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LHS class of '48 reunites at Main St. BBQ

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell High School's class of 1948 had their 70th class reunion at Main St. BBQ on Friday, June 29.

"High school was fun in the 1940s. We had fun," said '48 grad Jim Johnson. "I played football, left tackle. We won the championship in '46. After high school I went into the service, then I worked for Consumer's."

"Everybody took the same classes, the same straight, standard courses that everybody took together," said '48 valedictorian Doug Wingeier. "We took typing, we took English, we took history, math, French or Latin and if you didn't want to take algebra you could take business math. We had a certain amount of homework, but it wasn't oppressive. And we had the same coach for all sports, Chris Burch. He coached track, baseball, basketball and football."

"Lowell was a farming community," Wingeier said. "On Saturday nights the big thing for the kids to do was to drive up and down the street in our jalopies looking for girls or whatever. If you wanted action, you'd come downtown for the big Saturday night."

"We used to have dances with a band upstairs in the old city hall," Johnson said. "Sometimes we would just walk the streets or go to Keiser's Kitchen, when it was on the other end of town."

There were 89 students in the 1948 graduating class, a record high at the time. Their diplomas were handed to them by C.H. Runciman during a ceremony in the high school auditorium on June 9, 1948. Over five hundred spectators are reported to have attended, according to a story in the June 10, 1948 Lowell Ledger:

"The largest crowd ever to witness commencement exercises in Lowell was in attendance this Wednesday night, June 9. [...] Douglas Wingeier, in giving the valedictory, pleaded in a very impressive manner for the philosophy of self-sacrifice and service to others. It was a fine oration and well-delivered. The thesis of the salutatory, well-written and delightfully delivered by Josephine Reynolds, exhorted her classmates to remember the advice of others, but to do all in their power to improve the state of affairs. 'Jo' said it was nice to be alive in this day



LHS class of '48: Lloyd DeVormer, Doris Champion, Jim Johnson, Carmen Powell, Donna Jean Ford, Burleigh Schroeder, Neoma Thomas and Douglas Wingeier.

of limitless opportunities. [...] Mr. C.H. Runciman, president of the [school] board, awarded diplomas to the graduates and he gave a check for \$4.00 to the valedictorian on behalf of the class of 1918. College scholarships were presented to Dorothy Alexander, David Gardner and Marilyn Lewis. [...] The Honor Cup,

awarded each year to the outstanding graduate of the high school, was shared by Josephine Reynolds, Ronald Watts and Douglas Wingeier, with honorable mention going to Ronald Hesche, Marjorie McQueen and Nancy Marvin."

Wingeier, a current resident of Asheville, NC, said that he's lived all over

the world as a missionary, but still considers Lowell "home" despite how drastically the town has changed since his childhood.

"I used to know everybody in town, but I don't anymore," Wingeier said. "Lowell has expanded and the culture has changed. It really has developed nicely. It looks nice."

24th annual Fallasburg Covered Bridge Bike Tour takes place July 8

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Fallasburg Park and Fallasburg Village are beautiful spots to visit and have a picnic or engage in other outdoorsy activities. One of those activities will take place on Sunday, July 8, when the Fallasburg Historical Society has their 24th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour.

"It's a 'ride at your own pace' bike tour through some of West Michigan's most beautiful countryside," said Fallasburg Historical Society president Ken Tamke.

They offer various tour lengths between 12 and 100 miles long. Routes are marked and maps are provided. They will also provide refreshments along the way and a big Italian meal at the end. The registration fee is \$25 for individuals or \$35 for families. After July 2 the registration fees increase by \$5. On site registration is available in Fallasburg Village at 7 am on the day of the event.

To register for the bike tour or for more information about this and other events at Fallasburg Park, visit fallasburg.org or call 616-682-0785.

Alto: The Early Years at Bowne Township Hall



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Dick Johnson and Mary Minich-Carwell of the Bowne Township Historical Commission gave a presentation called "Alto: The Early Years" at Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, on Thursday, June 28. The program included pictures and stories about the early history of Alto during the 1800s and early 1900s. A packed crowd learned about the businesses and people that have existed in Alto and heard many interesting, obscure anecdotes. For example, Johnson described an incident when a presidential candidate blew through town.

"In 1940 Wendell Willkie came racing down the tracks on a train," Johnson said. "He was a candidate for president in 1940. They say there was a huge crowd in Alto out to welcome him. I don't know whether the train stopped or if it kept going, but he was supposedly on the platform of that train."

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Observatory open for public viewing this summer

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There are six more public nights left this summer at the James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Ave., SE.

“What we do on public nights is, 14 times a year we open up our facility to the public and we invite everybody to come out, look through the telescopes and enjoy the night sky,” said Jack McCarthy, the Veen Observatory’s chairperson of public and visitor services. “You’ll see the moon, the planets in our solar system and some of what we call ‘deep sky optics.’ Those are objects that are outside of our solar system that we can see with our telescopes. For example, we’ll observe globular star clusters, which are anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 stars that are clustered together. We’ll even be able to see individual stars in that cluster. We’ll be able to see planetary nebula, which are shells of gas from stars that exploded thousands of years ago. We’ll also be able to see other galaxies.”

The Veen Observatory on Kissing Rock Hill was constructed between 1965 and 1970 by volunteers, including McCarthy and many Lowell High School students. It’s a real, working observatory used daily by scholars and scientists. A previously-undiscovered variable star was picked up

by Bill Sanders and Bob Montle at the observatory in 1979. Starting in the early 70s, they opened their telescopes to the public a few nights a year; soon the observatory became a favorite destination for school field trips and scout troops. And it can even be rented out for birthday parties.

“We’ve been [in] operation for 48 years and we’ll be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2020,” McCarthy said. “The Veen is not just a Lowell area destination, it’s a destination for all of West Michigan. It’s the only working astronomical observatory in Kent County.”

The observatory’s remaining public nights for the summer will be on Saturday, July 7, July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18. The sky was clear for the last event, so they were able to look at all sorts of space objects.

“We had about 140 people at our last public night [on June 23],” McCarthy said. “We were able to see the four largest of Jupiter’s 69 moons and we were able to see cloud belts in Jupiter’s atmosphere. Later in the evening we were easily able to see Saturn’s ring system and a couple of Saturn’s moons.”



McCarthy said that four nearby planets will be closer than usual and very visible this summer.

“We’ve got a special opportunity during July and August this year,” McCarthy said. “For the first time in quite a while, four out of the five planets that we can see with the naked eye [Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn] will be visible in the evening sky. We’ll be able to view, be able to see several of Jupiter’s moons. This year

the planet Mars will be the closest it’s been to the Earth in the last 18 years and it’s going to be very well placed for observing. We should be able to see at least one of the polar ice caps and some of the dark markings on the surface of Mars. When our moon is visible, you’ll be able to see good details like the mountains, valleys and craters on the moon.”

Another good time to head out to Kissing Rock Hill will be during the big meteor

shower in August.

“On Aug. 11 we’re going to be open all night,” McCarthy said. “We’ll open at 9 o’clock and we’re going to stay open until 4 am so people can see the Perseid meteor shower, where you’re usually able to see between 30 and 50 meteors an hour if the skies are clear. Prime time is going to be 10 or 11 o’clock.”

Be warned, the observatory will not open to the public if the sky is cloudy, but if they

are open the hours are 9:30 pm until midnight. To make sure they’re open before making the trip, visit graaa.org or call 616-897-7065. Admission for public nights is \$3 for adults or \$2 for children over four. Grand Rapids Public Museum members are admitted for free.



Annual used book sale will take place at festival

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will have a huge used book sale during the Riverwalk Festival once again. The sale will take place on Friday, July 13 from 5 pm until 9 pm and on Saturday, July 14 from 10 am until 5 pm.

“It’s one of the easier used book sales to shop because our sale is always very well organized,” said Linda Austin, vice president of the Friends of the Englehardt Library. “We always separate

the fiction into genres and we try to keep all the books by the same author together. We’ll have children’s books, teen books, science fiction, mysteries, romance... We always seem to have a lot of the Harlequin-type romances, but the fans of those can buy them by the bagful. We have a joke that if you leave two Harlequin books next to each other, soon you’ll end up with five.”

There will only be bargains at this sale; hardcovers

cost \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$.50. The books come from old library stock or donations.

“It’s about 50 percent books that have been weeded from the KDL Englehardt collection and about 50 percent books that people have donated to us,” Austin said. “KDL’s policy is to be a popular materials lending library. What that means is that they want to have the stuff that people want to read today. Which means [with] older books, series

books, ‘flash in the pan’ type things, if the call for them isn’t as vigorous as it once was, they’ll pull those off the shelf to make room for new ones that they know the public wants. You will be hard-pressed to find a book on the shelf that’s older than ten years old. It would have to be a reference book for it to still be there. The library wants nice, shiny new stock, the latest and greatest material that people want to read. That [is] what keeps us stocked, as far as having

quality books to sell for our book sale.”

