channel.

The next Lowell Light & Power board meeting will be upstairs at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Wednesday, July 11.

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# Farmers' market is open and looking for vendors



by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell Farmers' Market is now open every Thursday from noon until 5 pm in the Veterans Memorial Park off of Main St. There will be vendors selling fruit, vegetables, clothes, fudge, meat, honey, baked goods and more every week until September 13. On select dates later this summer there will be live music and ice cream.

Last week, Chris Alexander and Larry Stauffer from Stauffer's Farm Market, 2596 Johnson Rd. in Belding, were offering fresh produce, rhubarb pies, banana bread, honey and strawberry jam.

"We farm about three acres of produce," said farm owner Larry Stauffer. "We have a lot of excess so we bring a lot of extra stuff here to sell. Chris makes the pies and banana bread, which gives her an opportunity to make a little extra money other than what she makes working at the farm with us."

The farmers' market is still looking for a couple more vendors. For more information about the market or to reserve your own vendor spot, visit [discoverlowell.org](http://discoverlowell.org) or contact market master Cinnamin Piggott at 616-916-9193.

"The Lowell Farmers' Market is very nice and clean with a good crowd of good people," Stauffer said.

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your brains will fall out.**

~ Lawrence Ferlinghetti

# Car accidentally crashes into Dollar Tree



The Lowell police department placed this post and photograph onto their Facebook page on Monday:

"Lowell Police responded to the Dollar Tree this morning regarding a car that drove into the building. The driver stated she hit the gas instead of the brake which caused the accident. Fortunately, no one in the car or store were injured.

YES, a ticket was issued for this accident today."

# May police statistics

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The Lowell police department made 37 arrests during the month of May, up from 13 in April. The arrests included two drug law violations, two for drunk driving, one for driving with a suspended license, 20 for outstanding warrants and eight that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 148 people arrested in Lowell during the first five months of the year.

Lowell police also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during May. There were nine larceny calls, five disorderly conduct calls, three dog/animal complaints, two malicious destruction calls and 10 assaults. Lowell police issued 52 citations and notified nine residents about ordinance violations. They were called to assist 80 times and were dispatched to 14 accidents. Out of 149 traffic stops in May, they let 121 drivers go with a warning.

## Lowell live music calendar

- June 21: **the Mainstays**, Sizzlin' Summer Concert
- June 24: **Silverstiles**, LowellArts House Concert
- June 26: **Tony Halchak**, Red Barn Market
- June 28: **Stolen Horses**, Sizzlin' Summer Concert
- July 1: **Ugly Flannel**, LowellArts House Concert
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## JuneGrass bluegrass festival hits the fairgrounds this weekend

by Tim McAllister  
 lead reporter

The JuneGrass Bluegrass Music Festival will take place at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30. The fun in the campground will start well before Friday; many bluegrass fans will spend nearly the entire week camping in Lowell. They will also have plenty of events, such as a bake sale, instrument workshops, an open mic, a band scramble, a potluck supper and a 50/50 drawing.

"Bluegrass music is American music, pure, honest and beautiful in its simplicity," said WMBMA member Dave Simmonds in a press release. "It came out of the Southern mountains of Appalachia from a rich

musical heritage of [Scottish and Irish] immigrants and was passed down from generation to generation. [JuneGrass is] a music festival that the whole family can enjoy. We will have instrument workshops, a silent auction, bake sale, craft and food vendors and lots of campsite jammin' and then there are our bluegrass music stage acts all weekend long."

This year's lineup is one of the best in the event's history. New County Grass, Calabogie Road, Out of the Blue Bluegrass, Deadwood, Steam Powered Bluegrass, Zellie's Opry House Band, Easy Idle and the Bert Jones Band will all hit the stage at some point during the festival.

"Bluegrass doesn't get any better than New County Grass," Simmonds said. "You have got to be sure to hear this phenomenal straight ahead bluegrass group."

Tickets to JuneGrass are \$35 for the whole weekend, \$15 for Friday and \$20 for Saturday. WMBMA members can buy discounted tickets. Kids 15 and under are free with an adult. You can buy passes at the gate on the day of the festival or in advance at LowellArts or the fairground office. There are additional fees for camping at the fairgrounds. More information, including a complete schedule of events, is available on the WMBMA website, wmbma.org, or by calling 517-740-5901.

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## 125 years ago Lowell Journal June 21, 1893

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R. D. Stocking has put one of his new idea water moter and fan into W. J. Rickert's. "D" is bound to raise a breeze.

The quarantine has been raised at Will Morgan's. They have recovered from the scarlet fever.

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In the Michigan building at the World's Fair is a painting of Ex President Lincoln showing Sojourner Truth the Bible. Sojourner Truth was the famous old colored woman who lived in Michigan. She visited in Lowell some years ago.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 20, 1918

Our departing teachers. As announced in this paper recently, Superintendent Mitchell has accepted a position as instructor with the Emerson Institute of Efficiency, with headquarters at Benton Harbor. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left for that city Saturday, with the good will of the people of Lowell. G. O. Doxstador, science instructor, has accepted a position as superintendent of the Freeport schools. Mrs. Grace McMahon, English teacher of Senior High, has accepted a position in Toledo. Miss Dorothy Blake, German and Latin teacher, leaves this week for Poughkeepsie, New York, where she will take a Red Cross nurse's training at Vassar college. Miss Neenah Keyes, domestic science teacher, has a position in Lansing. Miss Johnson, sixth grade teacher, expects to be at her home in Caledonia. Miss Lena Yeiter goes to Ypsilanti where she will finish her Normal training. Miss Daisy Brown, teacher of first and second grades at West Ward building, has a position in Greenville.

With the coming of Sun Brother's World's Progressive Shows to Lowell July 5th, parents are promising their children that they will take them to the show without fail. Bachelor uncles and maiden aunts are looking up their nephews and nieces and all are anxious that "the children have a good time." The Sun Bros. Shows are now rounding out a quarter of a century of successful amusement endeavor and for the current season have added many entirely new features and big sensational displays. In plain words, the show is newer, brighter and better than ever. The aggregation will arrive here via special railroad service bringing a magnificent rolling stock equipment. The wild beast section and the big free horse fair are also

among the prominent attractions with this show. adv

I am now ready to fill orders for potato and apple crates. Those who bought my crates last season said I made the best crate they ever bought in Lowell. Now listen, I am making a better stronger crate this season, strictly all elm timber, made with cement nails and a hundred and sixteen nails in each crate. I can't compare them to anything but a web of nails and elm timber. Call and see them, 2 blocks north of Lowell Specialty Co. Don't forget, I repair and sharpen lawn mowers. D. E. Rogers.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 24, 1943

