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## Stolen Horses bring funk and soul to the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

The sun set on the second Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the year last Thursday evening along the Riverwalk. Music enthusiasts enjoyed another evening of funk and soul performed by Kalamazoo based band The Mainstays.

The popular and free concert series draws crowds to Lowell each Thursday evening welcoming an eclectic mix of voices from the West Michigan music scene. LACC executive director Liz Baker said she and her fellow organizers have been pleased with turnout at the weekly summer event thus far. "We are very happy with turnout, both concerts have had great attendance!"

Last week's feature, The Mainstays, was

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Trumpeter Terrence Massey provides The Mainstays with their lone brass instrument. (Photo by Bruce Doll)

## FROM's Roaring 20s party celebrates 20th anniversary

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Flat River Outreach Ministries celebrated their 20th anniversary of serving the Lowell area community by throwing a Roaring 20s party at Witt's Inn & Cafe. The evening included the announcement that FROM plans to build some low income housing on Main St.

Party attendees enjoyed delicious dinner and dessert from Miss P's Catering, got silly in the photo booth, heard live music from Lowell music legend Roger MacNaughton, competed in FROM trivia contests and got to bid on various items in a silent auction. Many partygoers dressed up in 1920s fashions,

surprising the organizers, who did not expect that many Lowellians would participate in this particular aspect of the event.

"It's going great. We're excited," said FROM marketing and communications director Amanda Haberlein. "A lot

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Else Carey, Mitch Petersen, Abbey Carey, Eva Carey and James Carey in front of the 1930 Ford Roadster.

## Ugly Flannel to record live at LowellArts July 1

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Ugly Flannel, an "emo revival" band from Grand Rapids, will participate in a live recording session at LowellArts, 223 W. Main, at 6 pm on Sunday, July 1. The concert is part of the collaboration between LowellArts and RyneShyne Enterprises. Admission is free with a suggested \$5 donation. The performances will be broadcast live on 92.3-FM WRWW, plus the audio and video will later be edited into music videos, podcasts and used in other projects at RyneShyne Enterprises' online headquarters, ryнешyne.club.

Ugly Flannel consists of Ben Nguyen on guitar and vocals, Nick Rozegnal on bass and trumpet, Athen Erbter on drums and Katelyn Zacharias as backing vocalist. They

describe their genre of music as "emo revival."

Emo was a style of heavy rock music from the 1990s that was influenced by punk instead of metal and had lyrics focusing on the author's emotional confessions. Some of the most popular emo bands were My Chemical Romance, Fall Out Boy and Panic! at the Disco. Ugly Flannel's brand new album "To Make up for the Depleted Oxygen" has a gloomy, low-fi grunge rock sound reminiscent of classic emo groups, particularly Weezer.

"With 'emo revival,' I was trying to recreate the sound I've been listening to the past few years," Nguyen said. "I was trying to bring back that 90s emo that I really liked. Everybody's been telling me it's very reminiscent of that era. I've also gotten compared to

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founded in 2013 and boasts the startling smooth voice of band frontman Andrew Schrock. Also penning lyrics and adding guitar, the multi-talented lead singer's almost sultry vocals are the perfect accompaniment for both the slower romantic selections and the funky upbeat ones.

With Terrence Massey on the trumpet, Nate Heymoss on guitar, Tom Eldred on the organ, Paul Bauer on drums and Neal Conway on bass, the band pumped out their original works for an hour-and-a-half set, pausing for humor and fun from Schrock and band members between

tunes. The high energy show drew many to their feet and kept the crowd lively, especially inside the newly revised cocktail area. According to Baker, "The expanded cocktail area has been a hit. Last year we had a very tiny area in the sun. Enlarging it has made the cocktail area a nicer place to hold conversations and not feel so packed in."

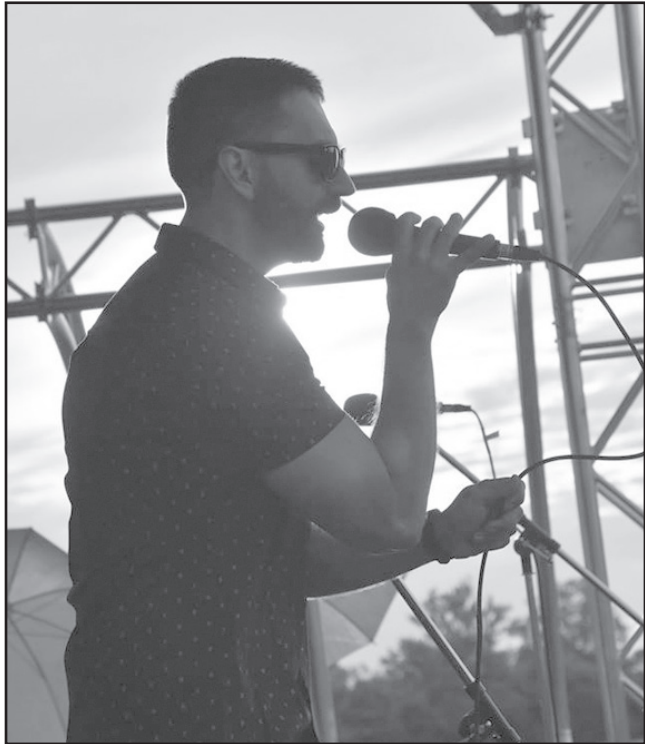
Another appreciated change to the event is the brand new stage, for which Baker offered the following thanks. "We would like to thank Lowell Cable TV, Look, Lowell area community and LowellArts / Lowell chamber, Greater Foundation Stage Funds for our new stage. We also would like thank John Wenger for his countless hours researching, ordering and providing guidance on the new stage. Evert

Beck, Mark Todd, Lou D'Agostino, Lowell Light and Power, City of Lowell DPW and Mark Anderson of Terra Verde for assisting with the installation."

Premier country music group Stolen Horses will be the next band to take that freshly installed stage this Thursday from 7-9 pm. "Country music always brings out a big crowd," said Baker of the upcoming performance. "Looking ahead the weather is going to be great, so we should be full!"

As always parking and entry to the concert are free. Bleacher and lawn seating are available. Food and other fare, as well as adult beverages, are available on site from multiple local vendors. The event is handicap accessible and family friendly.

**Left: The Mainstays lead vocalist Andrew Schrock on stage. (Photos by Bruce Doll)**



# Ugly Flannel, continued

the Promise Ring, which is cool. I can take that. Being a songwriter is the form of art that allows me to express myself. I can't do it through, like, painting or poetry. Music is a natural thing, I've been doing it since middle school. I've improved a lot, my middle school recordings were pretty bad. I even deleted them all off of Bandcamp because they were so bad with weird song titles. One was called 'Grunge Tumbler Girls Hit Me Up.' That one was pretty embarrassing."

Don't be fooled by the melancholy sound of their recordings, Nguyen said the band's live performances are notoriously rowdy.

"Our live shows are really violent," Nguyen said. "If someone's new to my band and they go to one of my shows, they wouldn't expect to get hurt, but a lot of kids are crowdsurfing and getting really badly hurt. Our fans have a reputation of being really over-aggressive. I never expected that to happen because our music sounds so pleasant, but it happens. The people who go to our shows are so violent. We don't want to break anything. I guess at our live shows we play with a little more energy."

To learn more about the music of Ugly Flannel, find them on Facebook or visit uglyflannel.bandcamp.com. For more information

about other programs and events at LowellArts, visit lowellartsmi.org.

"This will be very different. We've never done a live session before," Nguyen said.



**Ugly Flannel will bring their "melancholy" music to the LowellArts gallery on Sunday, July 1.**

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# Open house at Alpha Family Center slated for July 12

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Alpha Family Center of Lowell, 519 E. Main, is nearly finished remodeling their new building and plans to have an open house to show it off on Thursday, July 12, from 4 until 7 pm. The open house will be a baby shower to collect badly needed items, like diapers, wipes, sippy cups, pacifiers and the many other products required to care for a baby.

“They will definitely be able to see the new facilities and the amazing things that have happened through

this whole process,” said Christa Wetzel, Alpha Family Center executive director. “They’ll be able to hear about what changes are happening moving forward and all that fun stuff.”

The center purchased the building directly next door to their current location, 517 E. Main, in January. They’ve been fixing the interior and exterior ever since.

“We have replaced the floors in the majority of the building,” Wetzel said. “It’s been really cool because it’s the community doing the work. One of

our board members owns a flooring business. His name is Caleb Clark and his company is called Paragon Interiors. He was able to do this at a great deal for us. Hopefully he’ll be finished by the beginning of this week. We’ve had volunteers of all ages helping on the building, even little kiddos as young as eight helping to move things, put together furniture and a lot of those random kinds of projects that kids can help work on. We’ve also had people in their 70s and 80s volunteering. Churches that have never been involved



Work continues, but is almost finished on the interior and exterior of Alpha Family Center of Lowell’s new location at 519 E. Main.



with us before have also gotten involved in this project.”