The Friends of the Library will use the money from the sale to work on various projects around the library, including a reading garden. They’re always looking for new members. Dues are \$10 a year or \$5 for students. Austin said to ask at the circulation desk for more information about how to join the Friends.

“This sale is huge and preparation is an entire

yearlong process,” Austin said. “Basically, we’re the fundraising arm for the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library. If the manager wants to freshen up the area with some new tables or seating, she comes to the Friends for funding. We support most anything that library management comes to us and asks us for. We have about 45 members right now. This sale generates between 30 and 40 percent of our annual income.”

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Bluegrass filled the fairgrounds over the weekend

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

American-rooted bluegrass music made its way to the grounds of the Kent County Youth Fair last week Friday and Saturday when the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association (WMBMA) presented JuneGrass 2018.

Named in 1939 after Kentucky-born songwriter and mandolin player Bill Monroe's band the Bluegrass Boys, bluegrass music is based on a combination of sounds, including gospel, jazz and the fast-picking tunes of the Appalachian Mountains. WMBMA, an all-volunteer organization, is dedicated to promoting and preserving bluegrass in the area. JuneGrass 2018 featured a lineup of a dozen unique acoustic performances.

Taking the main stage in sweltering weather, the first performance of the two-day camping optional event was Zellie's Opry House Band out of Howard City. Lowell favorite the Easy Idle String Band featuring Dave Simmonds, Ron Bailey, Banjo-Jim Foerch, Dave Knight and Bethany Tanis followed. The country and bluegrass crooners of The Bert Jones Band took to the stage next at 8 pm and then local veteran pickers and singers of Steam Powered Bluegrass Band capped off day one of the music festival.

Day two saw attendees gathered under a much needed tent for another day of musical entertainment. It kicked off with West Michigan bluegrass quintet Calabogie Road. On the

local music scene since 1983, Calabogie Road features Steve VanWyck on the banjo, Mark Walker on the mandolin, John Lakatos on the bass, Ruth Lakatos on the guitar and Marten Van Eyk on the fiddle.

Southwest Michigan bands Deadwood and Out of the Blue claimed the stage next. Deadwood, based out of St. Joseph County, boasts 1978 founding members Cork Babcock and Steve Carroll, as well as Ron Sanford and Tod Chapman. Out of the Blue showcased gospel based bluegrass with the combined talents of Ted Geldhof on rhythm guitar, Jeff Lawless on the upright bass, Dave Conley Jr. picking the banjo, Dave Conley Sr. on lead guitar and George Laker on the dobro. Eastside quartet New

Country Grass rounded out the first half of the day's performances. Formed of father and son trio Duane, Kyle and Brent Estep, along with friend and banjo player Dean Dubois, New Country Grass reclaimed the stage after an hour-long supper for additional sets.

The event also featured a daily 50/50 raffle, a potluck dinner, musical workshops, a bake sale and a silent auction. Tickets were available in advance for \$30 for the weekend or at the gates for \$35 by the day. Camping was also available for an additional \$15 per night. The work of the WMBMA is supported, in part, by the Lowell Community Foundation and the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant program administered by LowellArts.



Bill Monroe (pictured here with Colonel Harlan Sanders) was one of the originators of bluegrass music back in the 1930s.

Library presents military library card with perks

Kent District Library is pleased to announce a new KDL library card just for active military and veterans. The new card will debut on July 5.

Those with a KDL military library card will receive two additional perks — no overdue fines and free printing at all 19 branches.

"A patron recommended that we do something special for patrons who are serving or have served in the military and we thought it was a great idea," said Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, director of innovation and user experience. "The military card is a way we can thank them for their service to our communities and country."

Veterans and active military can stop at any of KDL's 19 branches to get signed up for a military library card. They should bring their active military card, Veteran ID card or DD-214 document. This offer is for those living in the Kent District Library service area.

Though patrons with a military library card will not accrue late fines, they will be responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items. For patrons who do not have a military card, rates for printing are 15 cents per black and white copy and \$1.00 per colored print.

Sale of city owned property discussed at city council meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, July 2. The meeting lasted just under 40 minutes and was attended by six citizens. The council used the meeting to discuss placing a handicap ramp on N. Broadway, the sale of city owned property and more.

The council voted 5-1 not to replace the Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp in front of the Lowell Light & Power building on N. Broadway. The ramp was removed during the recent infrastructure project on that street. A new ramp would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Discussion of the

issue was tabled at the last city council meeting so the councilors could do more research on the issue.

"The city received a complaint during the N. Broadway repaving project about the possible removal of sidewalk ramps and the lack of an accessible handicap ramp in front of Lowell Light & Power," said Lowell city manager Michael Burns. "There was a concern that we weren't meeting ADA [requirements] with the ramp there. Having looked at the issue, we went out and evaluated it in full and we

did not believe there were any accessibility issues and they have been met. [...] From an administrative standpoint, you've met your ADA requirements and this is not something you need to do. It is a \$2,000 expense."

"Legally, I think you're fine," said city attorney Dick Wendt.


"I think that the ramps that are there are adequate," said mayor Michael DeVore. "I don't know that we need to spend money for additional ramps when we already spent money to take one out. That's questionable, I guess, whether we [originally]

should have spent it or not, but it makes sense, really, if you go out and look at it. I think we're in compliance. I think we're supposed to be about saving money."

Greg Canfield was the only city councilor who voted in favor of building the new ramp.

"I think that without losing any parking spots and spending a little bit of money we could have a ramp that would be much more convenient for people in wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or whatever,"


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Canfield said. “The population is aging and this probably is the last redo we’re going to see in the next 20 years on that street, hopefully.”

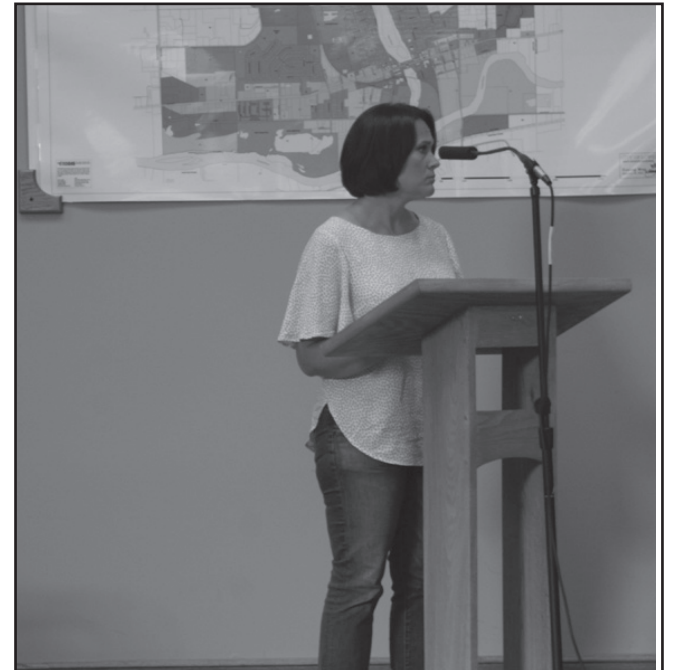
Next, the council voted to approve seeking bids to sell a piece of city-owned property. According to the city charter, in order to sell a property it owns, the city must publish two advertisements for bids on the property, four or more councilors must vote to approve the sale, the resolution relating to the sale must remain on file for twenty days and the purchaser of the property must not be in default to the city. The city bought the property four years ago for \$2,660.07.

“In 2014 the city acquired the property located at 2560 Bowes through a tax reversion from Kent County,” Burns said. “The property was formerly owned by an operator of a Big Boy franchise and was never developed. The property is adjacent to city owned property, whereby Lowell Light & Power utilized this area for their transmission station. Earlier this spring we received a request from Ryan Peel, president of Vergennes Broadband, to purchase the property so he can use it to manage the fiber system he provides to customers in this community. [...] City administration views the use of this property as being utilized for a tax generating use. While we need to follow the process above, the city has no need for the property. My sense is the city purchased the property to avoid going to the Kent County land bank. If developed, the taxes collected would not go to the city, but the land bank for a period of time. My experience is normally five years. If the property is placed out for bid, anyone can bid, including Vergennes Broadband. The city council could then select any bid they receive

that most suits the city and the use of the property. Municipal property must be sold at near market value, according to the Michigan constitution.”

“It would be [used as] a building to house a data center, not an office,” said Vergennes Broadband co-owner Stephanie Peel.

Power] board that this limit should be increased because of inflation. It’s really eroded the spending authority over time. In addition, this limit has caused inefficiencies in the procurement of materials and services, especially with large capital projects and distribution system infrastructure. [...] After



Vergennes Broadband co-owner Stephanie Peel. Her company wants to purchase city-owned property at 2560 Bowes Rd. to build a “nerve center.”

“That would be where all of our equipment would go. Just kind of the nerve center, essentially, of the network, would be held there.”

The council voted to increase Lowell Light & Power general manager Steve Donkersloot’s \$10,000 spending authority limit to \$50,000 for approved projects and \$25,000 for discretionary spending.