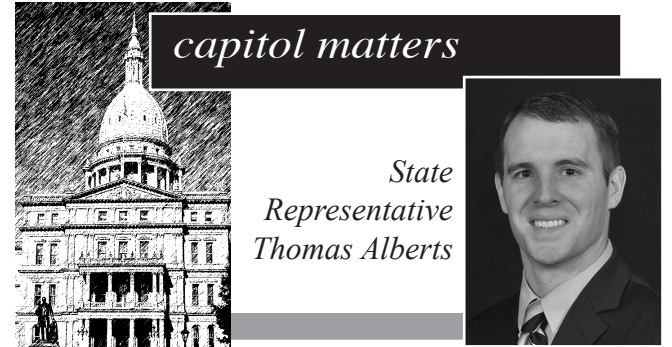
Kay Johnson's name was unintentionally omitted from the list of twenty-five boys from Lowell who enjoyed last week's outing at the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Barlow Lake. There were 68 boys at the camp and Lowell produced the best swimmer out of the Junior boys, with Bob Hall taking the honors. The Lowell Junior Boys also won the championship at softball, their cabin No. 3, winning over Cabins 1, 2, 4 and 5. They also were second in the nature scavenger hunt.

Elmer S. White will begin collecting village taxes July 1. The tax rate remains same as last year, \$7 on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Lowell is noted for its low tax rate.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 20, 1968

Dissatisfaction with a recent decision to purchase land outside the city for possible cemetery, park and airport expansion broke into the open Monday night at the City Council meeting. Former councilman Richard Schlernitzauer, who elected not to seek a new council seat in the April balloting, termed the proposal to purchase a 39-acre tract of land in Vergennes Township "a ridiculous expenditure of money." Just moments earlier, the council, by a 4-1 vote, had re-affirmed its decision to go ahead with the purchase pending a decision by Vergennes Township officials regarding zoning for the property. Councilwoman Mrs. Virginia Myers, who had earlier opposed the purchase, voted "no" on a motion that re-affirmed the council's position and "no" again on a subsequent motion to have City Manager Bernard C. Olson set up a hearing before the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Schlernitzauer exchanged words with both Mayor Arnold Wittenbach and Councilman Herb Reynolds while an audience of more than a dozen hung on every word. Schlernitzauer told the council that "you don't buy something you don't need. About one-third of that land is swamp. The cost to develop the property will be great, not to mention the cost to operate. I don't believe you are using good judgement," the former councilman continued. "Five men are interested in the airport. . . it's a hobby with them and will continue as a hobby." At this point, Mayor Wittenbach reminded Schlernitzauer that the city's planning commission had recommended the purchase of the property and that the council had voted to go along with the recommendation. Ralph Townsend, chairman of the planning commission, also was in attendance and told the council: "Perhaps the planning commission was too anxious. We did not know there might be a snag on zoning." Schlernitzauer then tossed a bombshell at the council. "There's talk of petitioning for a recall," he declared. "This just looks like a squeeze to get this plan accepted before the people get aroused." Councilman Reynolds took exception to these remarks and shot back at his former colleague: "You have been going up and down Main Street yelling about this plan, but this is the first time you've come here to let your feelings be

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## State of Michigan budget: Fiscal Year 2018 -2019

After months of health services by more than \$65 million state wide.

Michigan House and Senate have approved a final spending plan for the next fiscal year. Although the budget is not due by law until the fall, for the eighth year in a row the legislature and governor have delivered a balanced and fiscally responsible budget by the end of June.

In it our priorities are clear: schools, roads and public health and safety.

This budget manages to increase funding to essential government services, while also decreasing overall spending and lowering your taxes.

I want to highlight a few components in the spending plan:

**Education Funding** – This year the school aid fund will see the largest increase in history and every district in the state will receive between \$120 and \$240 additional dollars per student. Lowell schools will receive the maximum of \$240, increasing their per pupil funding to \$7,871. The budget also includes roughly \$60 million to improve school security and keep our children safe in the classroom.

**Roads** – My constituents have made it clear that they support more of their hard earned money going to repairing our infrastructure. Next year the state is projected to spend \$4 billion on roads and bridges. This is an increase of nearly one billion dollars since 2015 when transportation funding reforms were passed.

**Public Health and Safety** – The budget allocates funding for the state to hire and train 155 new state police troopers to protect our community. It also includes appropriations for additional resources to help combat the opioid crisis and increases funding for community mental

Workforce development – I believe that the state should support students who are interested in entering professional and skilled trade careers after high school. That's why I was happy to see an additional \$100 million being invested in training programs and opportunities that will help prepare these students for high-skilled, high-paying jobs.

**Spending Cuts** – The budget also eliminates wasteful spending. I believe it is important that the government make necessary cuts in order to fully fund essential services while also respecting the taxpayer's money. This year we were able to make significant cuts to the Department of Technology, Management and Budget and the Talent and Economic Development budgets. The state was also able to save taxpayers over \$18 million by shutting down the West Shoreline Correctional Facility in Muskegon. Overall general fund spending is set to be down 2.3 percent next fiscal year.

I am very proud of all the hard work and thoughtful consideration that went into this budget process. Although not perfect, this budget will help to make Michigan a better place to live, work and raise a family. I applaud the work of the Senate appropriations chair, Senator Dave Hildebrand from Lowell. He has chaired the Senate Appropriations for four years and due to term limits, this budget is his last budget. As chair he has negotiated budgets that save taxpayer dollars and keep our communities safe.

If you have any questions regarding the state budget, please call my office: 517-373-0846. I look forward to continuing to support policy that will move our community and state forward.



# health

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## - hiatal hernia

A hiatal hernia occurs when the stomach bulges through the diaphragm. The diaphragm is a large muscle which separates the chest cavity from the abdominal cavity. When the diaphragm weakens, it allows the stomach to bulge up into the chest cavity. A large hiatal hernia can allow food and acid to reflux into your esophagus. It can also cause chest pain, shortness of breath and difficulty swallowing.

Hiatal hernia occurs more commonly in those over 50 and those who are obese. Abdominal trauma and certain surgeries can

also increase risk. Heavy lifting, coughing, vomiting and straining can also cause it.

Diagnoses can be made by x-rays or endoscopy.

Treatment is not needed unless one has symptoms. Treatment typically just involves using antacids and acid blocking medications. Sometimes surgery is necessary.

Lifestyle changes can help reduce symptoms. Eat smaller meals and eat two to three hours prior to bedtime. Avoid trigger foods, lose weight and elevate the head of your bed by six inches.