The new facility will allow them to expand their programs, especially their GED classrooms.

“We’re expanding the hours that we’re able to offer classes,” Wetzel said. “We’re adding another day and longer hours on each day, including some hours that are outside of normal business hours to allow for people who need the GED

but do not meet our normal criteria of either being pregnant or having a child under five years of age.”

At the end of July they will have another public event, the ribbon cutting ceremony for their new ultrasound machine.

“The Knights of Columbus had a fish fry every Friday night, so the community raised the funds to buy that with their help,” Wetzel said. “The local Knights raised half of that

money and the national organization matched the rest.”

For more information about Alpha Family Center, including how to volunteer or contribute, call 616-987-9533 or visit [aflowell.org](http://aflowell.org).

“Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the renovations and we’re at about \$90,000,” Wetzel said. “People are excited to see that building come back to life again. We’re trying to bring new life to that corner.”

## Secretary Johnson: New budget means \$11.2 million for election security

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson issued the following statement about the state budget that includes \$535,000 in state money that Johnson and her team sought to enhance election security and integrity:

“I thank the governor and lawmakers for moving quickly to include the state’s contribution in the new budget, allowing Michigan to use \$11.2 million to review and upgrade state and local election security. We all take elections seriously and are working to

further strengthen election security and integrity.

“We will be hiring an outside firm to conduct a security review of state, county and local election-related systems to identify potential vulnerabilities and methods to mitigate them. The work will be the first time such an extensive security-related review will be performed but that is just the start of our plans to use the new money for election upgrades.

These measures are part of Johnson’s continuing

efforts to enhance election security and integrity. Earlier efforts include cleaning up the state voter file, performing post-election audits for the first time and more cybersecurity training for local election workers.

The security review is among the many election upgrades Johnson and the Bureau of Elections have put in place for the 2018 election cycle, including all new next-generation election equipment used in all 1,520 cities and

townships, expanded cybersecurity training for local election administrators and post-election audits that include ballot validation.

The \$10.7 million

federal portion of the new money was sent to the state and already, the Bureau of Elections is seeking to hire an experienced firm with election administration and

cybersecurity expertise to perform the security review with at least initial findings expected to be reported before the November general election.



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On June 18, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club recognized three past members for their outstanding accomplishments and service to both club and community. Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Member Achievement awards and pins were presented to (left to right) Judy Ellison, Janice and David Thompson during a club meeting at the Englehardt Library. In addition, MGC District IV director, Monica Taylor, was present to install the new Lowell Showboat Garden Club officers: David Drain as president, Carol McGregor as first vice president and Rex Byrne as second vice president. The Garden Club meets every 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm. Meeting locations are posted in The Lowell Ledger.

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 — Dale Carnegie, How to Win Friends and Influence People

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let's go RVing

Dave Stegehuis

More people are adopting the camping lifestyle every year. Even during economic down turns, RV sales remained firm.

Camping provides an opportunity to change up the daily routine and spend time in the outdoors with family and friends. There are plenty of activities which can be pursued on a camping trip such as softball tournaments or fishing and most anything else one may do away from home. A great number of campers gather just to spend relaxing time together and socialize. Federal, state, townships,

and city governments as well as private owners operate campgrounds across the state. It is not necessary to travel far to find a place to camp.

Choosing an RV unit can be a daunting task because of the wide range of choices. One must realize at the beginning that any type of RV will have a number of advantages and disadvantages relating to the camper's individual needs. For example, a truck camper allows for convenient towing of all kinds of trailers but may be a crowded living space for a family group. The buyer

should plan ahead and order priorities, then choose a unit that meets the majority of needs. Purchase price, maintenance issues, and off season storage should be considered as well as tow vehicle specifications if one is required. Once the type of RV is determined, choices for brand, model, and a wide range of options must be considered.

The good news is that because of the strong market, manufacturers have had the incentive to use technology to address the concerns of consumers, so there are products that have

features to satisfy the most demanding camper.

Camping today is no longer regarded as roughing it. One can travel with all the comforts of home if desired. Getting into the outback or setting up in established campgrounds with tents and other basic equipment is still fun and enjoyable, so don't overlook opportunities to have that experience. The main thing is to get out and enjoy the Michigan summer outdoors to recharge physical and emotional batteries and bond with others and nature.

want. One suspects that the store people have many hours of weariness and anxiety, and the public should thank them constantly.

### 50 years ago Lowell Ledger June 27, 1968

A Lowell Township youth who drove his car into a deep ditch off Bowes Rd. Sunday night, managed to wiggle free from the vehicle apparently unhurt, and ran a hasty retreat. Police later got his name, and are continuing investigation of the incident. According to passing motorists, the youth swung out of Hudson to make the Bowes Rd. turn. Skid marks showed that he apparently lost control of the car and headed for the ditch, missing a utility pole on the way. The vehicle was not too badly damaged.

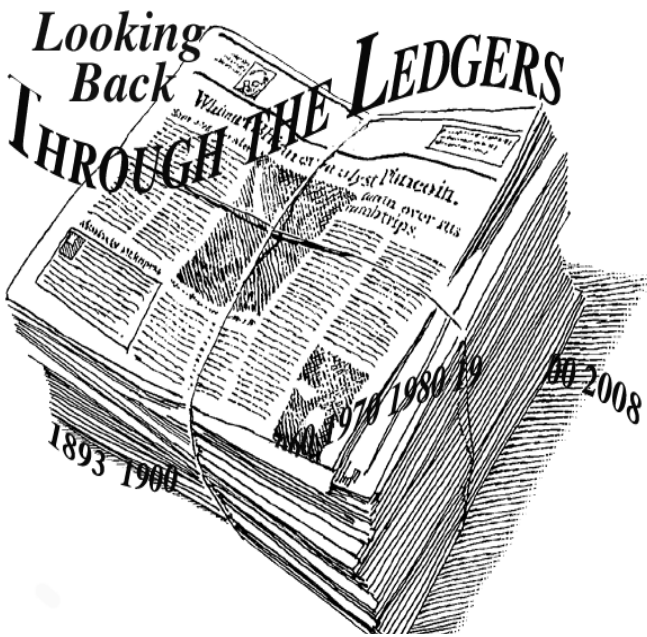
Patrolman Mike Harrington, a member of the Lowell police force since 1966, has submitted his resignation, effective August 2. Harrington has accepted a similar position with the department in East Lansing and will assume his new duties on August 5. A native of Florida, Harrington lives with his wife and three children at 803 North Monroe. The family will remain in residency here pending availability of suitable living quarters in the Lansing area. Harrington lauded Police Chief Avery Block and City Manager Bernard C. Olson in a statement prepared for publication. "I have very much enjoyed working for the city," he said. "Mr. Olson and Mr. Block should be commended on their handling of personnel."

### 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 30, 1993

Carol VanderSys had visions of her next visit to her hideaway in Canada as she pulled her new Bass tracker Pro 17 fishing boat back to Grand Haven. VanderSys was the lucky winner in the Lowell Showboat fishing boat raffle. The Grand Haven resident was one of roughly 10,000 people to purchase a ticket. The boat was purchased through Giant's in Ionia from Bass Tracker for \$4,963. The Showboat sold \$ 12,707 worth of tickets, raising over \$8,000 for the Showboat.

Charles R. Doyle of Lowell, was one of the 200 state delegates attending the state convention of The National Association of Retired Federal Employees which was held at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, June 3-6. NARFE is a strong member oriented organization. Its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as well as, its legislative agendas are set by membership action in both State and National Conventions. Its four resident National Officers, as well as, its ten Regional Vice Presidents comprise the National Executive Board. It is through each of these elected officials that mandates of the membership are carried out. Doyle is a member of the Grand Rapids NARFE Chapter #234 and is currently serving as its Legislative Chairman.

New industry could soon find its way into Vergennes Township. Vergennes Township Board approved rezoning 75 acres of residential property at the end of Godfrey to light industrial. The property, owned by O. E. Bieri Trust Corp., was designated in the township's master plan for industrial use. According to Township Supervisor Jim Cook the property is ideal for light industrial use because, "the property doesn't have much residential value and this would improve the property." He went on to state that "this amount of land is reasonable for industry because it responds to the business needs of our community." According to Cook there have been no buyers for the property yet but some inquiries have been made.



### 125 years ago Lowell Journal June 28, 1893

The "Hooker Pioneer Society" is a new old settlers society, which have been organized here recently and they have their first re-union in the shape of a basket picnic at the residence of Mr and Mrs J. S. Hooker to-day. Any person eligible to membership must have settled here previous to 1860. The society is composed of actual pioneers.