“This \$10,000 limit has been in existence for a considerable length of time,” Donkersloot said. “At least ten plus years. Based on my research, [it has existed since] the early 2000s. And this \$10,000 limit is an arbitrary amount not really tied to anything. There wasn’t, as far as we can tell, any logic for how this amount was come up with, other than \$10,000 just seems like an appropriate limit. There was a consensus by the [Lowell Light &

much discussion, the board felt that the limit should be tied to a percentage of a fiscal year’s budgeted revenue.”

In other business, the council renewed a right of way permit for AT&T for five years and appointed former Lowell mayor James Hodges to the Board of Review. The city is still trying to fill another vacancy on the Board of Review, one vacancy on the Local Officers Compensation Commission and one vacancy on the LCTV Endowment Board. Interested city residents should contact the city clerk at city hall, 616-897-8457.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, July 16. The council has canceled their “Coffee with the Council” meeting with the public on Saturday, July 7.

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Lowell live music calendar

July 5: Big Band Nouveau, Sizzlin’ Summer Concert

July 8: Conrad Shock and the Noise, LowellArts House Concert

July 10: Alpha Omega Trio, Red Barn Market

July 12: The Soul Syndicate, Sizzlin’ Summer Concert

July 13: The Adams Family/ Alive & Well, Sizzlin’ Summer Concert

July 15: Maggie May and Sleeping Timmy, LowellArts House Concert

July 17: Macy Krew, Red Barn Market

July 19: Jake Kershaw, Sizzlin’ Summer Concert

viewpoint

to the editor

Constituents should decide

Dear Editor,
A local business owner came to the podium at the June 18th Lowell city council meeting and said, "We have to use every dollar we have very wisely. I know that Lowell is looking at, over the next year or so, possibly double-digit increases in water and sewer rates." That statement

prompted me to write this article. A city income tax has been suggested as one way to get more revenue. But a city income tax would have to go to the people for a vote. Now it's being said that there's a possibility of a double digit increase in water and sewer rates. Lowell now has a tax rate near the tops in Kent County and their

water and sewer rates aren't far behind. It's been noted that real wages for most workers in the US have barely budged for decades. Bigger pay checks, but little change in purchasing power. Many are struggling just to get by. Strategists across wall street have been sounding the alarm on an impending economic melt down. You would think under the circumstance it wouldn't be a good idea to saddle anyone in Lowell with double-digit water and sewer rates. The people that run the city should learn to do with the revenue the city

receives through the rates already in effect. The city council was put into office to be the servant, not an imposer. If the constituents of Lowell believe that it would be wrong to impose higher water and sewer rates, then they should speak out now and let the city council know that. Tell the city council that it should be the constituents' decision to make, not the city council or city manager.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell Township

50 years ago Lowell Ledger July 4, 1968

Lowell's original beauty shop will change locations for the first time in 31 years when on Monday, July 8th, the Vanity Beauty Shop opens its doors at 203 East Main Street. According to the present owner, Mrs. Elva Topp, the shop was opened in 1924 by Mabel Scott and moved to its present location in 1937. Under Mrs. Scott's proprietorship the Vanity contributed many firsts to the Lowell beauty scene. The first marcel iron in Lowell was used there and in 1927 the first permanent machine was put in use. This policy of following the most modern beauty practices has been carried on by Mrs. Topp who purchased the shop in 1945. Practicality and beauty have been taken into consideration while preparing the new quarters for the shop. Even the name has been slightly changed and Lowell's first beauty shop will go forward known now as the Vanity Hair Fashions. The public is cordially invited to an open house to be held on Tuesday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fire department officials of both Ada and Cascade have asked that parents try to curb the exuberance of youngsters with their sparklers at the two village fireworks displays this Fourth of July. Every year the danger grows from the glowing metal rods as more people crowd together to view the fireworks.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 7, 1993

Lowell's City Planning Commission approved a site plan application for a Performance Plus Oil Change Center at West Main St. The Commission unanimously approved the plan as presented by Ray DeMeester and Kim Newell, contingent that the site will have public water and sewer. "The contingency of public water and sewer are fine with me, because it will be advantageous for me in the future," Kim Newell. City Manager, David Pasquale, said that the city is in the midst of securing public utilities easement from Bowes Rd. through M-21 and is surveying 20 feet of property so a 16" main can be constructed to provide water on the south side of M-21 and properties to the west. According to Pasquale a plan is being developed whereby the city and the developer will share the cost to install the necessary public utilities. Two major concerns were voiced by the Commission, one was delivery truck traffic and the other was what will be done in case of possible oil spills. Dean Lonick, from the Planning Commission, was concerned that "this stretch of road is infamous for accidents, nearly 100 a year, how will the trucks coming in and out co-exist with current traffic problems." Clyde Shelkee, owner of four oil change centers, assured the Commission that his trucks have a good record of deliveries and take every precaution necessary to avoid accidents. He went on to state "deliveries will be made early in the morning and during low traffic periods." In regard to the oil spillage concern Lonick felt satisfied with the plan presented by Newell. However, he felt "ultimately it's the DNR's responsibility to approve the oil spill plan." The plan presented to the Commission has two guidelines, one for spills inside the building the other for outside. In case of a spill inside, oil soak pads and oil dry are immediately applied to contain the spill. The oil is then washed into the floor drains, it will then go into a oil/water separator until it can be treated. If the spill occurs outside they will immediately cover the catch basin with oil soak pads and oil dry to contain the spill and keep it from spreading. The manager-in-charge will then call and inform the appropriate company of the emergency so it can be cleaned according to DNR regulations. With the plan now approved Newell and DeMeester hope to start building in mid-July, open in September and hold a grand opening in October.



125 years ago Lowell Journal July 5, 1893

J. E. Fallas is looking for one of his horses. He let it go, Monday, to a man by the name of VanStee, who only wanted it for a couple of hours but it has not returned yet.

Lowell turned out pretty well the 4th to help Freeport celebrate. The L. & R. Ry. carried 1050 passengers between Lowell and Freeport.

A very enjoyable picnic was held by the Spiritulists of Lowell in Walkers woods, July the 4th, in which about fifty participated when rain made its appearance, the doors of the residence of Mr and Mrs Walker were kindly opened to them and the remainder of the day was pleasantly passed in singing and piano playing.

Mr and Mrs H. H. Hunter took in the circus at Grand Rapids Monday. Harry said they were going on a toot, going to buy five cents worth of peanuts and throw the "dam" shucks all over Grand Rapids.

Little Bennie Boles fell off the side walk just east of the Lyon Block, Saturday and broke his leg. He was carried to Seneca Husted's where the fracture was set.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 4, 1918

Editor Celebrates 25th Anniversary. The Lowell Ledger this week celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary under the editorship of F. M. Johnson, founder and organizer of the paper. Mr. Johnson enjoys the unique distinction among newspaper men of having remained in one town 25 years. Newspaper people more particularly publishers, have very marked

nomadic tendencies. They move about from one place to another as did Abraham of yore. It is said that the principal reason for this is that they are obliged to eat. But when a publisher stays in one town, 25 years, it's a sign that the pasture is good and that his neighbors like him. The Lowell Ledger has been a sound, trustworthy and clean publication. It has reflected the character of its publisher, who enjoys the faculty of making things clear. It represents the best among newspapers, not only in its class, but in the profession, and is doing its share to help win the war. —Grand Rapids News June 21.

Continuing its custom of acknowledging receipts of subscriptions, both new and renewals, The Ledger appreciatingly reports the following: Mrs. Ray Sherman, Florence Jay, George Northway, M. D. Sneathen, J. C. Wykes, Alice E. Gunn, Jno. Semeyn, Helen B. King, Mrs. M. G. Montague, Mrs. T. J. McCann, Mrs. B. C. Noble, Mrs. Geo. Fingleton, Ed. Hoag, D. S. Simon, Mrs. Helen Avery. Who will be next?

No, we have not noticed any falling off in Lowell's Saturday night crowd's but we HAVE noticed a great improvement in its quality. Further than that, we notice that more horse-drawn vehicles are coming to town than formerly, for the very plain reason, those people feel safer on the roads than when boozers were terrorizing the highways.

That Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant are bunk mates in Battery C. of the 301st Field Artillery of the 76th Division at Camp Devens, Mass., while not important, is significant of the changes wrought by half a century. It's a united Amererica that is fighting today; and the sons and followers of Lee and Grant are comrades in the world's greatest war for humanity.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 8, 1943

The community victory gardens are well under way, in spite of rainy weather on Monday morning when the gardens were started under the direction of Albert Hall, agricultural instructor at the Lowell High school. Fourteen boys and girls turned out to plant their gardens as well as a number of adults who are planting potatoes, etc. Technicolor films were taken of the group in action, by Mr. Zwemer of the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wood and family moved Monday from the MacNaughton apartment on W. Main Street to 725 Lafayette.

Albert Lucas, the local Bell telephone installer and repair man, is convalescing from an appendectomy performed at Blodgett hospital a week ago Sunday.