# college news

Albion College has announced the following local graduates: Paige McKenna graduated with a degree in kinesiology-exercise science and Spanish and a minor in psychology. McKenna is the child of Christopher and Monica McKenna of Saugatuck and a graduate of Lowell High School. Makenzie Smit graduated summa cum laude with a degree in accounting-CPA emphasis and Spanish. Summa cum laude signifies that Smit graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.9. Smit was honored by Albion's faculty with an E. Maynard Aris Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Economics & Management and a Jean Keller Memorial Endowed Essay in Spanish Level 3. Smit is the child of Lyle and Fionna Frederickson of Alto and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Davenport University announced that several local students officially completed degrees in business, technology, health professions or urban education at the end of the winter 2018 semester. Following are local students who recently graduated from Davenport University, of Alto: Courtney Douma, Christian Sirowatka, Reuben Verburg, Tracy Wolfe, Connor Price, Marlyn Chub, Ashley Cooper, Shelby Kresnak, and Peter

Spees; of Lowell: Zachary Fizer, Susan Merriman, Shelby Mitchell, Kailey Botma, Paige Dejonge, Luke Kloosterman, Lauren Dood, Vincent Larkin, Charla Smith, and Kyler Shurlow.

The following students have been named to the Saint Mary's College dean's list for the spring 2018 semester: Megan Brownley, Rachel Fetterhoff, and Melissa Henry, all of Ada.

To earn academic honors at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Ashley Beauchamp, of Alto, was one of more than 500 students from Saginaw Valley State University whose determination and commitment to academic excellence earned them a spot on the winter 2018 semester president's list.

To be eligible for the president's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Natalie Coash, of Ada, was one of more than 2,260 undergraduate students honored by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for attaining a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74 during the 2017-2018 spring semester.

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The Literacy Center of West Michigan is offering an informational meeting on Friday, June 22 for prospective volunteer tutors. This meeting will be held at 10 am and lasts one hour. It provides potential volunteers the opportunity to find out more about the literacy center and the role of a volunteer tutor. No experience necessary. Volunteers are provided

with all the training they need to be successful tutors for adult learners.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) or email info@literacycenterwm.org to register.

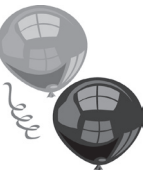
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# Serita's Black Rose kicks off Sizzlin' Summer concert series

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Thursday night officially took on the summer feel when LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce presented the first Sizzlin' Summer concert alongside the historic Lowell Showboat.

A community mainstay, the Sizzlin' Summer concert series promotes and supports local musicians, as it draws crowds to the shopping and dining district of downtown Lowell. Also supported by the Lowell Downtown Development Authority and Litehouse Foods Inc., the series features artists from mixed genres and welcomes all for a free night of music and family fun.

Introduced by host Rick Seese of Greenridge Realty, Grand Rapids based funk, rock, blues and soul outfit, Serita's Black Rose, kicked off under warm sunny skies, starting with a small crowd that grew through the progression of the performance.

Fronted by award-winning vocalist Serita Crowley, Serita's Black Rose has been performing locally, nationally and internationally for the past decade and a half. Crowley

began her singing career at the age of four inside her Ravenna church and has opened for the likes of James Brown and Smokey Robinson. Her accolades include a WYCE Jammie award and three statues from the Time Eclipse awards for her vocal styling.

The band also features the musical talents of bass player Robert K. Pace, percussionist Mark Weymouth and the multi-talented Jon Hayes who adds vocals and guitar, as well as serving as the producer and co-manager along with Crowley. Their soulful vocals and rhythmic blues brought many in attendance to their feet filling up the informal dance space. Offering quick wit and big smiles along with their performance was the perfect way to kick off the series according to Sara Sutherland, who frequents the popular event each summer. "They were awesome! You could tell they were having as good a

time as we were! Great way to begin the summer," said Sutherland.

Next week, the series will feature more funk and soul based tracks from The Mainstays. Originating in Kalamazoo, the five member group is known to create a party-like atmosphere. Their work is dynamic and interesting offering up traditional bluesy notes along with the



Serita's Black Rose on the Lowell Riverwalk. (Photo by Bruce Doll).

Left: Award-winning vocalist Serita Crowley commanded attention with her vocals. (Photo by Bruce Doll).

homey undertone of folk inspiration.

The Mainstays' performance is scheduled for this Thursday from 7-9 pm. Both bleacher and lawn seating are available and the venue is handicap accessible. Food and spirits are available.

## Fairgrounds hosted Renaissance festival over weekend

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Bringing the 17th century to life the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) gathered on the grounds of the Kent County Youth Fair this past weekend.

and society members were also able to get hands on experience in embroidery and glasswork beading.

Youth activities at the family-friendly event included leather crafting, archery, dance, sculpting and jewelry making.

The SCA is an international organization whose roots lie in California. Dedicated to not just recreating, but researching the skills and arts of 17th century Europe, their membership spans 20 countries and has more than 30,000 registered participants. Their larger scale activities include battle tournaments, royal courts, feasts and educational opportunities in metal working, cooking, calligraphy, armoring, carpentry and needlework.



Members take part in group battle on the fairgrounds. (Photo by Bruce Doll).

The 34th annual event titled the Baronial Border War featured the dress and activities of the Middle Ages and Renaissance periods. Activities included live battle reenactments, period food and fare, dancing and archery. Attendees

Individual activities and lunch were both included in the registration fees of \$15 per adult, \$5 per child and free for those 5 and under or \$40 for a family. On site camping for the three-day event was available for a nominal fee.

## Lowell softball raises \$1,100 for juvenile diabetes

It was a great year for Lowell softball. Both junior varsity and varsity teams were conference champions. Varsity softball lost in regionals to the Caledonia team who became the Michigan state champions this past weekend. It was a great season by win/loss standards.

Another positive note of the season came in the form of a tournament. Isagenix business owner,

Amy VanHolla (Hayes) supported Lowell softball and their quest to have a cause game. The team's parent rep, along with VanHolla, decided with increasing students facing Type 1 diabetes, that they would sell water bottles at the Lowell Invitational tournament to raise money for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). VanHolla and her Isagenix business provided the water bottles.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and the tournament was cancelled, so the team didn't get a chance to sell the bottles at those games.

Eventually the softball team received donations from parents, relatives, and then VanHolla put a request on Facebook to help with fundraising for JDRF. Together, they raised over \$1100.00, with the most coming from

VanHolla and her business colleagues. Feel free to contact Laurie Summerfield, if you would like to make a donation and receive a water bottle, at lsummerfield@gmail.com



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# Marks, continued

Marks credits a little divine providence for getting him through some of his close calls during the war.

"I was privileged to just do my little part," Marks said. "I was helping evacuate the wounded. Any infantry unit that was expecting

in the basement. We woke up at dawn, got out of there, got in our jeep and drove to another part of town for our rations. We came back past the house within an hour. There had been a direct shell hit and the whole house was in pieces. When I got home

Marks grew up on a farm in Union, IN.

"Union is in the southern part of the state," Marks said. "We were two and a half miles out in the country from the town. I lived there until I went into the army."