Miss Hattie Cadwell, who was for a long time agent for the Postal Telegraph Co., here but who has been, the past year, at Litchfield, Ills, visited Lowell friends, last week, leaving, Saturday, for her new home at Hammond, Ind.

Another Lowellite will depart from the paths of peace (single blessedness) and take a wife. The occurrence occurs to-day at Manistee where Will W. Hull, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Hull of this place, will marry Miss Maude Kennedy, of Manistee. Will's friends from Lowell send greetings.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 27, 1918

Only a few days to wait, and then comes the show you have all been anticipating taking in. The Sun Brothers' World's Progressive Shows, an organization

with a proud record of twenty-five successful years before the public. The show will exhibit at Lowell on Friday, July 5th. Young America is all agog over the happy event. From early sunrise to late at night the show grounds will be a scene of continuous performances and exhibits of the World's strangest wonders. The management particularly advertises the fact that they do not allow any gamblers, fakirs or immoral issues in or about their shows. Everything being of a strictly high class and respectable character. Two performances will be given, afternoon and night. Unusually large tents will be erected and seats will be provided for all spectators.

R. M. Wilcox has been installing quite an expensive track for hay and grain in his barn. Farm labor and experienced help are so scarce that farmers are compelled to buy every labor-saving device that is invented.

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

Last Friday the Ledger received page after page of instructions from the U.S. Treasury Department in great detail the employer's part in connection with the new withholding tax and after wrestling with the matter for two or three hours we went home, drank a cup of black coffee left over from the day before, took some aspirin, then dropped onto the nearest couch only to fall into a troubled sleep. When we finally awoke we said to ourself why should I complain knowing that the boys on the firing line are not.

Sam and Blanche Sage, formerly proprietors of Dad's Place at Lowell Corners on US-16, have leased the Little Racine restaurant, 311 E. Main St., and will open for business on the Fourth of July. They will serve meals daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Thank you," said a store man one day when he handed the customer a parcel of scarce foodstuff. "You are the one who should get the thanks," remarked the customer. This was a true perception of the situation at this time in so many stores, when the place may be shorthanded, when there are ration coupons to be handled and accounted for, and when people are constantly calling for things that can't be had. It takes a heap of patience to do all this work and attend to all these needs, and deal with customers who become impatient if they have to wait or can't get what they

# health

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

## - testicular cancer screening

Testicular cancer affects males of all ages, but is most prevalent in young men. It is one of the most common malignant tumors found in males age 15 to 34. Some risk factors for testicular cancer include:

- being Caucasian,
- having a brother or father with testicular cancer,
- having an undescended testicle (one that did not come down into the scrotum) even if it was surgically corrected
- having small or irregularly shaped testicles
- h a v i n g Klinefelter's syndrome (a genetic condition)

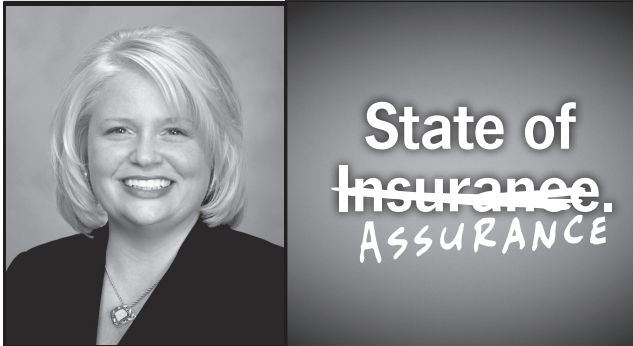
Some signs of testicular cancer include:

- a hard, painless lump in the testicle (most common)
- a dull ache in the scrotum (less common)
- a scrotum that feels heavy or swollen.

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# college news

On May 20, 2018, Meaghan Kathleen Race, of Ada, graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, earning a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience. Race was awarded the Priscilla Kehoe Neuroscience prize.

Kaitlin Krause, of Ada and Jacob Anderson, of Lowell, have graduated from Marquette University

in Milwaukee, Wis. Krause earned a BS in nursing and Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science in physiological sciences.

They were among about 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students who received their diplomas on May 20, 2018, at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Western Michigan University has announced

the graduates of the 2018 spring session. Local graduates are, of Ada: Alex P. Austin, Bachelor of Science; Austin J. Bieri, Bachelor of Science; Jessica Marie Bouman, Bachelor of Science; Marisa A. Bowie, Master of Social Work; Anthony J. Hanson, Bachelor of Science in engineering; Christian H. Knape, Bachelor of Science; Sara J. Lee, Master of Arts; Avery G. Snyder, Bachelor of Science; Kirk A. Vander Molen, Doctor of Philosophy; and Alexandra J. Woodburne, Master of Arts. Of Alto: Craig A. Hartley, Bachelor of Business Administration and Ethan J. Young, Bachelor of Science. Of Lowell: Chitradevi C. Caradedios, Master of Arts; Jessica Jane Graves, Bachelor of Science in engineering; Caylee A. Pattison, Bachelor of Science; and Nicholas J. Smith, Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Monica Bussell, of Lowell, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in new media studies and marketing on April 21, 2018. Bussell was among the latest group of students to become Alma College alumni.

Marquette University has announced the dean's list for the spring 2018 semester. Local students named to the dean's list are, Kaitlin Kraus, of Ada, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing and Jacob Anderson, of Lowell, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in physiological sciences.

David Beach of Lowell was among more than 800 undergraduate, adult degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University this spring. Beach earned a doctor of ministry.

Mason Misiak, of Lowell, has been named to the dean's list at Alpena Community College for the 2018 spring semester. The dean's list recognizes students of great distinction who have earned perfect 4.00 grade point averages and students of distinction whose grade point averages are between 3.50 and 3.99. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have full-time course loads of 12 or more credits.

# happy birthday



## JUNE 27

Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.

## JULY 1

Brandon Hewitt, Dylan Borton, Amy Markel.

## JUNE 28

Brian Doyle.

## JULY 2

Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Golczynski, Mary Jo Buechler, Calihan Janowiak.

## JUNE 29

Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons, Trevor Wernet.

## JUNE 30

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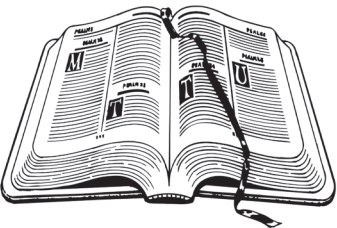


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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Josephine M. Kalisz Trust

Re: Josephine M. Kalisz, decedent, Date of Birth: May 3, 1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Josephine M. Kalisz, who lived at 145 Westmont Dr., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, died May 28, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Elaine Dunkel, Co-Trustee, of 4925 Oriole

Ave., Schererville, IN 46375, and Michael Kalisz, Co-Trustee, of 145 Westmont Dr., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 20, 2018

John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244)  
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Elaine Dunkel, Co-Trustee  
4925 Oriole Ave. Schererville, IN 46375

Michael Kalisz, Co-Trustee  
145 Westmont Dr., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504



# Anniversary, continued

of people came out and a lot of those people are dressed up. We encouraged people to dress up, but said it wasn't required. We just wanted people to come. But a lot of people decided it would be a

by local artists, a great variety of things."

For extra atmosphere, a vintage automobile was parked outside of the party.

"That car is a 1930 Ford Roadster, a two-door

coupe, modified street rod with a Chevy 350 engine, owned by John Sterly," said Carol Briggs. "I love that it's a cream color because everybody's suits and dresses are dark, so it really pops out."

"It was the closest thing we could get to a 1920s car," Broene said.

FROM announced details about their upcoming housing project at 512 Main St. The charity purchased two houses next door to each other and plan to create multiple dwellings on the site. Their plan is to help people using the "housing first" method.

"Having a roof over your head is the first step," said FROM board member Jodie Seese. "Once that's in place, you have the stability to work on things,

like getting a job, getting more hours, getting a better job, working on education, working on development of your career. From there, you can probably address some barriers, like child care or transportation."

FROM plans to launch a capital campaign later this year to raise the money necessary to complete this ambitious project.

"I think it's the volunteers and their passion for helping our neighbors in the community that makes FROM a great organization," Briggs said.

"FROM is great, 20 years great," said FROM board member James Hodges. "FROM does a lot for the community as a whole. Filling in all the gaps for all of us who may be needy and it gives

volunteer opportunities to those of us who have retired, have some free time and want to give back to the community."

"FROM's progression through the years has been unbelievable. They're loved by everyone," said Rick Seese.



Rev. Gordie Berry was the guest speaker and Jim White was the emcee during the event.