David Washburn underwent an appendectomy Friday in Blodgett hospital.

health

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

- caring for baby's teeth

On average, baby teeth begin to appear at six months of age. When teeth are about to appear, they can cause pain, fussiness and drooling. Cold teething rings, cold and wet washcloths and infant's Tylenol or Motrin are the best things to use for teething pain. Teething gels can also help, but their effect is short acting and can be harmful if overused. Contrary to popular belief, teething does not cause a fever. A fever is always associated with an illness and should be evaluated by your healthcare provider.

Cavities are holes in teeth that can cause pain and infections. Cavities occur when bacteria in the mouth use sugar to make acid. This acid eats away at the teeth. Cavities are the most common disease in children.

Good tooth care can prevent cavities in your child. Good tooth care begins with brushing your child's teeth twice a day, starting when the first tooth appears. A non-fluoride containing tooth gel should be used until the child is 18-24 months old. At that point,

the child can use fluoride toothpaste, but not more than half the size of a pea at a time. It is also important to begin visiting the dentist twice a year, beginning at age two. Limiting sugary foods (like cookies and candy) and limiting sugary drinks (like fruit juice, kool-aid and soda) can decrease your child's risk of cavities.

Inappropriate or overuse of bottles can increase your child's risk of cavities. Bottles should be replaced with sippy cups by 12 months of age. Bottles and sippy cups should never be left in the crib with a child.

Fluoride is important for the proper development of your child's teeth. Ideally, all water your child drinks should be fluorinated. City water should contain adequate fluoride, but well water may not. If you have a well, it's important to know the fluoride content of the water. If it is less than 0.6 parts per million, you should start your child on a fluoride supplement from your healthcare provider or dentist.

college news

Benjamin Fox, a junior chemistry major from Ada, was recognized for academic excellence on the spring 2018 dean's list at Goshen College. Fox is a 2017 Forest Hills Central High School graduate.

The dean's list includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of coursework for a letter grade. Only grades from the designated semester are included in the dean's list selection process.

A total of 11,347 students, enrolled during the 2018 spring semester at The University of Alabama, were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 or above or to the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all As).

Local students who made the president's list are Maria E Blough, Andrew Wilder Poulton, Austin M Rife, and Christine Mari Ringel; the dean's list, Garret L Taylor; all of Lowell.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students

or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the winter 2018 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Local students are, of Ada: Charles Anderson, Navjot Azad, Keaghan Bacon, Cornelius Boerkoel, Michael Bova, Marshal Brummel, Nicholas Buursma, Christina Byl, Hannah Clark, Karissa Cloud, Eric Curtis, Rosemary Cusack, Sarah Davis, Mary Derwent, Benjamin DeVries, Jacob DeVries, Molly Dlugos, Carly Eck, Spencer Erdman, Natalie Fischer, Justin Gendler, Bryce Gerondale, Ana Gomez, Ryan Hilbert, Marion Jamet, Bisam Javaid, Wesley Johnson, Tashkent Kaur, Johnathon Killeen, Robert Killeen, Tyler Knappe, Jacqueline Krieger-Cisneros, Meredith Lane, Christopher Lenderink, Chiara Licari, Sydney Liverance, Kayeleigh Lubbers, Kelly McDonagh, Jessilyn Mckim, Ryan

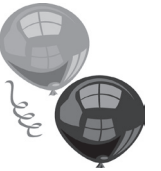
Merrill, Alexander Mervenne, Sage Moore, Macie Pasciak, Amrutha Patil, Stephen Prefontaine, Ruth Rapeyko, Madison Reynolds, Kira Rosol, Emma Rupprecht, Rachel Rye, Callan Schoonveld, Avery Sena, Tabitha Sherk, Trevor Sherman, Anushka Singh, Sara Stoner, Ella Stubbart, Cassidy Terhorst, Jacob Theisen, Rachel Trisch, Nabeel Vali, Trent VanWagoner, Karmyn VonEhr, and McKenzi Wright; of Alto: Candice Baker, Haley Bauman, Carly Byam, Jaime Canada, Drake Ellens, Taylor Hawkins, Anderson Hudson, Griffin Knobloch, Megan Latreille, Andrew Metternick, Leah Metzler, Alexander Pavey, Angelo Saxon, Jacqueline Schmehil, Kaitlyn

Schweda, Casey Thorn, Jessica VanderSloot, Reuben Wattenhofer, Thomas Williamson, and Alexi Wolf; of Lowell: James Barnard, Kyle Bowers, Lauren Browning, Mackenzie Bush, Casey Cahoon, Blythe Carvajal, Bailey Cummings, Allysen Dubisky, Robert Dubisky, Jack Dues, Jonah Epema, Darby Fuller, Eric Gable, Miles Haggmeyer, Zoe Haggmeyer, John Heffron, Katie Holzhueter, Daniel Johnson, Kristen McAlpine, Matthew Milstead, Kelsey Mullin, Jacob North, Meagan Padgett, Lauren Penninga, Jasmine Peters, Meghan Plutschouw, Bailey Reitsma, Aubreigh Steed, Stephanie Stevens, Andrew Struckmeyer, Rebecca Weaver, Sarena Wilterdink, Allison Youngs, and Tara Zamarron.

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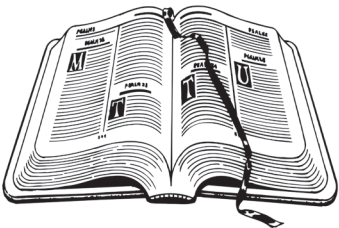
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Stolen Horses delivers country music to Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Country music spilled onto the Riverwalk last Thursday evening when the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series welcomed premier West Michigan country act Stolen Horses to the stage for a two hour performance.

The free concert drew a big crowd down to the Flat River. Music fans gathered under sunny skies on the available bleacher and lawn seating or floated in on pontoons and kayaks.

Introduced by emcee Rick Seese, Stolen Horses delivered a line up of country standard covers that spanned the decades from the "Outlaw Country" generation to today's current

hits. Their original works, derived of tracks from their recent debut album "Stick In The Mud," held up well between the well-known cover tunes. The massive vocals of lead singer David Lyle along with the band rocked the stage inspiring line dancing on the informal Riverwalk dance floor.

Lyle, a native of Wayland, grew up on country music and said he was inspired by his guitar playing father to pursue the life of a musician. He founded Stolen Horses in the early 1990s gaining notoriety on the local music scene with regular gigs and contest wins, including the People's Lounge Open Mic Night and the Grand Rapids Colgate Country Showdown.



Premier West Michigan country band Stolen Horses.

Lyle was joined on stage with bandmates Sean Kittredge of Muskegon on the drums, Joe Afton of Casnovia on the lead guitar and latest addition Paul Bass on the bass guitar. The group

has opened for national acts, such as Rodney Atkins, Justin Moore, Zac Brown Band and Rascal Flatts. Their music is available for download online at iTunes, Amazon and other vendors.

This Thursday, the Riverwalk will welcome Showboat stage veteran Big Band Nouveau. The large 16 piece band will pump out modern and mainstream jazz covers and originals

with a Latin twist. The show is scheduled for 7-9 pm. The venue is handicap accessible. Food, beverages and libations are available for purchase.



Music enthusiasts enjoy the concert from their kayaks in the Flat River.

Lowell man arraigned on several charges

On June 27th, 2018, the Ionia County Sheriff's Office and Grand Rapids Police Department worked in conjunction to locate and apprehend a subject making threats to go to a business in Grand Rapids and kill multiple people.

The Ionia County Sheriff's Office received information that a 36-year-old male from the Lowell area had made multiple threats to go to a business in Grand Rapids where his ex-girlfriend was working and shoot her and everyone else in the business. Grand Rapids Police responded quickly to secure the business, victim and other employees. Officers obtained the subject's information and determined that he resided in the Saranac/Lowell area in the 700 block of Whites Bridge Rd. and requested the Ionia County Sheriff's Office to attempt to locate him.

Deputies from the sheriff's office responded and dispatched to the area. After a short time, deputies observed the male subject

driving near the residence and attempted to stop him. The subject refused to stop and a short vehicle pursuit ensued. After the vehicle was stopped, the subject fled on foot for a short distance where deputies caught him and took him into custody. There were no injuries to officers or the subject.

A search warrant was executed at the residence where firearms were located as well as electronic devices used to commit the crime.

The subject was

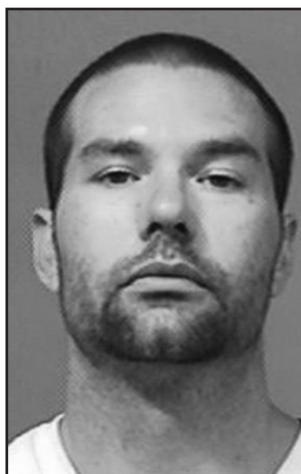
identified as Jason Duane Proper, 36-year-old male from Lowell. He was lodged on several felony charges and arraigned on June 28, 2018, on the following charges:

Aggravated Stalking (five year felony)

Using a Computer to Commit a Crime (Agg Stalking) (five year felony)

False Report or Threat of Terrorism (20 year felony)

Using a Computer to Commit a Crime (False



Jason Duane Proper

Threats) (20 year felony)

Felon in Possession of a Firearm (five year felony)

Felon in Possession of Ammunition (five year felony)

Fleeing and Eluding Police (two year felony)

Resting and Obstructing Police (two year felony)

Possession of Marijuana (one year misdemeanor)

Proper is being held on a \$250,000.00 cash/surety bond.