He served in the army for

have four children [Cindy, Jeanette, Marlene and Thomas], 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren."

Marks had a career as a pastor and oversaw the construction of 20 churches around Indiana and Michigan, including

morning and by the time it got dark on Saturday the building was completed. We had church in it Sunday night. When we were setting

and American Legion and in 2014 he finished a lavishly illustrated memoir, "Unless the Lord Builds the House: Our Life, Love and Labor,"



World War II veteran Glenn Marks finally got his Bronze Star medal last Thursday.



Glenn Marks with members of the Lowell VFW.

a date for it, they asked me if I was going to set a rain date. I said no, the Lord will take care of the rain. It rained all around us on all four sides that day, but we just had one little shower to cool us down so we could keep building all day."

He was a pastor in Lowell for 26 years and was on the

published by Black Lake Press. Next month he will celebrate his 93rd birthday.

"I'm an ordained minister; I have committed my life to the Lord, Jesus and I wanted to do his will," Marks said. "I was able to be a good soldier and help others when I was there. Then my wife and I had 67 years together



Norma Jean and Glenn Marks in the kitchen of their first home in 1950 on Glenn's 26th birthday.

casualties, we went along with them and brought the wounded to the aid station as quickly as possible. Four of us slept in a house overnight when we were capturing the dam on the river. We were

I discovered that my father had been praying for me for several days. At that time he didn't know where I was, but the Lord knew. I felt that I'm alive because of my father's prayers."

three years, then went to Fort Wayne Bible Institute and Bethel College. While attending college he met his wife, Norma Jean.

"My wife and I had 67 years of married life," Marks said. "We were brought together and hit it off. We were married in 1950. The good Lord was with us and things went really well. We

Evergreen Missionary Church in Lowell in August 1981.

"To build that building, we had an old-fashioned 'building bee' with 46 volunteers and built the entire 40 by 90 foot building in one day," Marks said. "We started at six o'clock one Friday evening, started up again at dawn on Saturday

board of Snyder Manor for more than 25 years.

"We had four children," Marks said. "Our two oldest daughters were both valedictorians of their class when they graduated from Lowell High School."

Marks retired from the ministry in 2003 but has stayed very active since then. He is currently the chaplain for both the Lowell VFW

servicing the Lord, starting churches, pastoring and raising a family."



## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
**Synopsis of Minutes**  
**June 11, 2018**

**Motions Approved:**

1. Thuston Service Relocation to pay for 50% of April quote.
2. Ditch Water Testing around Grattan WWTF in three locations for 5 months.
3. Distribution of the Masterplan Draft.
4. DEQ Grant Approval.
5. Resolution No. 2018-019 Establishing Property Tax Rates for 2018.
6. Kent County Road Commission Repair Work Orders for 2018.
7. Clean up corner of 5 Mile/Murray Lake.
8. Removal of dead tree at Grattan Cemetery.
9. Cemetery Ordinance 001-2018.

Our next Township Meeting will be **July 9 at 7 p.m.**

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at [www.grattantownship.org](http://www.grattantownship.org)

# WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT?

We are looking for community input to include in a special section running in the July 1st edition of the **Buyers Guide & News**

You can write about your own personal experiences, US history, the economy, sports, whatever you think makes America great. Responses will be published in the Buyer's Guide & News.

Email to: [displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com](mailto:displayads@lowellbuyersguide.com), fax to: 897-4809 or bring to office at 105 N. Broadway. Please limit to 200 words or less. Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26.

Please include your name (which will be published) and your phone number (not published) just in case we have any questions.

# Buyer's Guide and News



# Council passes resolutions, renews leases and more at latest meeting

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting on Monday, June 18. The council discussed new inspection fees, entertained a rezoning request, made a deal with the Boy Scouts and more at the meeting, which lasted 43 minutes and attracted 12 spectators.

Two citizens spoke during public comment. Lowell resident Herb VanderBilt said that allowing people to use services such as Airbnb to rent out their homes brought too much noise and too many cars to his neighborhood.

“I regard this as a breakdown in the community,” VanderBilt said.

Local business owner and Lowell Light & Power board member Perry Beachum asked the council why the Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk ramp in front of the Lowell Light & Power building on N. Broadway was removed during the recent street construction project. A new ramp could cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

“I just don’t think that there’s a lot of thought going into the future,” Beachum said. “I think that we have to use every dollar that we have very wisely. Again, I know that Lowell is looking at, over the next year or so, possibly double digit



**Perry Beachum encouraged the council to keep a close eye on city spending.**



**Herb VanderBilt said short-term rentals like Airbnb make his neighborhood noisier.**

increases in our water and sewer rates. So I just think we have to, as a council, as an administration, as a city, we have to look closer at where we are spending our dollars and how we are spending them.”

Later in the meeting, the council tabled their discussion of a replacement ramp until the councilors can inspect the site in person.

The council passed four resolutions that set the new rate schedule for inspection

services performed by Professional Code Inspections of Michigan. The new building permit fees start at \$40 and are based on the total value of the construction project. The base fee for plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits is \$40, then there are additional fees depending on what type of work and various other factors. The new fees go into effect on Monday, July 2. A copy of the new fee schedule is available by contacting city hall.

In other business, the council approved a rezoning request from Lowell resident Todd West. He plans to construct three two-family dwellings at the southeast corner of Church and Sibley, the former site of Calvary Christian Reformed Church. The council also passed a resolution that officially adopted changes to the 2017-2018 budget, renewed a ten year agreement with the Boy Scouts and the United Methodist Church for use of the cabin in Scout Park and approved the street closures for the Riverwalk Festival.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will take place at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, July 2. The council 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.



**Todd West had a rezoning request approved for his property.**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**APPLICANT:** Blu Sky Farms

**REQUEST:** Special Land Use to establish an open air business for the purpose of displaying and selling Michigan Dutch Barns.