Chris and James Hodges were among those who attended the party in full 1920s regalia.

fun time, to dress up to have a fun evening, so we have a lot of flappers and gangsters here. There is also some 20s stuff by the photo booth for people to use."

"It's going well. It's really going great," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "The weather turned out great. It was perfect weather and I'm very happy with how many people dressed up. The silent auction highlights were a vintage avocado green Kitchen Aid mixer from the 70s, a little grill with a gift certificate to Gary's Meats, a round wooden table that Jody Haybarker redid just for the event. We have a rowboat that somebody donated, a couple paintings



Flat River Outreach Ministries had a Roaring 20s party in the barn at Witt's Inn & Cafe, 2534 Alden Nash.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Zoning Ordinance Amendment

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on June 18, 2018, Ordinance No. 03-2018 was adopted to amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ("Township") ORDAINS:

**Article 1.** The last sentence of Section 18.08(b) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby **AMENDED** to read as follows:

The number of billboards that may exist at any one time in the Township shall not exceed 18.

**Article 2. Severability.** Should any portion of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, that shall not affect the balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Article 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A complete copy of the Ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or viewed on our website: [www.twp.lowell.mi.us](http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us).

Monica Burt, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

# Former assistant chief is the new Alto Bowne fire chief

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Rick Vriesenga is the new chief of the Alto and Bowne Township fire department.

A veteran of the Michigan Army National Guard, Vriesenga has spent decades working in the life-saving business as paramedic, firefighter and instructor. He has spent most of his career as a firefighter at Gerald R. Ford Airport in Cascade Township and has lived in Alto with his wife Julie since 2001.

Vriesenga's interest in that career path began in childhood when he was captivated by television programs about emergency workers.

"I grew up watching all the police and fire shows, like 'Emergency,' if you remember that," Vriesenga said. "It was a spin-off of 'Adam 12.' They were all shows made by Jack Webb, who also did 'Dragnet.' Later, when I was a young adult looking for work, I

saw an ad in the newspaper that said, 'If you would like to be a paramedic, call this number.' Paramedic programs were brand new in the whole country. I think they started in the late sixties, but in the late seventies they really got traction around here and took off. Davenport University was taking the paramedic program over from Grand Valley. I talked to someone at Davenport, one thing led to another and I ended up in the training course. I ended up really liking it, unlike previous schooling, which I did not enjoy. Since 1984 I've been working full time as either a paramedic or as a firefighter. I did 22 years as a firefighter full time at the airport. Working there was a unique experience. We had all kinds of specialized equipment and foam, but we didn't have that many incidents. We were mainly there to make sure the airplanes were taking off and landing safely."

Vriesenga had heaps of praise for his predecessor Phil Dougherty, who retired a couple weeks ago.

"Phil did a great job. Boy, I've got some big shoes to fill," Vriesenga said. "Phil and I have been friends for years. I worked with him here since 2001. He is a very good person. For the last nine years, Phil was chief and I was assistant chief. Our last two fire chiefs, Phil and Jerry Posthumus, set us up for success, financially and administratively. They set a high bar that I only hope to get to. I don't have plans to change a lot of stuff. I want to maintain what we have. It's going to be pretty much business as usual, but there can always be improvements. I'm looking at the budget, the equipment and that sort of thing constantly. Community safety is job one. Our community is so supportive of us in every way. We're very blessed. We also have a good relationship with our township's supervisor and the employees there at the township. Not every department has that. It really helps drive us."

Vriesenga said he does not intend to make drastic changes in day-to-day operations at the fire station. Instead he plans to focus on keeping everybody's licenses up-to-date. Some of the staff plan to get additional licenses so they can handle more advanced tasks and equipment, therefore potentially saving more lives.

"There is a lot of administrative stuff to be done," Vriesenga said. "Times are changing, but that's a good thing. The fire service is changing continually. There are always new techniques and new equipment out there, so we're always learning. It all has to do with safety. That is always our primary concern. In this day of age of compliance with state, federal and local laws, there are a lot of compliance issues. We all have to be licensed by the state to work as an EMS. In order to

relicense, we have to take a lot of secondary education classes during the three years of the license."

It used to be that the most dangerous thing firefighters were exposed to was fire. Because of how buildings are constructed today, there

house or structure fire, even a vehicle fire. It's mostly because of the different types of plastic burning, so we have to be extra careful compared to what we used to do. And as firefighters, we would literally get covered in foam, then we had to refill

they've never smoked a day in their life."

The department currently has a fleet of eight trucks and one UTV [utility terrain vehicle]. Their most recent and most useful recent acquisitions were a bunch of hands-free shoulder camera



Alto/Bowne fire chief Rick Vriesenga spent 22 years as a firefighter at Gerald R. Ford Airport.

is the added risk of exposure to carcinogens that could cause cancer.

"Fires are different than they used to be 40 or 50 years ago," Vriesenga said. "Most structures and their contents back then were made of wood, class A type stuff. Now there is very little wood, but when they burn, it's very toxic. It's not like sitting around a campfire burning leaves, now you have to worry about getting cancer when you go into any

the foam supply so we would get covered in the liquid concentrate. We would also inhale the dry chemicals that are in every fire extinguisher. We were told that was harmless as well. Time will tell on that one. There were a couple [of] guys who retired from the airport that had cancer, but I don't know if any of it was traced back to work. It's really hard to do that. Some states have a thing called 'presumptive cancer' where if a firefighter gets cancer it's presumed that it happened in the line of duty, then the treatment is paid for, in part, by the fire department. I don't know what the answer is. Some people get lung cancer and

units that literally allow firefighters to see in the dark.

"You lose visibility, especially with burning plastic generating smoke in a contained area. Sometimes you have no visibility," Vriesenga stated. "Years ago we used to have to go in with those old, leather fire helmets and fire gear and flop around and go by sense of touch to look for victims. Nowadays we can speed the whole process up with thermal imaging cameras. We recently got some of the latest and greatest equipment with thermal imaging built right into the

New chief, continued, page 11

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### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ("Township") ORDAINS:

#### ARTICLE 1 Rezoning To C, General Commercial Zoning District.

The Zoning Ordinance and Map of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County Michigan, which map is incorporated by reference in the Zoning Ordinance for the Charter Township of Lowell, pursuant to Section 3.02, shall be amended so that hereafter the lands described below within this Zoning Map Amendment shall be zoned and included in the C, General Commercial Zoning District on the Zoning Map.

**Street Address:** 12000 Cascade Road SE

**Tax Parcel ID No.** 41-20-28-200-007

**ARTICLE 2 Effective Date.** This Ordinance/ ordinance amendment shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A complete copy of the Ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or viewed on our website: [www.twp.lowell.mi.us](http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us).

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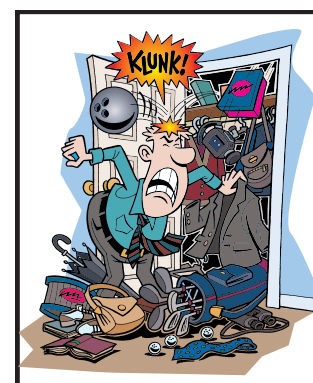


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# St. Patrick's festival boasts third annual quilt show

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Hosting three days of summer celebration last weekend, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, located just north and west of Lowell, hosted their annual festival of live music, fun activities and delicious food fare in support of their elementary school's scholarship program.

Festivities began Friday evening with an overlapping Euchre

before launching into the high dollar auction. Raising the bulk of funds sought at the event, this year's auction featured trips to Cabo and Cancun, nights out on the town, prime parking for Christmas mass and the opportunity to meet with state representative and St. Patrick's member Thomas Albert.

Following the auction the tent opened up for repeat performer Kari Lynch who

lit up the night with an upbeat country playlist. Attendees were able to participate in a fun Las Vegas experience playing classic casino games, such as roulette and black jack.

The final day of the festival, Sunday, provided more family-friendly activities, like old-fashioned carnival games, a petting zoo inside the children's tent and the debut of the Ninjas on the

Move course. "The event was great as many kids ran the course and parents were engaged despite the rainy start," said course owner Drew Struckmeyer.

The popular antique car, truck and tractor show which drew a wide selection of entries, including a five-ton M931 A2 military machine entered by local resident Joel Eckman, owner of Eckman Landscaping. "It was a nice atmosphere. The atmosphere was a little low due to weather," said Eckman, of his first time at the show.

Inside the parish, Denice Barker hosted the third annual quilt show. "Both participation and attendance have grown since we started. This was our third show and I've met so very many people through this. Many people came this year who never came in the past because they didn't understand what we were doing. They were



Quilts on display at the third annual event.




Joel Eckman's five-ton M931 A2 car show entry drew big attention.