Along with the Grand Rapids Police Department, the Ionia County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Michigan State Police and Ionia County Central Dispatch.

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SPORTS

LHS football coach Noel Dean retiring after 22 years



Coach Dean made the surprise announcement of his retirement during an emotional press conference on Thursday, June 28.

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Noel Dean has always been a head coach. At the young age of 22 he took his first head coaching position at Bendle High School. During his five seasons at the helm, Dean led the school's football team to their first ever playoff appearance, a regional championship and a state finals bid. When he first entered the halls of Lowell High School in 1996, neither he nor the community imagined the impact it would make.

"We were looking for a hard-working family oriented town," Dean said during a surprise retirement announcement last week at Lowell High School.

Occasionally emotional during the half hour press conference, Dean reflected on some of his accomplishments, the players he mentored and the way of life he will leave behind.

"It's been hard to go

through this," Dean said. "I've never been through something more difficult. I am not leaving Lowell. I am a Red Arrow. I am just not going to be the head football coach anymore. I am proud to be a Red Arrow, it's just time."

Citing financial reasons and a new opportunity for his decision, Dean went on to describe the personal factors that led to his decision, including the untimely loss of his father.

"I lost my father at a pretty significant time in my life, which taught me to want to have relationships with my own children," Dean said.

Dean said you will now find him inside of a college soccer

stadium on Friday nights watching his daughter Darby compete.

"My daughter is the apple of my eye," Dean said. "That's what I'll be doing this fall. She's a special cat and her daddy's going to be at her games."

Back in 1996, Dean quickly immersed himself and his growing family into the Red Arrow football program, calling it "anything but a sacrifice."

"There was never that for us," Dean said. "We were looking to build a football program that would be a way of life for our family."

Instead, it became a way of life for nearly all of Lowell.

While standing in front of a trophy case that his colleague is responsible for filling, Lowell Area Schools superintendent Greg Pratt spoke highly of Dean and the mark he has made.

"I'd like to thank you for 22 years of just an amazing time at LHS," Pratt said. "The lessons that are taught on the football field are carried far beyond



that field into life. I'd like to think my own son is a better person for having played under coach Dean."

Dean led the Lowell football team to their first playoff appearance just one season after his arrival and logged 19 consecutive bids. During his tenure, his players earned ten league

titles, 11 district titles, eight regional titles and three state championships and their scholastic success earned them a total of 11 Academic All-State awards. After 25 consecutive winning seasons, Dean ends his career as the winningest coach in Lowell's history,





with a win/loss record of 219-41. He exits with a pile of personal accolades as well, including 16 MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year awards, three State Coach of the Year honors and an induction into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Dean's greatest legacy is probably the immensely successful Pink Arrow Pride event that has earned more than \$1.8 million to support those facing a cancer journey.

"Our goal the first year was to raise \$15,000 and we accidentally made \$95,000," Dean said, before giving credit to Pink Arrow Pride event executors, his wife Jill Dean and Perry and Teresa Beachum.

"The first year we had no idea where to begin and we certainly had no idea where this would lead," said Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Teresa Beachum. "During the worst economic times this country has known in our age group's lifetime, this small community did something none of us would have dreamed. More powerfully than we ever imagined, the community rallied around to support this cause."

According to Beachum, Dean's impact in the community reaches far beyond the lights of the football stadium.

"Since Noel's retirement announcement

was made, we have bumped into many of his past players from over the decades who say they have reminisced through social media with other teammates to share what an impact playing for Noel has been on them," Beachum

said. "We see the impact of Pink Arrow Pride on the day of the game when we walk onto the stadium and see varsity volleyball, soccer and football games supported by their community, cheerleaders and our band inspiring

youth to be a part of the celebration. Pink Arrow Pride has allowed us as a community to honor those that have been on a cancer journey. Pink Arrow Pride allows families in this community to talk openly about a diagnosis and the journey they face. But mostly, the impact left in this community continues

all year long with the Pink Arrow support that is given in this community through Gilda's Club and Lowell Community Wellness." Beachum foresees no changes coming to the Pink Arrow Pride event in the post-Dean era of Lowell football.

"We don't see any changes in the future,"

Beachum said. "We think Pink Arrow Pride will continue as long as this community wants it. We think the community will rally around this year's game just to show their support for the legacy that Noel has left here."

The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, May 1, 1996



Noel Dean is next in line to serve as the Lowell varsity football coach. The decision was announced last week.



Keep it safe on carnival and amusement rides

The more than 40 million people who will travel Michigan to enjoy carnival and amusement rides this summer season are urged to make safety a top priority, especially with the kids.

“Carnival rides in Michigan are held to the highest safety standards to keep riders safe,” said LARA director Shelly Edgerton. “We ask all ride patrons to do their part by following ride rules and restrictions and using all the safety equipment provided.”

LARA works to make Michigan a leader in ride safety, inspection and registration of amusement rides to ensure compliance with Michigan’s rules and regulations that protect citizens of all ages while riding.

Most amusement ride injuries are suffered by children under age 13 according to national data compiled by the Saferparks organization. Kids between the ages of seven and 12 account for nearly a third of all ride accidents. The speeds, heights, rapid changes in direction and special effects can overwhelm and panic a child.

Edgerton emphasized that all amusement rides, including “kiddie rides,” are powerful machines. Although most full-sized rides are designed for adults and teens, there has been an increasing emphasis on the safety and retention of children on adult rides. Many Ferris wheels have had seat belts added to them to help keep kids in their seats. Catastrophic accidents are often the result of rider inexperience, immaturity and horseplay on such large machines.

“Choose cautiously what rides you and your family can enjoy safely,” said Edgerton. “Use good judgment when deciding if your child can safely ride alone. Watch the ride with your kids before boarding or ride along with them.”

Here are a few safety tips on what you and the kids need to know before you go:

- Know the rules of the ride; listen to verbal or recorded instructions.
- Observe all age, height and weight restrictions. Know the safest riding position for the kids.
- Never seat a child on your lap, unless ride operators indicate it’s safe to do so.
- Securely latch seat belts, shoulder harness and lap bars before the ride begins. Hold on to handrails; use grab bars.
- Keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride at all times. Do not ride with hands in the air. Secure loose hair, clothing and belongings. Never stand up on a ride.



- Stay seated until the ride comes to a complete stop and you are instructed to exit.
- Patrons with heart conditions, pregnancy or back/neck injuries should heed any warning signs posted.
- Report any unsafe behavior or conditions on a ride to a ride supervisor or manager immediately.
- Report injuries to a ride supervisor. They will assist the injured and report the injury to LARA.

If Michigan consumers have questions regarding a ride’s license or inspection, they can call 517-241-9273. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting the complaint resource page here.

LARA licenses more than 900 amusement rides, including water slides and go-karts, carnival rides and roller coasters.

LARA inspects amusement rides annually; however, operators are required to conduct daily inspections before operation according to manufacturer criteria, national standards and state law. Michigan has one of the oldest amusement ride safety programs in the country, protecting consumers for 50 years; the first inspection was done in 1967.

Four injuries were reported to LARA last year, compared to the estimated 50 million to 100 million rides taken in Michigan each year. The majority of amusement ride injuries result from the riders themselves and are preventable. Approximately 200 ride injuries have been reported to LARA over a 10-year period, the majority caused by the riders’ actions and the remainder caused by ride operators, failures of the equipment or a combination of both.

Be aware that inflatable “bounce houses,” bungee jumps and climbing walls are not regulated in Michigan. Users of these devices should follow the same recommendations and be especially alert to the conditions of the device and the attentiveness of the operators.

Protect yourself from home repair scams after flooding in the Upper Peninsula

Consumers tackling home restorations after severe weather and flooding in Houghton and Menominee counties are urged to check the license status of contracted individuals and businesses online on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs’ (LARA) website.

LARA’s online resources provide consumers with current information on the status of a contractor’s license and a historical record of the licensee.

Residential builders and maintenance and alteration contractors are licensed by the Bureau of Professional Licensing. Search these occupational licensed contractors by visiting LARA online or by calling 517-373-8068. Consumers can also view actions taken by LARA against residential builders.

Electricians, plumbers and mechanical contractors are licensed by the Bureau of Construction Codes. Verify their license by visiting the LARA website or calling 517-241-9316.