**LOCATION:** Southwest corner of Alden Nash Avenue and Cascade Road.

**PARCEL NUMBER:** 41-20-28-200-007

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township  
Planning Commission

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# Lowell High School honor roll for third trimester

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Lauren Austhof  
Jacob Bauer  
Delaney Beimers  
Ethan Bierlein  
Kayla Boersen  
William Brandt  
Casper Broene  
Madison Brown  
Dayle Brushaber  
Addison Bruwer  
Zachary Callihan  
Michael Camphouse  
Jacob Chrisman  
Nathaniel Clark  
Cameron Comeaux  
Caroline Cooper  
Kristina Dalessandro  
Andrew Davis  
Parker Davis  
Doak Dean  
Emalie DeBoer  
Gavin DeKam  
Mason DeRaad  
William deVoest  
Kaylee Diamond  
Rohan Dixon  
Samuel Dougherty  
Austin Douma  
Isabelle Duhr  
Sean Edwards  
Dorothy Estes  
Olivia Ettinger  
Melissa Field  
Matthew Fisher  
Miranda Flier  
William Forney  
Aurora Fredricks  
Ashlyn Fryers  
Sophia Fuss  
Ella Galusha  
Joelle Garcia  
Erin Gibbons  
Josiah Gissendanner  
Hallie Greenop  
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Jaron DeVito  
Hannah Diamond  
Bernie Diekevers

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Delaney Duimstra  
Brett Evink  
Benjamin Fabiano  
Akalia Foreman  
Anna Forker  
James Fotis  
Aaron Fox  
Ember Fox  
Tristan Fox  
Aaron Fritsma  
Riley Fuller  
Jordi Galmes Nadal  
Guadalupe Garcia  
Anna Gaskin  
Brock Gemmell  
Sidney Gordon  
Brayden Gould  
Aubrie Halbert  
Madison Halfmann  
Briden Hamilton  
Emma Hancock  
Jenna Happie  
Ashlie Hathaway  
Noah Hayden  
Khloe Hayes  
Jan Herrmann  
Steven Hoeksema  
Roy Hoin  
Sophia Homik  
Jacob Hough  
Craig Hudson  
Logan Hudson  
Simone Ingrassia  
Elliana James  
Dawson Jankowski  
Abraham Jannenga  
Ethan Jewell  
Willem Jewell  
Adrienne Johnson  
Katelyn Johnson  
Carl Jungerth  
Jacob Kanoza  
Sophia Katsul  
Collier Kaufman  
Mya Kaywood  
Aidan Kelley  
Benjamin Kinnucan  
Benjamin Klein  
Alexander Kleinedler  
Connor Kleinedler  
Kambry Kloosterman  
Kara Korcek  
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Brianna Lachowski  
Grace Langdon  
Tyler Lange  
Jared Lardie  
Grant LeBarre  
Maria Leon  
Phoebe Looman  
Jake Lotterman  
Jenavieve Lyon  
Luke Maksymetz  
Karissa Mansfield  
Natasha Marsh  
Matthew Martin  
William Martin  
Nolan Mazarka  
Grady McDonald  
Abbigail McMillian  
Mitchell McMillian  
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## 11th Grade

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Lauren Aud  
Rachel Baldwin  
Danielle Barnes  
Joslynn Battle  
Jacob Beke  
Kyle Bibbler  
Bryan Bitterman  
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Breanda Boersma  
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Sarah DeKam  
Conner DeKok  
Savanna Dempsey  
Jordan Dent  
Mackenzie DeRaad  
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Haley Sobie  
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Alexander Taylor  
Xavier Taylor  
Philip Thompson  
Irene Trierweiler  
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Michael VandenHout  
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Keaton Bell  
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# Richard Muller exhibit opening at Pine Rest Leep Art Gallery

A new exhibit titled, "Perceptions of Landscape — Reality and Remembrance," by local artist Richard Muller, opens at the Leep Art Gallery on July 5 at the Postma Center on the Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services campus in Grand Rapids.

Muller, an artist for much of his life, specializes in landscapes. He studied oil painting for nine years at the Vincent Trotta School of Art in Flushing, New York. His academic degrees are from Queens College, City University of New York, bachelor of arts; Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., master of divinity; and Duke University,

postgraduate doctoral degree. Since moving to Lowell in 2006, he has been a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, serving on the gallery committee.

"My artistic efforts have been directed, particularly in the last several decades, toward the development of a classical style with a view to the insights of the landscape traditions of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. I learn from the past by painting my own versions of classic works," says Muller.

"My original paintings are typically done on the basis of sketches or impressions of places where I have traveled and been moved either by the

natural force of the scene or by a striking feature of the landscape; whether a result of nature or of human activity. My intention is to more evoke a mood or a feeling than simply to represent — to call forth a sense of life and force in the natural order and our human connection with it. I prefer traditional pigments, especially the natural earths. I aim at a feeling of life and depth, a sense of the unity of the whole."

Muller has exhibited works in the West Michigan Regional Competition, Celebration of the Arts, the Mid-Michigan Art Guild Annual Exhibition, ArtPrize, the Grand Rapids

Art Peers Festival, the Fallasburg Festival and in four solo exhibits since 2010. He is a member of the National Oil and Acrylic Painter's Society.

The Pine Rest Leep Art Gallery exhibit will be on display at the Postma Center located at 300 68th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, from July 5 until October 2, 2018. The Leep Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 am – 3 pm and is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 616-222-4530 or go to [www.pinterest.org/leep-art-gallery](http://www.pinterest.org/leep-art-gallery)



"Ancient Powers" Art photo provided by Richard Muller.

## Looking back, continued

known." Retorted Schlernitzauer: "You once called me a rabble-rouser." "I said it then and I meant it," replied Reynolds. Another former councilman Phil Schneider, who like Schlernitzauer did not seek to return to the council table in the past election, also was on hand to speak against the proposal. "Mr. Mayor," he said to Wittenbach, "we're not in the real estate business." Mrs. Myers, during one lull in the exchange, noted that there should be, in her opinion, priorities established for things "that are needed to be done in this city" and suggested a public hearing to get citizen expressions. Almost overlooked during the debate was a request by the proposed seller, John Gerhart, that council give its decision by June 18 (Tuesday). Under the original agreement, council had until June 30 to signify its final intent.

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 9, 1993

At the turn of the century there were 534 mills in the State of Michigan. In 1958 there were 28 mills. Today, there are six mills. Four of those six mills were represented at a luncheon on Wednesday to celebrate the wheat variety, Lowell. The Michigan State Millers Association and its member companies, of which King Milling is one, have contributed annually to the development of better wheats to be grown in Michigan. To honor the mills contributions to the wheat industry, Michigan State has named all of their recent releases after cities in Michigan where mills are or have been in operation. The wheat breeding started in the 1950's and it was 15-20 years before there was a release. The breeding of the wheat is done at Michigan State University. Wheat growing in Michigan

is a billion dollar industry. Eldor Paul, chairman of the crop and soil science department, said that there is \$80 million of wheat produced each year. "The Lowell variety release has a 10 percent yield increase potential," Paul said. "It has the potential to produce an extra \$8 million if grown across the state." Paul further explained that there are ways to increase the yield and stay competitive. "First you must control the quality and then the grain must be kept close to home." King Milling built its first mill in 1844 on the east bank. The second mill was constructed in 1864 on the west bank. King Doyle started working at King Milling in 1945. The yield per acre in 45 was 20-25 bushels. The average number of bushels per acre in Kent County in 1993 is 55. That has occurred through the efforts of Michigan State University. MSU has provided the money to keep a wheat breeder there," said Brian Doyle. "The 'Lowell' variety is expected to yield 80 bushels per acre in

1995. "It is long overdue that the Association name a wheat variety after Lowell," said Everett Everson, Michigan State University Professor Emeritus. "Lowell has been a distinguished center of milling for a long time." The making of a wheat variety is completed through recombining trails of different varieties into one, explained MSU wheat breeder, Rick Ward. "The wheat is then screened for what might hurt it and what may enhance it," he says. The first commercial product goes to the millers in the fall of 1995.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider adding an amendment to Section 22.09 of the Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate county core farms and accessory uses. The proposed amendment sets forth requirements for information to be included in the application, setback distances, parking, fencing, lighting, landscaping, noise, manure disposal, hours of operation and signs.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township  
Planning Commission

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request from Westview Capital, LLC for the project called Twin Oaks.