Families take a stroll to enjoy the antique car, truck and tractor show.

tournament and 5K Run, both well-attended. Card players earned cash prizes and trophies while runners collected t-shirts and a run through the countryside, both earning money for the cause. Friday also marked the opening of the beer, food and entertainment tents which remained open for the duration of the event. The first performer of the weekend was local favorite Alive & Well who played their well-known classic rock covers to a crowded post-race village and tents full of guests.

Saturday's parishioners and guests gathered inside the beautifully restored church for a 4 pm mass



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### DEQ recognizes recycling advocates for their efforts to increase reuse

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recognized recycling advocates for their efforts to



address comprehensive waste management and improve the recycling rate across the state as part of the Michigan Recycling Coalition's annual conference in Kalamazoo.

DEQ director C. Heidi Grether also thanked Senator Mike Nofs for his leadership on a funding proposal aimed at bolstering recycling and other environmental initiatives.

"The DEQ is committed to providing Michiganders with a better environment through the reduction of waste and the increase in recycling," Grether said. "Thanks to the support of Governor Snyder, Senator Nofs and the hard work of the members of the Michigan Recycling Coalition, we are now well on our way to updating our solid waste laws and providing a funding mechanism to accomplish both goals."

Recent legislation, Senate Bill 943, introduced by Sen. Nofs, R-Battle Creek, increases the current tipping fee charged on all waste disposed in landfills from \$0.36 per ton to \$4.44 per ton.

The average tipping fee in the Midwest is \$5.30 per ton. Michigan currently has the lowest tipping fee in the region and more than one quarter of Michigan's landfill waste is imported from Canada and 13 surrounding states.

The proposal would generate \$74 million annually to support efforts aimed at tripling Michigan's recycling rate through additional access to recycling and market development opportunities. Water quality monitoring and remediation and redevelopment of contaminated sites in communities across the state would also be funded by the proposal.

An estimated \$18 million of this revenue would be generated from out-of-state sources while the cost of the fee to the average Michigan family would be less than \$5 a year.

With a 15 percent recycling rate, Michigan's recycling rate is one of the lowest in the nation, resulting in \$368 million worth of recyclable materials being put in Michigan landfills each year. The average recycling rate nationwide is 35 percent.

Grether also updated conference attendees on the DEQ's efforts with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to increase recycling within state government and the DEQ's work with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to grow local recycling efforts throughout the state.

The Michigan Recycling Coalition's mission is to foster sustainability by leading, educating and mobilizing business, government, nonprofits and individuals to advance their own and collective resource use and recovery initiatives in Michigan through Re:Source, a state initiative that promotes the use of recycled materials in economic and business opportunities in Michigan.

For more information on the DEQ's recycling efforts, visit: [www.michigan.gov/mirecycles](http://www.michigan.gov/mirecycles)

### Gov. Rick Snyder signs legislation updating license plate obstruction law

Drivers will no longer receive a ticket for removable objects blocking their license plate under legislation signed today by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"I'm happy to sign legislation that provides clarity for many Michiganders," Snyder said. "By updating this law, I hope our outdoor enthusiasts feel more at ease transporting their bikes and other recreational vehicles."

House Bill 5100, sponsored by state Rep. Holly Hughes, amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to establish that removable bicycle racks, trailer hitches, tow balls or similar devices used to carry objects on the back of a vehicle are not included in the code's definition of "foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure" vehicle license



plates, which is a civil offense. This bill is now Public Act 147 of 2018.

Snyder also signed five additional bills:

HB 5010, sponsored by state Rep. Diana Farrington, allows more time for the investigation and prosecution of armed robbery cases to ensure the proper individual is brought to justice. The bill affords appropriate time for technological advances to identify perpetrators. This bill is now PA 148 of 2018.

HB 5234, sponsored by state Rep. Martin Howrylak, allows convicted offenders to be released from a county jail with the approval of the sentencing court prior to the completion of the offender's original sentence if they are deemed physically or mentally incapacitated or are at end of life. This bill is now PA 149 of 2018.

HB 5259, sponsored by state Rep. Brandt Iden, updates the requirements for licensed limousines, taxicab or transportation network company (TNC) signage to better reflect the needs of the industry as well as ensuring riders are available to determine these companies are registered with the State of Michigan. This bill is now PA 150 of 2018.

Senate Bill 297, sponsored by state Sen. Ken Horn, provides that a licensee on a job under the Skilled Trades Act must show a government official or inspector a photo ID and evidence of licensure status if requested. Also, the bill clarifies only an individual licensed under electrical standards can install electrical wiring. This bill is now PA 151 of 2018.

SB 815, sponsored by state Sen. Ken Horn, expands the existing registration fee discount for vans used to transport an individual with a physical disability, to include any style of vehicle that has driver's foot pedals replaced with hand controls or has a permanently-installed wheelchair lift and is used to transport an individual with a physical disability. This bill is now PA 152 of 2018.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)



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### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.02, "DISTRICT BOUNDARIES," OF CHAPTER 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS - GENERAL," OF APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-03 amending Section 3.02, "District boundaries," of Chapter 3, "Zoning Districts - General," of Appendix A, "Zoning," of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Lowell on June 18, 2018. Ordinance No. 18-03 amends the zone district classification of real property located at 1100 Sibley Street, S.E., Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-03-472-022 from its existing classification of PF Public Facilities District to R-2 Residential District.

A copy of Ordinance 18-03 is available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 18-03 is effective 10 days after this publication.



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# New chief, continued

shoulder device. If we have zero visibility because it's dark, there's no electricity or there's smoke, we can see right through it. There is a lot of neat stuff available. They're still fairly new, but they're becoming popular. A lot of rural units and a lot of hunters are using them now. It's pretty slick. That's been a game changer since I've been a firefighter. We're fortunate to be one of the only departments that has a whole fleet of these. It used to be optional, now it's mandatory."

The Alto/Bowne

department currently has 17 people, but they still need a few more volunteers. Vriesenga said that any physically healthy, local resident is welcome to come in and get an application.

"It's hard after a long winter to ask people to stick around all weekend and be on call for the fire department, but we have people that will do it," Vriesenga said. "We work with all the area departments very closely so when there is a fire, we rely on mutual aid. We work closely with Lowell, Cascade, Caledonia,

Thornapple, Freeport and Clarksville. They rely on us coming to their fires and they come to our fires. That makes up for us only having 17 people. We just got a Facebook page up and running. One of our firefighters, Noah Blough, did that. That may help us with a lot of stuff. We have a great group here. We would really like to put a few more people on but we haven't done any recruiting, so to speak. We would actually like to have at least 20 people on a house fire. That's the accepted

standard. We don't always get that. We would have to call several fire departments to field that many people. We don't have a high call volume; we've only run 123 calls this year, so far. The bulk of our calls are medical problems. It's getting real hard everywhere to find people to work volunteer fire because we require so much time. Most people work a Monday through Friday day shift. This time of year people go on a lot of vacations or have family time. It's really tough to find people that will commit to the time involved

in training. For example, last night we had a training that started at four in the afternoon and didn't get out until ten at night. If they're interested at all, we show them around, show them what's expected. We sit them down and explain that sometimes their pager is going to go off at three in the morning and your family, your wife, your husband, your whatever is also going to hear that pager. I've had a pager on my hip since I was very young, so I'm kind of used to it now. We give them the reality

versus what they may think it is. We're not going on calls all the time, we're not fighting fires all the time. There is a lot of cleaning of equipment, cleaning after a fire, equipment check and maintenance, cleaning vehicles inside and out, sweeping up glass after an auto accident. We require more training because we don't get that on-the-job training. We really need to do the classroom and clinical trainings. It's not all glamorous, tipping back the hose and putting out fires like you see on TV."

# Festival, continued

astounded at how the quilts show so beautifully in the church."

Barker collects the displayed quilts from fellow church members and their quilting friends. "Word of mouth tells me who is a quilter and I call them. I'm not shy about asking anyone (I discover is a quilter) if they will be willing to show their quilts. This year we had 109 quilts from 41 people."

Besides the show Barker said there was much to enjoy at the festival. "My favorite part, other than the quilts, is the excitement it brings to the people in the parish. The festival is like homecoming weekend and if there's one thing I've heard over and over it's, 'My family is from here' and they have their own story to tell. That and the chicken dinner of course!"

Eckman also boasted about the dinner which is arguably one of the festival's biggest draws offering both dining in and to go options. Mentioning the wide variety of sides, generous portion of great tasting chicken and the homemade desserts he concluded, "You get a lot for the price and it was delicious."



Young attendees enjoy the playground outside the kids activity tent.