Consumers are also reminded to:

- Ask the individual to show you his/her “pocket card,” which will contain the license number.
- Ask for and verify references.
- Get at least three written estimates to include detailed job specifications on the materials, labor, timeline and total charges for the work. Don’t automatically choose the lowest bidder.
- Obtain a detailed written contract stating exactly what work will be done, the quality of the materials used, warranties, start and completion dates, total cost of the job and a payment schedule.
- Never sign a contract with blank spaces. Know your cancellation rights.
- Protect yourself by asking the contractor, subcontractor and suppliers for a completed and signed “waiver of lien” form. This may provide you additional protection should a subcontractor or material supplier place a lien on your home if the contractor doesn’t pay the bills. This can happen even if you paid the contract in full.
- Make sure your contractor is insured and carries personal liability, worker’s compensation and property damage coverage. Ask for copies of current insurance certificates. If the contractor is not properly insured, you could be held liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project.
- Check with your property insurance provider for the extent of your coverage.
- Avoid paying for the entire job upfront. Consider paying one-third in advance; one-third halfway through the job and the final payment upon satisfactory completion. Avoid paying with cash. Pay by check or credit card and get a receipt.
- Keep good records—copies of the contract, change orders and correspondence.
- Don’t forget your permit—if needed—by checking with your local or state building department. The proper permits and inspections help to guard against defective work or costly mistakes. If homeowners plan on doing the work themselves, they are also responsible for obtaining building permits.

LARA values and relies on complaints from consumers to spur investigations into licensed professionals who are potentially violating the occupational code. Every complaint received by the department is reviewed and analyzed by professional licensing staff.

For more information on filing a complaint with the department, visit Michigan.gov/BPL

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The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of ELEANORE GUEDRY, Guardianship

File No. 18-203,609-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her children: Joseph Guedry, Mary Guedry (possible different last name), and Barbara Guedry (possible different last name), and any other unknown children or spouse, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on July 24, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: June 29, 2018

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 260-5694

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

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The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of Patricia Panzer, Guardianship

File No. 18-203,579-GA

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

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Lavender & Lace, new boutique is culmination of a dream

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Co-owners Cheryl Elzinga and Emma Reams started the recently opened downtown Lowell fashion boutique Lavender & Lace Boutique. It's the culmination of a dream that began with the simplest of female bonding experiences, mother daughter shopping trips.

"My mom and I have always loved shopping together and we both just love the boutique look. All the clothes are so different and not generic like you find at the mall," said Reams of the trips that inspired their desire to one day open their own store. "We always talked about owning our own boutique someday."

Someday happened this past May after Reams, a part-time clerk at the former Lowell clothing store Lennon & Willow, was offered an amazing opportunity after conversations with owner Tenneile Petersen about how to pursue their dream. "We would talk to

Tenneile when we visited Lennon & Willow about how to do it. So when the opportunity arose for the owner transfer, she knew we were the first ones she wanted to ask and we couldn't feel more blessed and honored to carry on the boutique she started," said Reams, who jumped at the chance along with her mother Elzinga. "Both Tenneile and her husband Brent have been so very helpful throughout this whole process and they have become like family to us. We continue to talk and support each other's dream."

After selecting the store name Lavender & Lace, the duo quickly got to work planning their soon-to-be dream come true. "Lavender & Lace Boutique seemed very quaint, just like the town of Lowell. We thought it would be a perfect fit for this community. Plus, we both love lavender and who doesn't love lace," said Reams of the alliterative selection.

Putting together a selection of what she

described as "casual chic" clothing, the new business owners opened the doors looking to appeal to every kind of shopper. "We have items that can be dressy and items that are perfect to throw on to go grocery shopping. Something for every occasion," said Reams. "We carry sizes S-XL in select styles. We have basics and we also carry some different, fun pieces. We also have a baby corner for those new moms or grandmas."

Open now just over a month, the store and its owners have been welcomed with open arms by area shoppers. "The community of Lowell has been nothing short of amazing. Everyone is so welcoming and want nothing but the best for us. They love to shop local and support their community," said Reams.

The experience, thus far, has also been everything she hoped it would be. "It's been awesome," exclaimed Reams. "We are definitely living our dream! We love to find styles that we feel



Mother and daughter duo Emma Reams and Cheryl Elzinga of Lavender & Lace Boutique. (Photo provided by Lavender & Lace)

other ladies will enjoy and it's been so much fun to hear the feedback from customers."

Looking forward to a long and successful run in the business scene, Lavender & Lace aims to draw their customers back to the boutique

time and again with both their unique fashion selections as well as a comfortable and inviting shopping atmosphere. "We want everyone to feel welcomed when they walk [to] through our door," explained Reams. "As I tell all of my customers,

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CRANDALL

Frederick "Fred" Earl Crandall, age 88 of Ada, passed away suddenly Friday, June 29, 2018. He was preceded in death by his son, Stanley Crandall; sister, Barbara Galloway; brothers, Bruce Crandall, and Albert Crandall. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Sharon Crandall; children John (Rose) Crandall, Brian Crandall, Allison (Scott) Covell; grandchildren Cory and Casey Heykoop; brothers Robert (June) Crandall, James Crandall; sister-in-law Judy Morgan. Fred served in the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army from 1954-1957. He was an avid outdoorsman; and he loved hunting, fishing, and going to his cabin in the U.P. "Fred, I love you always and forever" – Sharon. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 13, with a visitation one hour prior to the mass, at St. Robert of Newminster Catholic Church, 6477 Ada Dr., Ada, MI 49301. Rev. Leonard Sudlik presiding. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

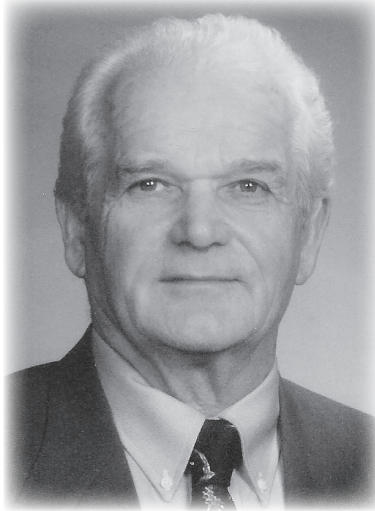


DEARMIN

Frank J. Dearmin, age 96 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, July 01, 2018. He was preceded in death by his former wives, Catherine Dearmin, Patricia Dearmin and Doris Dearmin; and his daughter, JoAnn Kidd. He is survived by his children,



Carolyn VanderKooy; Frank R. Dearmin; grandchildren, Barry (Colleen) VanderKooy, Richard Jr. (Marcie) VanderKooy; brother Daniel VanderKooy; brother Richard (Renate) Welch; sister Sarah Welch; 4 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Frank served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during WWII in the European theatre, earning the rank of lieutenant. Funeral service will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 6, with a visitation one hour prior to the service at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, or online: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.



FETTERHOFF

Roger Allen Fetterhoff, age 67 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Bernice Fetterhoff; and sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Mike Scott. Roger is survived by his wife, Sandra Fetterhoff; son, Jason (Holly) Fetterhoff; daughters Teresa (Rob) Buckner, Amy (Bob) Marsman, Amanda (Beau) Wilder; sisters Sue (Phil) Albert, Sherri (Denny) Huver, Cindy (Denny) Addington; grandchildren Katy (Tyler) Dykhouse, Devon Buckner, Mitch Marsman, Sarah Buckner, Lani Fetterhoff, Chase Wilder, Lynsi Fetterhoff, Sawyer Wilder, Lauren Fetterhoff, Bralynn Wilder; and great-grandchildren James, Carley, and Maddie Dykhouse. Funeral was held Monday, July 2, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor Jon Pickens of First Baptist Church of Lowell officiated. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club of Lowell, 1806 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.



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Social Security's Chief Actuary, Steve Goss, who answers viewer questions about Social Security's trust funds, benefit programs, the Cost of Living Adjustment, and more.

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that is easy to access and understand, to help keep you informed. You can share them with friends and family who are curious about preparing for retirement or the many programs Social Security provides.

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

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

**The July Board of Review
will meet as follows:**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018
at 11:00 am**

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Laws, provides for corrections of clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures, and the corrections of Principal Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 3rd Monday in July.

On **July 17, 2018**, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 11:00 am in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

City of Lowell Clerk
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TOM PLUNKARD'S MAGIC SHOW - July 12, 10 am. Everyone is invited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

MATTHEW BALL "THE BOOGIE WOOGIE KID" - July 19 at 10 am. Everyone is invited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ANNUAL PARK PARTY - at Scheid Park on July 26 at 10 am. Hosted by the Saranac Public Library.