To rezone a portion of Parcel 41-20-05-201-039 containing 42.30 acres from R-2, Medium Density Residential to the Open Space Planned Unit Development (OS-PUD) Zoning District;

**ADDRESS AND GENERAL LOCATION:** 1375 Cumberland Avenue which is the south side of Foreman Street one-half mile west of Cumberland Avenue and abutting the north side of Eastgate Subdivision. Existing Woodbushe Drive within the Eastgate Subdivision terminates at the south property line of the parcel proposed for development.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI. 49331

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

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### ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION NOTICE

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2017 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

Date: June 20, 2018

Marcia Roth  
President



# obituaries

## BOLTHOUSE

Harry Bolthouse, age 88 of Alto, went to be with his Lord on Monday, June 18, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Harriet Bolthouse; and his brother Warren Bolthouse. Harry is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Ruth Bolthouse (Townsend/Thiel); his children Debra Bolthouse, Daniel Bolthouse, Vicki (Craig) Mitchell, Cheryl (Phil) VanZegeren, and Suzanne (Dan) Hoeksema; his brothers Don (Norma) Bolthouse, Bob (Ruth) Bolthouse, and Jack Bolthouse; in-laws Craig and Audrey Kidder; along with 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. Harry retired from Sparks Belting after over 30 years of service. Harry enjoyed fishing, camping, and wood working. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday June 22, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft Ave. SE, Alto, MI 49302; with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m., one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lincoln Lake Baptist Youth Camp, 15113 Lincoln Lake NE, Gowen, MI 49326.



for many years. She fully supported her children's athletic, artistic and civic endeavors. She was an accomplished hand crafter; she knit, crocheted, sewed, upholstered and took on numerous DIY projects. She was an avid book lover, a happy gardener and a keen bridge player. Shirley and Harry were active leaders in Marriage Encounter for over fifteen years. Shirley and Harry held season tickets for many years for the Grand Rapids Symphony, the Grand Rapids Civic Theater and the Circle Theater. Shirley is survived by her brother, Ronald Winks; sister, Mary Kay (Frank) Wright; children, Shannon Compton, Michele Compton, Margaret Compton, Kelly J. (Bonnie) Compton, and James (Kelly K.) Compton; grandchildren, Tanya (Chad) Glerum, Jeremy Brough, Bethany (James) Sager, Justin (Rebecca) Brough, Nicholas LaFerriere, Christine (Adam) Hartley, MacKenzie (Matthew Fisher) Torres, Tyler Compton, Jordan Compton, Sara Weimer, Abigail Compton, MaKayla Compton; great-grandchildren, Lea Fisher, Shane Horstman, Sydney Glerum, Gabbie Fisher, Oliver Steele, Olivia Sager, Hunter Sager, and Judah Fisher. Shirley will also be missed by her friends, Jack (Jane) Koning, Don (Susan) McClure, many nieces and nephews, and her Ryder, Roth, Hawk and Stormzand cousins. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, June 23, 11:30 am at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI. Friends may meet the family on Saturday morning from 10:30 until time of service. Internment of Harry and Shirley's cremains at 4 pm in Myers Cemetery, 601 13 Mile Road NW, Sparta, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Circle Theater of Grand Rapids.

## REIFFER

Joan Marie Reiffer, age 75, of Lowell, went to dance in Heaven with Jesus on Thursday, June 14, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Miner and Nellie Reiffer; and by an infant sister, Margaret Dawn Reiffer. Joan is survived by her siblings, Hilda and Richard Loring (of Marion), Miner Jr. "Butch" and Linda Reiffer (of Arvada, Colorado), Florence and Richard Koster (of Grand Rapids), Simon and Gloria Reiffer (of Dimondale); many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews; and two grand-grand nieces. Joanie was a resident at Laurels of Kent in Lowell for 46 years; she was adored by her caregivers and Joanie's family is ever-grateful for all the love, support and admiration given to her by their staff during her long struggle with cerebral palsy. The family is appreciative of all the doctors and nurses at Spectrum Health Blodgett for their expert care and they extend a very special thank you to Janine, at Thresholds, for her many years of loving and faithful support to Joanie. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 29, 2018, at 1:00 pm at Zaagman Memorial Chapel with Rev. Robert E. Tigchelaar officiating. The family will greet visitors from 12 noon to 1:00 pm prior to the service. If one wishes, please consider making a memorial donation to Grand Rapids Christian Elementary School - Educational Support Services.



## LACIC

Returning to the earth that he so loved, Luke Andrew Lacic bid farewell to this life far too soon on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. An avid outdoorsman, Luke's life was centered around hunting, fishing and nature as a whole. He was at peace when in the woods and enjoyed exploring and sharing it with the ones he loved. Luke's kind and giving heart and sense of humor will sorely be missed by all that encountered him. He is survived by his only child and best friend, Taylor Jane Lacic, who he lovingly called "his Bambi;" as well as parents, Art and Eileen Lacic; grandparents, Al and Dot Lacic; sister, Angela Lacic, nieces Meija and Lindsey; and lifelong friend, Gary Buche. He was preceded in death by his sister, Christine Lacic. A celebration of Lukes' life is scheduled to take place this Saturday, June 23 at 3493 Kissing Rock Ave. in Lowell between 2-6 pm.