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# obituaries

## ADDORIO

Annette (Cantara) Addorio, 103, of Biddeford, Maine, passed away at home on June 22, 2018. Affectionately known as Nanny by family and friends, she was born and raised in Biddeford. A devout Catholic, she was a longtime active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. In retirement she was a volunteer tutor and enjoyed bowling until 101. She was a fan of the 'Fighting Irish' all her life and often recalled how she listened to the football games on radio with her father at an early age. She was preceded in death in 1981 by her husband Dennis. Her family that survives her locally are daughter, Denise (Bill) Dommer; grandson, Anthony (Mary) Dommer; along with their children, Alex and Sophia; granddaughter, Betsy (Matt) Davidson. Three other daughters and their husbands survive, as well as seven grandchildren and their spouses, 16 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, June 29th.

## BLOUGH

Dillie (Memom) Blough, age 92, of Belleview, FL, formerly of Alto, MI, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Dillie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Kenneth; son, Kenneth Jr.; and great-granddaughter, Catherine Rose. She is survived by her children, Dennis (Donna) Blough of Alto, MI, and Gloria (Dean) Moore of



Estero, FL; grandchildren, Lisa McDonough Perelman of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Denny (Angie) Blough of Alto, MI, Tommy McDonough and Kaylie (JP) Pena, all of Cape Coral, FL; 16 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Jerry Hensley of Belleview, FL. Visitation is Thursday, June 28, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Calvary Grace Brethren Church and one hour prior to the funeral on Friday, June 29, at 11 AM at Calvary Grace Brethren Church, 13700 84th SE, Alto, MI 49302. Pastor Rocky Culpepper officiating. Interment Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dillie's memory may be made to Grace Baptist Church, 10835 SE 70th Ave, Belleview, FL.



## BLOUGH

Roger Louis Blough aged 75, passed away of natural causes June 8, 2018 in Ringgold, GA, where he lived for many years with his lifetime partner, Jim Snow. Roger graduated from Saranac High School and promptly moved to California where he met his life time partner of 50 plus years, who preceded him in death in 2015. They lived in California, Grand Rapids and owned the Big Rapids Greenhouse. After the greenhouse, they spent the rest of their lives in Georgia near Jim's family. Roger earned a PHD and taught high school Biology until he retired. Roger was also preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mollie (Fitzsimmons) Blough; brother, Dale; and sister, Carmen Blough Borden. Roger is survived by his brother, Arthur (Veronica) Blough; sisters, Joan (Denny) Sisson, Ruth (Roger) Rowley, Phyllis (Jerry) Huver, Angela (Scott) Slaght, Martha (Robert) Fuhst; many nieces and nephews. Also survived by special friend, Jun Siong Lee, who Roger sponsored through college and many Vietnam refugees that he sponsored. Memorial service and interment have taken place at Lakewood Memory Gardens.



(Gary) Koppen of Horicon, WI, Shannon Michele Allen of Lowell, MI, Jacob Ernest (Katy) Dahl of DeFuniak Springs, FL, Christopher Joshua Dahl of West Allis, WI, Kathryn Marie Dahl of Horicon, WI, Eric Timothy Lessens and fiancée Kristy Marie Hughes of Chicago, IL, Ariel Marie Lessens of Happy Valley, OR, Sarah Nicole (Justin) Saunders, Melissa Kathleen Lessens, Amanda Christine Lessens, and Tyler James Lessens; nephews Robert, Richard, and David Westcott, all of Lansing; and seventeen great-grandchildren. Phyllis grew up on the family farm in Rockford, MI and graduated from Rockford High School in 1944. She graduated in 1948 with a B.S. in Medical Technology from Michigan State University, where she met Daniel. They were married on June 11, 1949 and lived in Mount Morris and Lansing, MI before settling in Lowell, MI in 1964 to raise their family. She was a Den Mother to many boys in Cub Scout Pack 3102, a volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 102 where George, Michael and Mark Lessens achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and Girl Scouts where Mary was an Explorer and Cadette Scout Leader. She was a cheerleader for and taskmaster to her children whether they delivered newspapers, competed on swim team and school and summer sports, or played musical instruments and / or sang in the choir. She was proudest of their academic achievements. Later in life she attended many of her grandchildren's concerts and sporting events. Phyllis was a smart, out-spoken and determined woman throughout her life, living and practicing her Catholic faith through St. Mary's Parish with its Altar Society and Pregnancy Center, along with the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. She was an avid gardener, baker, knitter and quilter, among other talents. The family thanks the staff at Spectrum Health Butterworth and Spectrum Health Hospice for making Phyllis comfortable as she made her journey home and the staff at American House - Kentwood, especially her granddaughter Melissa and grandson Tyler for their special attention, along with Tatiana, Eliza and Jesus for treating her like family and understanding her dry sense of humor. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, June 22, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presided. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell. The family wishes that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. Lowell, MI 49331.



## LESSENS

Phyllis Jean (Elsbey) Lessens, aged 91, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully at American House in Kentwood on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Phyllis was born January 19, 1927 to Orrin and Frances (Wilson) Elsbey in Rockford, Michigan. She is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Daniel Ivo Lessens, in 1999. Surviving are her loving children Steven Richard (Sherry) Lessens of Ann Arbor, MI, Mary Christine (Chris) Dahl of Crookston, MN, George Daniel (Sherry Lee) Lessens of East Grand Rapids, MI, Michael Francis Lessens and fiancée Denise Fosburg of Lowell, MI, and Mark Timothy (Carolyn) Lessens. She was adored by her thirteen devoted grandchildren: Jennifer Clare (David) Thompson of Okemos, MI, David Maurice (Kelly) Lessens of Anchorage, AK, April René



## MILLER

1938 -- 2018

Maryellen (Galbreath) Miller, age 80, of Lowell, passed away on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at Green Acres Assisted Living Center in Lowell, under the care of her loving family and hospice. She was born on June 8, 1938, in Plymouth, Michigan, the daughter of Leonard Adlai and Opel "Faye" (Helvie) Galbreath. She worked for many years at Lowell Engineering. Maryellen married Frank Miller in January 7, 1956 and shared 28 years of marriage with prior to his death on March 2, 1984. Maryellen is survived by her children, Lee (Mary) Miller of Greenville, Lonnie (Sharon) Miller of Clarksville, Barb (Chris) Egeler of Ludington and Russ (Reza) Miller of Greenville; brothers, Floyd (Ginnie) Galbreath and Stan Galbreath; sisters-in-law Esther Miller and Betty Miller; grandchildren, Karen (Rob) White, Patrick (Ashley) Miller, Jason Foster, Kelly (Scott) Bruinekool, Steve Miller, Josh (Veronica) Miller, Kenny (Chelsey) Miller. Aeron Lahoy Lahoy Miller and Amanda Miller; twelve great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and several close and dear friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Merle (Helen) Galbreath; a sister, Marion (Wallace) Miller; and a grandson, Matthew Miller. Private family burial services are being planned at Graceland Memorial Park in Grand Rapids, following cremation. Memorial contributions in Maryellen's name are recommended to Spectrum Health Hospice. For additional information or to request a donation envelope, please contact Verdun Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services at (616) 794-1300 or www.verdunfh.com.

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# FREE WILL astrology


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**Cancer**  
(June 21-July 22)



In the coming weeks, you will have an excellent chance to dramatically decrease your Wimp Quotient. As the perilously passive parts of your niceness toughen up, I bet you will encounter brisk possibilities that were previously off-limits or invisible to you. To ensure you remain in top shape for this delightful development, I think you should avoid entertainment that stimulates fear and pessimism. Instead of watching the latest flurry of demoralizing stories on Netflix, spend quality time summoning memories of the times in your life when you were unbeatable. For extra credit, pump your fist ten times each day as you growl, "Victory is mine!"


**Leo** (July 23-August 22)



It's not so bad to temporarily lose your bearings. What's bad is not capitalizing on the disruption that caused you to lose your bearings. So I propose that you regard the fresh commotion as a blessing. Use it as motivation to initiate radical changes. For example, escape the illusions and deceptions that caused you to

lose your bearings. Explore unruly emotions that may be at the root of the superpowers you will fully develop in the future. Transform yourself into a brave self-healer who is newly receptive to a host of medicinal clues that were not previously accessible.


**Virgo**  
(August 23-September 22)



Here's my list of demands:

1. Avoid hanging out with people who are unreceptive to your influence.
2. Avoid hanging out with people whose influence on you is mediocre or dispiriting.
3. Hang out with people who are receptive to your influence and whose influence on you is healthy and stimulating.
4. Influence the hell out of the people who are receptive to your influence. Be a generous catalyst for them. Nudge them to surpass the limits they would benefit from surpassing.
5. Allow yourself to be deeply moved by people whose influence on you is healthy and stimulating.