TOM PLUNKARD'S MAGIC SHOW - July 12, 1 pm. Everyone is invited. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

CND NATIONAL CEMETERY & MARSH HIKE - July 15, North Country Trail in Fort Custer National Recreation Area. Two free, guided hikes, one 3 miles & one 6 miles, led by Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail Assoc. See website for further info: www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/index.htm

MATTHEW BALL "THE BOOGIE WOOGIE KID" PERFORMS - July 19, at 1 pm. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clarksville Area Library. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

FREE VISION TESTING - July 19 at 1 pm. Pre-register by calling the library. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville,

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ANNUAL PARK PARTY - July 26 at 1 pm. in the library lawn. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

ALOHOMORA! UNLOCK YOUR HARRY POTTER DRAWING SKILLS - July 18, 1 pm. Corrine Roberts, local illustration artist, is back with a family friendly, Harry Potter drawing session. Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend and assist their children. For school-age children. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

ROCKIN' WITH PETE THE CAT - July 16, 10:30 am. We'll read *Pete the Cat* stories, enjoy making some Pete-inspired crafts & sing & dance to silly songs. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

POP 'N' PAINT: THE REMIX - July 24, 1 pm. We will paint & etch rockin' art onto recycled CDs. Two discs provided. You may bring up to 2 additional discs. Pre-registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

DRAW SOME AWESOME! - July 10, 1 pm. Comic book illustrating with Wade Gugino. Participants will do a very simple single-page graphic novel/comic book type layout. We will draw with pencil, but teens will leave with a template to ink the drawing in at home later. Paper & pencils provided. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

GEARS OF NERF - July 10, 4 pm. Let loose the Gears of Nerf. You and your team are given 30 minutes to build a free standing structure that will protect your medic. Nerf blasters are provided, please do not bring your own. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

GEARS OF NERF - July 31, 1 pm. Let loose the Gears of Nerf. You and your team are given 30 minutes to build a free standing structure that will protect your medic. Nerf blasters are provided, please do not bring your own. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

INTRODUCTION TO METAL EMBOSsing - Pre-registration required. July 16, 6 pm. In this class, participants will be introduced to the art of metal embossing. Each participant will work to design, emboss & patina a piece of aluminum that can serve as a decorative piece or a piece of functional jewelry. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

50th ANNUAL FALLSBURG ARTS FESTIVAL - featuring over 100 unique, fine art & fine crafts booths, food booths & a children's craft area. Timeless craft demonstrations, live music. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15 & 16, 10 am - 5 pm. Free admission, 1124 Fallsburg Park Dr NE, Lowell. www.lowellartsmi.org

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

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

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

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

TECH HELP - Thursdays by appointment from 1-3 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

FREE WILL

astrology

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

Twentieth-century French novelist Marcel Proust described nineteenth-century novelist Gustave Flaubert as a trottoire roulant, or "rolling sidewalk": plodding, toneless, droning. Meanwhile, critic Roger Shattuck compared Proust's writing to an "electric generator" from which flows a "powerful current always ready to shock not only our morality but our very sense of humanity." In the coming weeks, I encourage you to find a middle ground between Flaubert and Proust. See if you can be moderately exciting, gently provocative, and amiably enchanting. My analysis of the cosmic rhythms suggests that such an approach is likely to produce the best long-term results.

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

You remind me of Jack, the nine-year-old Taurus kid next door, who took up skateboarding on the huge trampoline his two moms put in their backyard. Like him, you seem eager to travel in



two different modes at the same time. When Jack first began, he had difficulty in coordinating the bouncing with the rolling. But after a while he got good at it. I expect that you, too, will master your complex task.

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

From the day you were born, you have been cultivating a knack for mixing and blending. Along the way, you have accomplished mergers that would have been impossible for a lot of other people. Some of your experiments in amalgamation are legendary. If my astrological assessments are accurate, the year 2019 will bring forth some of your all-time most marvelous combinations and unifications. I expect you are even now setting the stage for those future fusions; you are building the foundations that will make them natural and inevitable. What can you do in the coming weeks to further that preparation?

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

An open letter to Cancerians from Rob Breznsny's mother, Felice: I want you to know that I played a big



role in helping my Cancerian son become the empathetic, creative, thoughtful, crazy character he is today. I nurtured his idiosyncrasies. I made him feel secure and well-loved. My care freed him to develop his unusual ideas and life. So as you read Rob's horoscopes, remember that there's part of me inside him. And that part of me is nurturing you just as I once nurtured him. I and he are giving you love for the quirky, distinctive person you actually are, not some fantasy version of you. I and he are helping you feel more secure and well-appreciated. Now I encourage you to cash in on all that support. As Rob has told me, it's time for you Cancerians to reach new heights in your drive to express your unique self.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

The ghost orchid is a rare white wildflower that disappeared from the British countryside around 1986. The nation's botanists declared it officially extinct in 2005. But four years later, a tenacious amateur located a specimen growing in the West Midlands area. The species wasn't gone forever, after all. I foresee a comparable revival for you in the coming weeks, Leo. An interesting influence or sweet



thing that you imagined to be permanently defunct may return to your life. Be alert!

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

The ancient Greek poet Sappho described "a sweet-apple turning red high on the tip of the topmost branch." The apple pickers left it there, she suggested, but not because they missed seeing it. It was just too high. "They couldn't reach it," wrote Sappho. Let's use this scenario as a handy metaphor for your current situation, Virgo. I am assigning you the task of doing whatever is necessary to fetch that glorious, seemingly unobtainable sweet-apple. It may not be easy. You'll probably need to summon extra ingenuity to reach it, as well as some as-yet unguessed form of help. (The Sappho translation is by Julia Dubnoff.)

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

Is there any prize more precious than knowing your calling? Can any other satisfaction compare with the joy of understanding why you're here on earth? In my view, it's the supreme blessing: to have discovered the tasks that can ceaselessly educate and impassion you; to do the work or play that enables you to offer your best gifts; to be intimately engaged with an activity that consistently asks you to overcome your limitations and grow into a more complete version of yourself. For some people, their calling is a job: marine biologist, kindergarten teacher, advocate for the homeless. For others, it's a hobby, like long-distance-running, bird-watching, or



mountain-climbing. St. Therese of Lisieux said, "My calling is love!" Poet Marina Tsvetaeva said her calling was "To listen to my soul." Do you know yours, Libra? Now is an excellent time to either discover yours or home in further on its precise nature.

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

Have you entertained any high-quality fantasies about faraway treasures lately? Have you delivered inquiring communiqués to any promising beauties who may ultimately offer you treats? Have you made long-distance inquiries about speculative possibilities that could be inclined to travel in your direction from their frontier sanctuaries? Would you consider making some subtle change in yourself so that you're no longer forcing the call of the wild to wait and wait and wait?

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

If a down-to-earth spiritual teacher advised you to go on a five-day meditation retreat in a sacred sanctuary, would you instead spend five days carousing with meth addicts in a cheap hotel? If a close friend confessed a secret she had concealed from everyone for years, would you unleash a nervous laugh and change the subject? If you read a horoscope that told you now is a favorable time to cultivate massive amounts of reverence, devotion, respect, gratitude, innocence, and awe, would you quickly blank it out of your mind and check your Instagram and Twitter accounts on your phone?

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

A typical working couple devotes an average of four minutes per day to focused conversation with each other. And



it's common for a child and parent to engage in meaningful communication for just 20 minutes per week. I bring these sad facts to your attention, Capricorn, because I want to make sure you don't embody them in the coming weeks. If you hope to attract the best of life's blessings, you will need to give extra time and energy to the fine art of communing with those you care about.

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

Allergies, irritants, stings, hypersensitivities: sometimes you can make these annoyances work in your behalf. For example, my allergy to freshly-cut grass meant that when I was a teenager, I never had to waste my Saturday afternoons mowing the lawn in front of my family's suburban home. And the weird itching that plagued me whenever I got into the vicinity of my first sister's fiancé: If I had paid attention to it, I wouldn't have lent him the \$350 that he never repaid. So my advice, my itchy friend, is to be thankful for the twitch and the prickle and the pinch. In the coming days, they may offer you tips and clues that could prove valuable.

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

Are you somehow growing younger? Your stride seems bouncier and your voice sounds more buoyant. Your thoughts seem fresher and your eyes brighter. I won't be surprised if you buy yourself new toys or jump in mud puddles. What's going on? Here's my guess: you're no longer willing to sleepwalk your way through the most boring things about being an adult. You may also be ready to wean yourself from certain responsibilities unless you can render them pleasurable at least some of the time. I hope so. It's time to bring more fun and games into your life.



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To Absent Friends

During the 2014 World Cup, five friends in Durango, Mexico, made a pact to travel to the 2018 tournament in Russia. They saved their money, bought a bus, painted it in Mexico's colors and booked passage for themselves and the bus on a ship going to Spain, where The Daily Mail reported, the friends planned to drive the bus to Russia. But just before they boarded the ship in April, one of the five, Javier, told his friends his wife had put the kibosh on his trip. So the remaining four did the next best thing: They made a cardboard life-size cutout of Javier, looking grumpy and wearing a shirt that says "My wife didn't let me go" and set off for Russia. The cardboard Javier has been very popular at the soccer venues, attracting female admirers, appearing on the big screen, crowdsurfing and being photographed with fellow football fans from all over the world.