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## COMPTON

Shirley Ann Compton died Thursday, May 17, 2018, in Cedar Springs. Shirley was born June 3, 1934, in Lowell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on March 23, 2018; father, John Lewis Winks; mother, Louise nee Ryder; sister, Sally Potts; and granddaughter, Michelle Torres. Shirley graduated from Lowell High School in 1952. She spent all four summers during high school singing on the Lowell Showboat. Shirley met Harry at Michigan State College. She graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelor's Degree in political science. Shirley retired from Aquinas College after working there



## VENNEMAN

Marilyn Joyce Venneman, age 83 of Saranac, went to be with her Lord on June 17, 2018. She was born on July 8, 1934, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Stephen and Icyle (Meyer) Wilson. She married Vernon Venneman on March 22, 1958. Marilyn loved fishing, camping, the outdoors, board games, baseball and playing with her grandchildren. Family was very important to her as well as the Lowell Nazarene Church. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Vernon Venneman of Saranac; children, David Venneman of Ionia, Karen (Ken) Seiler of Saranac; brother-in-law, James Christman of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, David Brian Venneman of Grandville, Norah (Jason) Almquist of Henrietta, Dennis Venneman of Cadillac, Michael Venneman of Ionia, Kristyn (Robert) Sleight of Ionia, Katelyn (Donavan) Seiler Thompson of Indiana, Kendall Seiler of Saranac; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Leonard and Leon; and three sisters, Eleanor, Lucille and Phyllis. A celebration of life will be held at the Lowell Nazarene Church on Thursday, June 28 at 1 pm, with Pastor Mark Hardy officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Those wishing to, may make memorial contributions to the Lowell Nazarene Church. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

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## card of thanks

Jan Bieri's family wants to thank the caregivers of Fountain View, Laurels of Kent, Dr. Evenhouse and Hospice for caring for Jan during her declining health and death. Thanks to Roth-Gerst staff for arranging Jan's funeral at Bailey Cemetery and Pastor Brad Brillhart of United Methodist Church for his spiritual guidance. A special appreciation to the many concerned family, friends and loved ones for their attendance, prayers and acts of kindness during Jan's departure.

Family of Jan Bieri

## sales

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## FREE WILL

## astrology


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


I suggest you ignore the temptation to shop around for new heroes and champions. It would only distract you from your main assignment in the coming weeks, which is to be more of a hero and champion yourself. Here are some tips to guide you as you slip beyond your overly modest self-image and explore the liberations that may be possible when you give yourself more credit. Tip #1: Finish outgrowing the old heroes and champions who've served you well. Tip #2: Forgive and forget the disappointing heroes and hypocritical champions who betrayed their own ideals. Tip #3: Exorcise your unwarranted admiration for mere celebrities who might have snookered you into thinking they're heroes or champions.


**LEO (July 23-Aug.  
22):**


"A waterfall would be more impressive if it flowed the other way," said Irish writer Oscar Wilde. Normally, I would dismiss an idea like this, even though it's funny and I like funny ideas. Normally, I would regard such a negative assessment of the waterfall's true nature, even in jest, to be unproductive and enfeebling. But none of my usual perspectives are in effect as I evaluate the possibility that Wilde's declaration might be a provocative metaphor for your use in the coming weeks. For a limited time only, it might be wise to meditate on a waterfall that flows the other way.


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


Stage magicians may seem to make a wine glass hover in mid-air, or transform salt into diamonds, or make doves materialize and fly out of their hands. It's all fake, of course -- tricks performed by skilled illusionists. But here's a twist on the old story: I suspect that for a few weeks, you will have the power to generate effects that may, to the uninitiated, have a resemblance to magic tricks -- except that your magic will be real, not fake. And you will have worked


very hard to accomplish what looks easy and natural. And the marvels you generate will, unlike the illusionists', be authentic and useful.

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


The coming weeks will be a favorable time to accentuate and brandish the qualities that best exemplify your Libran nature. In other words, be extreme in your moderation. Be pushy in your attempts to harmonize. Be bold and brazen as you make supple use of your famous balancing act. I'll offer you a further piece of advice, as well. My first astrology teacher believed that when Librans operate at peak strength, their symbol of power is the iron fist in the velvet glove: power expressed gracefully, firmness rendered gently. I urge you to explore the nuances of that metaphor.


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


If I were your mom, I'd nudge you out the door and say, "Go play outside for a while!" If I were your commanding officer, I'd award you a shiny medal for your valorous undercover work and then order you to take a frisky sabbatical. If I were your psychotherapist, I would urge you to act as if your past has no further power to weigh you down or hold you back, and then I would send you out on a vision quest to discover your best possible future. In other words, my dear Scorpio, I hope you will flee your usual haunts. Get out of the loop and into the open spaces that will refresh your eyes and heart.

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


Sex education classes at some high schools employ a dramatic exercise to illustrate the possible consequences of engaging in heterosexual lovemaking without using birth control. Everywhere they go for two weeks, students must carry around a 10-pound bag of flour. It's a way for them to get a visceral approximation of caring for an infant. I recommend that you find or create an equivalent test or trial for yourself in the

coming days. As you consider entering into a deeper collaboration or making a stronger commitment, you'll be wise to undertake a dress rehearsal.


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


Members of the Dull Men's Club celebrate the ordinary.

"Glitz and glam aren't worth the bother," they declare. "Slow motion gets you there faster," they pontificate. Showing no irony, they brag that they are "born to be mild." I wouldn't normally recommend becoming part of a movement like theirs, but the next two weeks will be one of those rare times when aligning yourself with their principles might be healthy and smart. If you're willing to explore the virtues of simple, plain living, make the Swedish term *lagom* your word of power. According to the Dull Men's Club, it means "enough, sufficient, adequate, balanced, suitable, appropriate."


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

In the Georgian language, *shemomechama* is a word




that literally means "I ate the whole thing." It refers to what happens

when you're already full, but find the food in front of you so delicious that you can't stop eating. I'm concerned you might soon be tempted to embark on metaphorical versions of *shemomechama*. That's why I'm giving you a warning to monitor any tendencies you might have to get too much of a good thing. Pleasurable and productive activities will serve you better if you stop yourself before you go too far.


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


Please do not send me a lock of your hair or a special piece of your jewelry or a hundred dollar bill. I will gladly cast a love spell in your behalf without draining you of your hard-earned cash. The only condition I place on my free gift is that you agree to have me cast the love spell on you and you alone. After all, your love for yourself is what needs most work. And your love for yourself is the primary magic that fuels your success in connecting with other people. (Besides, it's bad karma to use a love spell to interfere with another person's will.) So if you accept my conditions, Pisces, demonstrate that

you're ready to receive my telepathic love spell by sending me your telepathic authorization.


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


According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you have cosmic permission to enjoy extra helpings of waffles, crepes, pancakes, and blintzes. Eating additional pastries and doughnuts is also encouraged. Why? Because it's high time for you to acquire more ballast. You need more gravitas and greater stability. You can't afford to be top-heavy; you must be hard to knock over. If you would prefer not to accomplish this noble goal by adding girth to your butt and gut, find an alternate way. Maybe you could put weights on your shoes and think very deep thoughts.

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


You're slipping into the wild heart of the season of discovery. Your curiosity is mounting. Your listening skills are growing more robust. Your willingness to be taught and influenced and transformed is at a peak. And what smarter way to take advantage of this fertile

moment than to decide what you most want to learn about during the next three years? For inspiration, identify a subject you'd love to study, a skill you'd eagerly stretch yourself to master, and an invigorating truth that would boost your brilliance if you thoroughly embodied it.