**Libra**  
(September 23-October 22)



"If I didn't define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me

and eaten alive." Activist author Audre Lorde said that and now, in accordance with your current astrological and psychological needs, I'm offering it to you. I realize it's a flamboyant, even extreme, declaration, but in my opinion, that's what is most likely to motivate you to do the right thing. Here's another splashy prompt, courtesy of philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre: "We only become what we are by the radical and deep-seated refusal of that which others have made us."


**Scorpio**  
(October 23-November 21)



Andre Rene Roussimoff, also known as André the Giant, was a French actor and professional wrestler. He was seven feet, four inches tall and weighed 520 pounds. As you might imagine, he ate and drank extravagantly. On one festive occasion, he quaffed 119 bottles of beer in six hours. Judging from your current astrological indicators, Scorpio, I suspect you may be ready for a binge like that. JUST KIDDING! I sincerely hope you won't indulge in such wasteful forms of "pleasure." The coming days should be a time when you engage in a focused pursuit of uplifting and healthy modes of bliss. The point is to seek gusto


and amusement that enhance your body, mind and soul.

**Sagittarius**  
(November 22-December 21)




On her 90th birthday, my great-aunt Zosia told me, "The best gift you can give your ego is to make it see it's both totally insignificant and totally important in the cosmic scheme of things." Jenna, my girlfriend when I was 19, was perhaps touting a similar principle when, after teasing and tormenting me for two hours, she scrawled on my bathroom mirror in lipstick, "Sometimes you enjoy life better if you don't understand it." Then there's my Zen punk friend Arturo, who says that life's goodies are more likely to flow your way if you "hope for nothing and are open to everything." According to my analysis of the astrological rhythms, these messages will help you make the most of the bewildering but succulent opportunities that are now arriving in your vicinity.

**Capricorn**  
(December 22-January 19)




In accordance with the astrological beacons, I have selected two pieces of advice to serve as your guiding meditations during the next seven weeks. You might want to write them on a piece of paper that you will carry in your wallet or pocket. Here's the first, from businessman Alan Cohen: "Only those who ask for more can get more, and only those who know there is more, ask." Here's the second, from writer G. K. Chesterton: "We need to be happy in this wonderland without once being merely comfortable."

**Aquarius**  
(January 20-February 18)




Ecologists in Mexico City investigated why certain sparrows and finches use humans' discarded cigarette butts in building their nests. They found that cellulose acetate, a chemical in the butts, protects the nests by repelling parasitic mites. Is there a metaphorical lesson you might draw from the birds' ingenious adaptation, Aquarius? Could you find good use for what might seem to be dross or debris? My analysis of the astrological omens says that this possibility is worth meditating on.

**Pisces**  
(February 19-March 20)



I suspect that sometime soon you will come into possession of an enchanted potion or pixie dust or a pouch full of magic beans -- or the equivalent. If and when that occurs, consider the following protocols: 1. Before you use your new treasure, say a prayer to your higher self, requesting that you will be guided to use it in such a way as to make yourself wiser and kinder. 2. When you use it, be sure it harms no one. 3. Express gratitude for it before and during and after using it. 4. Use it in such a way that it benefits at least one other person or creature in addition to you. 5. See if you can use it to generate the arrival or more pixie dust or magical beans or enchanted potion in the future. 6. When you use it, focus on wielding it to get exactly what you want, not what you sort of want or temporarily want.


**Aries** (March 21-April 19)



Your best ideas and soundest decisions will materialize as if by magic while you're lounging around

doing nothing in a worry-free environment. So please make sure you have an abundance of relaxed slack and unhurried grace. Treat yourself to record-setting levels of comfort and self-care. Do whatever's necessary for you to feel as safe as you have ever felt. I realize these prescriptions might ostensibly clash with your fiery Aries nature. But if you meditate on them for even two minutes, I bet you'll agree they're exquisitely appropriate for you right now.

**Taurus**  
(April 20-May 20)



"It is always what is under pressure in us, especially under pressure of concealment -- that explodes in poetry." Taurus poet Adrienne Rich wrote that in an essay about the poet Emily Dickinson. She was describing the process of tapping into potent but buried feelings so as to create beautiful works of literature. I'm hoping to persuade you to take a comparable approach: to give voice to what's under pressure inside you, but in a graceful and constructive way that has positive results.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20)



Introductory offers are expiring. The bracing thrills of novelty must ripen into the cool enjoyments of maturity. It's time to finish the dress rehearsals so the actual show can begin. You've got to start turning big, bright fantasies into crisp, no-nonsense realities. In light of these shifting conditions, I suspect you can no longer use your good intentions as leverage, but must deliver more tangible signs of commitment. Please don't take this as a criticism, but the cosmic machinery in your vicinity needs some actual oil, not just your witty stories about the oil and the cosmic machinery.

## NEWS OF THE weird

### News You Can Use

Louis Cote of Mascouche, Quebec, Canada, became suspicious last August of the DNA test results obtained from the samples he collected in his work for the Confederation of Aboriginal People of Canada, whose members use DNA testing to determine their native ancestry. So, CBC News reported on June 13, Cote launched his own experiment. He collected two samples using his own inner-cheek swabs and a third from his girlfriend's Chihuahua, Snoopy and sent them off to Viaguard Accu-Metrics. The results indicated that all three samples had identical DNA, including 12 percent Abenaki and eight percent Mohawk ancestry. "I thought it was a joke," Cote said. "The company is fooling people ... the tests are no good."

### What Is Art?

As part of the Dark Mofo art festival, Australian performance artist Mike Parr, 73, entered a steel tomb below busy Macquarie Street in Hobart on June 14, where he meditated, drew and read as traffic flowed overhead for 72 hours until his release on June 17. Parr had water but no food and oxygen was pumped into the box. His performance was promoted as a "response to 20th-century totalitarian violence," according to The Guardian, but the piece didn't speak to everyone. "I don't take anything away from it at all," said Carolyn Bowerman from Townsville. "I'm just amazed that someone would put themselves through this and go to this much effort." In a previous performance art piece, Parr hacked at a prosthetic arm with an ax before a shocked audience.

### Smooth Reactions

When Daryl Royal Riedel, 48, was pulled over for suspected drunk driving June 14 by Monroe County (Florida) Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Lopez, he first drove off, but thought better of it and stopped to face the music. Riedel, who claimed to be scared, then stepped out of his truck with an open can of beer and chugged the contents as Lopez watched. The Associated Press reported that Riedel has four prior DUI arrests and now faces felony DUI, fleeing from a deputy, driving with a suspended license and failure to submit to a breath test.

### Czech This Out

Czechoslovakian president Milos Zeman called a press conference on June 14 in Prague, where Zeman instructed two firefighters in protective gear to incinerate a huge pair of red underpants as reporters watched. The underwear had been hoisted during a 2015 protest at Prague Castle, replacing the presidential flag and symbolizing Zeman's close relationship with Russia and China. Zeman told reporters, according to the Associated Press: "I'm sorry to make you look like little idiots, you really don't deserve it." Zeman's longstanding difficulties with the press include an incident last year when he waved a fake machine gun at them.

### O.M.G.

Wa Tiba, 54, disappeared on June 14 while tending her vegetable garden on Muna Island in the Southeast Sulawesi province of Indonesia. Her family found only her sandals, a machete and a flashlight in the garden, but just 50 yards away, villagers located a 23-foot-long python with a severely bloated midsection. Fox News reported that when the snake's belly was cut

open, it revealed the woman's fully intact body inside, still wearing all her clothes. Villager Ayu Kartika said, "Everyone cried and was in shock. ... It looked like a horror movie."

### High Times

Two unnamed employees of the Inn at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, Vermont, enjoyed some malted milk ball-type candies left behind by guests on June 13, but they didn't enjoy the aftermath. The candies were cannabis edibles and the employees became sick after consuming them. Police arrived to find one of them lying in the parking lot and both were transferred to the hospital, according to the Associated Press. Recreational use of marijuana becomes legal in Vermont on July 1; police said the guests who left the edibles would not be charged.

### Least Competent Criminal

In Youngstown, Ohio, police responding to a call about multiple gunshots on June 10 spotted Dai'ryon Mitchell, 21, speeding away from the scene in an SUV. He refused to pull over but finally left the vehicle and ran into a home, where he climbed through a window and hung from the ledge. Mitchell tried to climb back in, The Youngstown Vindicator reported, but lost his grip and fell directly into the arms of officers below, who handcuffed him.