News That Sounds Like a Movie

When Juan Ramon Alfonso Penayo, 20, of Santa Teresa, Paraguay, failed to return after leaving his home June 14, his family assumed the worst. The town lies on the border with Brazil, reported the BBC, and is a hotbed of illegal drug activity. Police found a charred body three days later and called Penayo's family, who, despite being unable to identify the remains, accepted that it must be him and proceeded with funeral arrangements. As they mourned over his casket during the wake, Penayo walked nonchalantly into the room. The body in the casket was returned to the morgue and Penayo's family celebrated his return.

Anger Management

In North Port, Florida, a witness watched on June 17 as 75-year-old Helena Molnar beat an unnamed man with a water jug after he watered her plants. When he emptied the rest of the water in the jug on her plants, she went inside her house and returned with a different

weapon, which the witness didn't see but said "made a different sound" than the water jug. According to WWSB TV, North Port police arrived to find the victim soaking wet, with blood drops on his shirt. Molnar was charged with battery.

Art Makes a Statement

-- At the Royal College of Art's annual London fashion show in June, one graduate unveiled a unique approach to accessorizing garments: crystallized bodily fluids. Alice Potts displayed a pair of ballet shoes decorated with crystals formed from sweat, along with a fake fur adorned with urine crystals. Potts told Reuters the "more natural materials" could offer environmental benefits not possible with traditional plastics.

-- To kick off an exhibition focused on the opioid crisis at his Stamford, Connecticut art gallery on June 22, gallery owner Fernando Alvarez and artist Domenic Esposito placed an 800-pound, 11-foot-long steel sculpture of a bent and burned spoon in front of the headquarters of Purdue Pharma, makers of OxyContin. Purdue has been the subject of lawsuits alleging deceptive marketing and, therefore, responsibility for opioid addiction and overdose issues. "The spoon has always been an albatross for my family," said Esposito, whose brother has struggled with drug addiction for 14 years. The Associated Press reported police arrested Alvarez for obstructing free passage and confiscated the spoon as evidence.

Oops!

James J. Rynerson, 38, was being held in the Mesa County (Colorado) Jail in May after being charged with menacing, disorderly conduct and trespass. But on May 21, the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel reported, sheriff's deputies at the jail released him, having mistaken him for Marvin March, 35, a different inmate. Jail staff gave Rynerson March's belongings and he wore March's leather jacket as he signed March's name

to the release papers and left the facility. Rynerson's wife was startled to see her husband in the garage at their home, and after he explained what happened, she convinced him to go back. She "personally drove him back to the Mesa County Detention Facility," the report noted, and he was back in custody by 11 p.m., with new charges, including escape and forgery, added to his list.

-- A woman in Wenling, China, was so thrilled to be driving the Ferrari 458 she rented on June 21 that she recorded herself while waiting at a stoplight: "First time driving a Ferrari. This truly is the most amazing feeling." But within minutes, reported the Daily Mail, she swerved out of control, striking a metal traffic barrier and a BMW X3, destroying the front end of the \$660,000 Ferrari and deploying its airbags. Neither the driver nor her passenger was injured in the accident.

Awesome!

On June 23, firefighters of Engine 642 of the Henrietta, New York Fire District went the extra mile after responding to an accident in which the injured driver was a pizza delivery man, according to Fox News. "Once the patient was cared for and loaded into the ambulance, the crew decided to finish the delivery so the pizza wouldn't go to waste," the fire department posted on its Facebook page. "If it's not delivery it's Di ... Fire dept?!"

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- 9. Shakespeare, e.g.
- 13. Pretend
- 14. C.E.O.'s degree
- 15. Printer cartridge contents
- 16. Smells
- 17. 16th birthday gift?
- 18. Undo laces
- 19. *Film-makers Francis or Sofia
- 21. *NFL's Archie, Peyton or Eli
- 23. Famous T-Rex
- 24. Bud holder
- 25. "For ____ a jolly..."
- 28. Like the White Rabbit
- 30. This hot!
- 35. In the middle of
- 37. Acid gritty-textured apple
- 39. Star bursts
- 40. Apple's apple, e.g.
- 41. Provide with ability
- 43. *Brangelina partner
- 44. ____ vs. pathos
- 46. "CliffsNotes," e.g.
- 47. Dissenting clique
- 48. Unquestioning ones
- 50. College party chant
- 52. Like a wallflower
- 53. Whiskey without water
- 55. Scheduled to arrive
- 57. *Jermaine, Michael, or LaToya
- 61. *Bobby or Jack
- 65. ____ acid
- 66. *O'Shea Jackson Jr.'s father ____ Cube
- 68. *Donny and ____
- 69. Revolving mechanism
- 70. mL
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- 3. At the summit
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- 5. Imbue with soul
- 6. "It's fun to stay at the ____"
- 7. Bar association
- 8. Deserved

consequence

- 9. Capital of West Germany, 1949-1989
- 10. Against, prefix
- 11. Horse control
- 12. Fortune-telling coffee remnant
- 15. Go to NPR, e.g.
- 20. Renter's paper
- 22. Pharaoh's cobra
- 24. Judge's pronouncement
- 25. *Kunta Kinte's descendant and author
- 26. Be theatrical
- 27. Bridge of ____, Venice
- 29. Chinatown gang
- 31. **"Blackish" dad's dad
- 32. Brown, Dartmouth and Yale, e.g.
- 33. Naturally, in slang
- 34. **"All the Money in

the World" family

- 36. Gloom partner
- 38. *Family with two former Presidents
- 42. Chopin's composition
- 45. Metal detector, e.g.
- 49. New, prefix
- 51. Armed robber, e.g.
- 54. "PokÉmon," e.g.
- 56. Related on mother's side
- 57. Jelly holders
- 58. Every which way
- 59. Make a reference
- 60. Be savvy
- 61. Same as Celt
- 62. Gaelic
- 63. Cashed in one's chips
- 64. Those not opposed
- 67. Langley, VA agency

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Online POLL QUESTION

On "Gilligan's Island," how did Ginger have so many different outfits when they were only on a three hour tour?



- Ginger's outfits were painstakingly crafted by the castaways out of coconut shells, stones, leaves, vines and bamboo.
- The Professor invented a machine that generated outfits out of coconut shells, stones, leaves, vines and bamboo.
- After a series of hijinks and misunderstandings that nearly results in their rescue by a special guest star, it's revealed that the massive weight of Ginger's luggage is what caused the Minnow to sink in the first place. Ginger flirts with Gilligan and the Skipper until they agree to dive the bottom of the sea and salvage all 98 of her outfits from the wreckage, providing her with a vast wardrobe for the remainder of the series.
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Kids take a trip through time at Fallasburg Village

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Kids aged 7-14 were invited to take a trip through time last week as part of the Lowell Area Historical Museum's one day Museum Summer Camp hosted at nearby Fallasburg Park.

Focusing on "English Pioneer Life" the hands-on learning event welcomed "campers" for a day to the historic Fallasburg village, located beside the popular county park. "The Fallasburg village is a wonderful place to step back in time," said LAHM director and event organizer Liza Plank. "For the pioneer theme, it surrounds the children with buildings built by pioneers and lets them imagine what life would have been like."

The well-attended event allowed participants to select two of four activities that immersed them in pioneer life. Led by museum education volunteers and museum educator Luanne Kaeb, choices included building a model wooden bridge, creating folk crafts, candle

making and performing a play to be watched later by all campers. Plank said the benefits of getting hands-on when learning about history are great, "Being able to attend a camp where there [are] hands on activities that explore how people used to do things, helps to bring history alive. Being able to make things yourself, gives you a chance to let your imagination slip back in time and feel a little closer to the past," she said of the format. "Actually creating your own candles by

dipping a wick repeatedly into beeswax gives you a much better appreciation for what went into getting a candle that could give you light at night. Building a covered bridge model gives a better feel for how they are constructed and the opportunity to think about why you go that extra step to cover your bridges."

Campers ate lunch inside the one-room school house, enjoyed an English tea and took an educational tour of the village, led by Fallasburg Historical Society president Ken

Tamke. The historical hike featured stops by the Misner House, Fallas House, Tower Farm and the covered bridge. Sharing pictures at each point displaying the village's original occupants, Tamke also shared facts of interest as they strolled through the remains of the once bustling community. "He shared interesting bits of history with the campers, including that the Tower Farm was well-known for the watermelons they grew, that John Wesley and Phebe Fallas wrote



Campers work on one of the four hands-on projects of English Pioneer life. (Photo supplied by Lisa Plank.)



Ken Tamke shares historical facts about the Tower Farm. (Photo supplied by Lisa Plank.)

poetry and that there was once a sawmill, gristmill and furniture factory along the river," said Plank.

Next up on the calendar is the August 17th Summer Fest which raises funds for programs and preservation activities of the museum. The annual event features live music, drinks and food fare inside the museum's courtyard garden. Guests

will enjoy tours of the exhibits, the music of local favorite Easy Idle band and sample dinner and drinks from local restaurants, caterers and breweries. Tickets for the evening out are available at the museum, located at 325 W. Main Street, or online through their website or Facebook page.


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