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


Playwright and novelist Samuel Beckett won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969. Four of his works were essential in earning that award: the play *Waiting for Godot*, and the novels *Molloy*, *Malone Dies*, and *The Unnamable*. Beckett wrote all of them in a two-year span during the late 1940s. During that time, he was virtually indigent. He and his companion Suzanne survived on the paltry wage she made as a dressmaker. We might draw the conclusion from his life story that it is at least possible for a person to accomplish great things despite having little money. I propose that we make Beckett your role model for the coming weeks, Gemini. May he inspire you to believe in your power to become the person you want to be no matter what your financial situation may be.

## NEWS OF THE

## weird

**The Litigious Society**

If you've ordered a Quarter Pounder recently and specified "no cheese," you may be interested in a \$5 million class-action lawsuit brought against McDonald's on May 8 by Cynthia Kissner of Broward County, Florida, and Leonard Werner of Miami-Dade. According to the Miami Herald, the two are angry that they've been paying for cheese even though they ordered their sandwiches without it. The lawsuit contends "customers ... continue to be overcharged for these products, by being forced to pay for two slices of cheese, which they do not want, order or receive." Also, Kissner and Werner "have suffered injury as a result of their purchases because they were overcharged" and "McDonald's is being unjustly enriched by these practices." While attorney Andrew Lavin admits the mobile app ordering option does offer a Quarter Pounder without cheese, he notes in-store customers have no such choice.

**Irony**

Charlotte Fox, 61, an accomplished mountain climber who summited Mount Everest in 1996, met an unlikely death May 24 when she fell down the hardwood stairs at her home in Telluride, Colorado. Fox was part of the infamous 1996 Mount Everest expedition chronicled in "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer, when eight climbers died. Friends called her fall "shocking," according to The Aspen Times. Climbing partner Andrea Cutter said of the news, "It made me think, 'Jeez, it's just so wrong.'" San Miguel County coroner Emil Sante said officials "have no reason to believe that it was suspicious at all."

**Armed and Clumsy**

Things got wild on June 2 at Mile High Spirits and Distillery in Denver when an unnamed off-duty FBI agent accidentally shot patron Tom Reddington, 24, in the lower leg. According to the Denver Post, the agent was dancing and did a backflip, which caused his firearm to come out of its holster and fall to the floor. When he bent to pick up the gun, it discharged. "I heard a loud bang," Reddington said, "and I thought some idiot set off a firecracker. All of a sudden, from the knee down became completely red, and that's when it clicked in my head, 'Oh, I've been shot.'" A man at the bar applied a tourniquet to Reddington's leg. The FBI agent was taken to Denver police headquarters and released to an FBI supervisor. Mile High Spirits has promised "complimentary drinks forever" to Reddington.

**Sweet Revenge**

In a bid to unseat his boss, Bon Homme County, South Dakota, Deputy Sheriff Mark Maggs thrashed Sheriff Lenny Gramkow in the June 5 Republican primary by a vote of 878 to 331. So Sheriff Gramkow didn't waste any time: Less than a minute after the polls closed, he fired Maggs, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported. "As of this moment you are no longer an employee of Bon Homme County," Maggs' termination notice read. Maggs, a 31-year-old father of four, will not become sheriff until January, but he is confident the county commission "will stand with my family ... and ensure that my family will not be left hanging without an income or insurance," Maggs said. "We're going to be fine."



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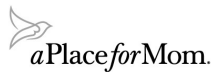
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*On Monday evening, President Trump announced that he is pursuing a \$200 billion increase in tariffs on trade with China, bringing the total to \$450 billion. How do you feel about this?*



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# Bowne Township fire chief retires after decades of service

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

For the past two and a half decades, recently retired Bowne Township fire chief Phil Dougherty has been there for his community. He answered calls day and night. He rescued, resuscitated, educated and comforted. He served alongside his fellow firemen as a brother. He championed causes important to those he served. He reflected the heart of a hero, though he would not agree.

"I'm not a hero at all," he said modestly when asked to describe some of his heroic moments on behalf of the department. "Myself and two other guys pulled a drunk, sleeping guy out of a house on fire. We've extricated a lot of people out of unbelievable crashes that seemed like impossible tasks, but somehow we get them out. The most heroic thing at the end of the day is just being there. Being there to hold an elderly person's hand. Being there to calm a scared parent when they don't know why their child is sick. Being there to put out a little fire before it becomes a big deal."

According to Dougherty, who joined the force as a fresh faced 18 year old back in 1992, he was a man simply doing his job. His trail of service began with an invitation, from then-chief Jerry Posthumus, to help out at a fundraising pancake supper. He started attending firehouse meetings soon thereafter and before long

was learning to become an EMT. "I finally got a pager when I was about half way through EMT school. I was accepted to come on board as an untrained rookie firefighter. I wish I could say I had some super noble reason, but what 18 year

the department in every way that I could be. I went above and beyond with my training and education. I cared about the people we serve."

After a decade as a fireman, Dougherty was promoted to the chief

was known for telling the guys 'it'll be fun' when trying to get them to go along with a crazy idea I had. Overall, I was right. It was all fun."

A married father of four, Dougherty said he plans to spend more time

training," said Dougherty. "My hope is that he'll continue to improve on the department's effectiveness at responding to calls, stay involved in community activities and cultivate a unified team."

While he says he

will not miss the 2 am calls that pulled him out of a warm bed in the tundra of January, there is much that he will think of fondly. Most notably, the team he had the fortunate opportunity of working with. Reiterating advice given throughout his time as chief, Dougherty addressed the inevitable moments that first responders are not able to save the day. "People seem to be just as grateful in times when we can not help. CPR to no avail, the fatal car crash and the building that burns to the ground. People just appreciate it when you try, care and do your best," he said.

A statement that surely reflects a hero.



Dougherty (left) leading the way in full dress during the annual Alto 5K fundraiser.

old wouldn't want to be a fireman," said Dougherty, jokingly, of his entrance into the field.

Dougherty was enthusiastic from the start. He got into the field as much as you could during his rookie years in order to hone his skills and learn the workings of the station. "I responded to every call I could. I was involved with

position on June 1, 2009. In that role he strived to improve the department and its services as a servant-leader. "That's been my goal. To serve our firefighters so they can effectively serve others. I've tried to lead from the front. To stand back and direct when necessary, but be willing to get dirty when needed," he explained. "I

with family in retirement, as well as grow his family's recently opened turkey farm. He holds high praise and hopes for his successor, Rick Vriesenga, who took the reigns exactly nine years after Dougherty did. "His greatest contribution for the past dozen years or so is training. He has extensive experience in conducting EMS and fire-fighting



Dougherty poses with a student during Fire Prevention Week at Alto Elementary.

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