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THE 4TH OF JULY**

**ACROSS**

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- 6. Baseball Giant and hall-of-famer
- 9. Strikebreaker
- 13. Give out
- 14. What's old is new again, prefix
- 15. Money carrier
- 16. Floridian predator
- 17. Sin's and cos' partner
- 18. Don't just stand there
- 19. \*Salad ingredient at a barbecue
- 21. \*One of thirteen in 1776
- 23. Knighthood designation
- 24. "\_\_\_\_\_ your keep"
- 25. Aladdin, for short
- 28. "The Nutcracker" outfit
- 30. Soft-boiled egg holder
- 35. Mark for omission
- 37. Torso
- 39. Salpae, sing.
- 40. Like a devoted fan
- 41. Bear Down Under
- 43. Mongolian desert
- 44. Honey wine, pl.
- 46. Russian monarch
- 47. Shakespeare's "at another time"
- 48. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Continental Congress
- 50. Research facil.
- 52. One of Bo Peep's flock
- 53. Smidgen
- 55. Three strikes
- 57. \*Celebratory events on the 4th
- 61. \*\*\*The Star-Spangled Banner"
- 64. \*How you might find most drinks on the 4th
- 65. Have a cold, e.g.
- 67. Opposite of ecbatric
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- 70. \_\_\_\_\_ de Janeiro
  - 71. Burnt \_\_\_\_\_
  - 72. \_\_\_\_\_ in captivity
  - 73. Canine command
  - 74. Like yellow polka dot bikini
- DOWN**
- 1. Go low, as in jeans
  - 2. Show appreciation
  - 3. Choir voice

- 4. "\_\_\_\_\_": The Saga of an American Family"
  - 5. Gibraltar, e.g.
  - 6. On top of
  - 7. \*Out-of-favor beverage?
  - 8. Polynesian kingdom
  - 9. Court petitioner
  - 10. Rugged rock
  - 11. Fungal spore sacs
  - 12. Between Phi and Kappa
  - 15. Fork tips
  - 20. Lorry in America
  - 22. Old-fashioned "before"
  - 24. Europe/Asia portmanteau
  - 25. \*One of 3 Presidents to die on July 4th
  - 26. "Drove my chevy to the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 27. Hipbone-related
  - 29. Thomas the Engine's warning
  - 31. Lady nEe Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
  - 32. Star Wars attacker
  - 33. Violinist's stroke
  - 34. \*\*Common Sense" author
  - 36. Edible root of taro plant
  - 38. Dashing style
  - 42. Result of match play?
  - 45. More than snide
  - 49. Bambi's mom
  - 51. Interjection for disapproval
  - 54. Plural of #46 Across
  - 56. Recurring melody
  - 57. Fancy-schmancy
  - 58. Initial stake
  - 59. Iranian money
  - 60. Opposite of base
  - 61. A bunch
  - 62. River in Bohemia
  - 63. Demeanor
  - 66. \*Mad King George's number
  - 68. "\_\_\_\_\_, the Beloved Country"
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# Online POLL QUESTION

*Do you plan on traveling for the 4th of July*



- yes
- no

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- It's a good thing ..... 50%
- It's a bad thing ..... 50%
- No opinion ..... 0%

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**AND KEEP YOUR DOLLARS AT HOME!**

# Lowell grad ready to pursue goal as weatherman

by Kathryn Atwood  
contributing reporter

Recent Lowell High School graduate Joel Fritsma figured out what he wanted to be when he grew up in the first grade. Taking his turn as the weather person of the day, one of many tasks delegated to students daily by Alto Elementary teacher Mrs.

Hughes, Fritsma quickly drew a keen interest. Fritsma completed the duty with due diligence and then promptly asked for a whiteboard so he could write out a five-day forecast for his classmates.

Since that day he has taken advantage of and even created opportunities,

in and out of the classroom, to learn about meteorology. Twice he had the chance to job shadow recently retired WZZM 13 on-air meteorologist Joe Kopecek. He watched and studied the weather on a nearly daily basis. He ran his own weather blog. By the time he reached his senior year of high school Fritsma was once again delivering the five-day forecast, this time as part of the daily broadcast of the Red Arrow Report.

Crediting the student-run newscast for further fostering his dream, Fritsma was more than grateful for the job, just as he had been in first grade. “The whole opportunity to be the school meteorologist my senior year made me feel a sense of honor and pride in what I did. It was a semi-goal of mine to keep my entire class informed, but I never knew, in my wildest dreams, that I would’ve ended up reporting for the whole school if you had told me back in those early elementary days,” said Fritsma of the full circle accomplishment.

His status as the school’s official weatherman quickly grew as he fielded forecast questions as part of his daily school routine. “Within the first couple weeks of the school year, people started approaching me and asking me what the weather would be for their sporting event,

or just the weekend, so they would know what to pack for a camping trip up north.”

Fritsma’s forecast was also utilized by the athletics social media sites, combining his love of weather with a mutual adoration of sports. Fritsma’s tasks for the athletic department were varied and welcome. “I was able to rack up over 400 volunteer hours for the school alone, working on many things for the high school media team or to just help out at a game running the video board. I mainly highlighted my abilities by live tweeting, writing many articles, live videoing events from time to time, and creating graphics for

both pregame and post-game recaps.”

Maintaining good grades and participating in the jazz, marching and pep bands, Fritsma also found time for four years of golf and two years of tennis, as well as performing in two school musicals and taking a turn on the court as part of the Powder Puff volleyball game. Now having wrapped up his high school career, he has set his sights on an associate’s degree from Grand Rapids Community College. Fritsma will follow that up with two more years at either Michigan State or Central Michigan University to complete his pursuit of a meteorology career. “My ultimate career goal is to get a degree in

meteorology so I can start my job search for a position as an on-air meteorologist or at a National Weather Service office across the nation.”

While Fritsma has prepared a back-up plan just in case his weather dreams do not ultimately come true, the passionate pursuit he has already displayed leave few doubting he will achieve his goal, “We will definitely miss him next year,” said LHS athletic director Dee Crowley of Fritsma and what he brought to the department. “But we are so excited about his opportunities in the future and look forward to seeing him delivering weather forecasts in the future,” concluded Crowley.



Fritsma inside the stadium press box on behalf of the Lowell athletic department.

## Summer reading from Rep. Albert

Lowell Area Public Schools have joined with Kids Read Now, a national nonprofit organization, to inspire kids to pick up a book during summer vacation. The school district received a three-year, \$25,800 grant to support the summer reading program set to kick off the summer of 2018.

“This grant will provide Lowell students

in K through third grade with the resources and support they need to continue learning and reading during summer break,” Albert said. “I’m pleased with [the] school’s enthusiasm and promotion of this program.”

In addition, Rep. Albert announced a new summer reading competition open to any child in first through fifth grade. The “Rep for a

Day” reading contest encourages students to complete a contest bookmark for every 10 books read and drop it off at participating libraries until Sept 1. The winning bookmark will be chosen randomly and the lucky student will win a pizza party for their class this fall plus an invitation to spend the day with Rep. Albert in Lansing as “Rep for a Day” along with their family. Students can submit more than one bookmark.

“I am hopeful this challenge will promote the importance of summer reading, which is essential in a child’s future academic success,” Albert said.

Contest rules are printed on bookmarks and available online at [www.repAlbert.com](http://www.repAlbert.com) and at the following libraries: Kent District Library Branches – Englehardt (Lowell), Caledonia Township, Alto, Cascade Township; Alvah N. Belding Library; and Ionia Community Library.

For more information on the contest, contact Rep. Albert’s Lansing office by phone at (517) 373-0846 or [ThomasAlbert@house.mi.gov](mailto:ThomasAlbert@house.mi.gov)

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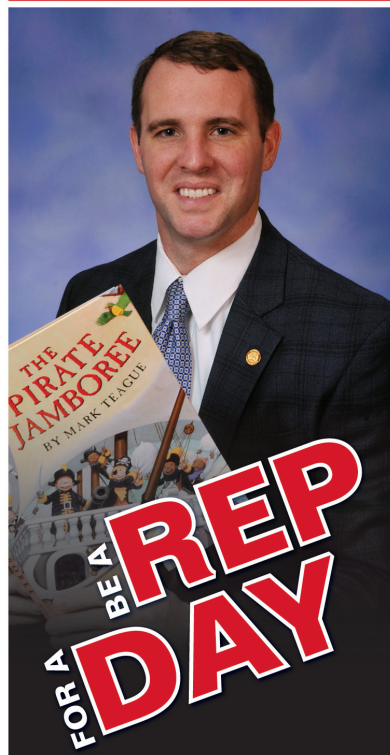
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The complete application is available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm or on the Township Website [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). Public comment will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted by the Township Clerk if received by 7 pm on the day of the hearing. Written comments can be sent to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: [clerk@vergennestwp.org](mailto:clerk@vergennestwp.org).

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### SUMMER READING CONTEST

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