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Lisa Posthumus Lyons of Alto added to Republican gubernatorial ticket

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Republican gubernatorial candidate and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced he had chosen Kent County Clerk Lisa Posthumus Lyons as his running mate. If they're elected, Lyons, a resident of Alto, will serve as Lieutenant Governor of our state.

"She's smart, articulate, experienced, has great record on education, knows how to get things done in the legislature, and comes from a family that has a history of service," Schuette said on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

"I'm so honored and grateful for his kind words and compliments," Lyons said. "I believe Bill Schuette was looking for a partner who believes in the future of our state - someone who's worked too hard to help turn around Michigan's economy to watch us go back to the failed policies of the lost decade. I have loved serving my community, both in the state House in Lansing and at the court

House here at home, and I believe public service is a calling. My record as a legislator has proven that I'm not afraid to take on the tough issues that we've had to address as a state to provide the opportunities for good paying jobs, a good education regardless of your zip code, and strong futures for Michigan families."

This campaign for governor will not be the first time Lyons and Schuette have collaborated.

"Politics is a small world, and Bill and I have known each other for several years," Lyons said. "During my service in the House, I've supported several of his legislative priorities like the OK2Say program, implemented to allow students to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, teachers, and school employees. Likewise, the Attorney General's office was often a resource to my office when crafting legislation that dealt with



Schuette and Lyons during the announcement in Grand Rapids on Aug. 15. Photo from the Petoskey News.

criminal statutes, like my bill to remove parental rights from rapists."

Who could have imagined that the position of Michigan Lt. Gov. would be hereditary; it was held by her father Dick Posthumus during the Engler years. Dick Posthumus is currently

working as chief of staff for Gov. Rick Snyder.

"My dad is not just a great father, but also one of my most trusted advisors," Lyons said. "When I told him I was being considered for the ticket, he was very supportive and offered [Lyons' husband] Brad

and I wise advice that only someone who's served in the position would be able to offer. He and my mom were tremendous role models and public servants, and I very much appreciate his support and faith in me to do the job well."

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City council talks income tax at meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 20. The meeting lasted 55 minutes and was attended by 13

citizens.

The council voted to pay Eaton Rapids firm Great Lakes Consulting \$9,750 do a study to determine the pros and cons of a

city income tax. The money generated by the tax would pay for street improvements.

"At the end of the day, we may look at the study and decide this is not what we want to do," said city manager Michael Burns. "We need \$10 million to fix these streets. Unless we start completely obliterating, eliminating services, that's the only way we can fix our streets. But then you're basically robbing Peter to pay Paul."

If the council decided to pass one, a city income tax would then have to be approved by voters.

The council voted to spend \$25,000 of the fiscal year 2021 budget on the Lowell Area Recreation Authority trail project.

"LARA is in the process of finalizing their grant requests with MDOT and DNR for the trail," Burns said. "As part of this, LARA is requesting the city take action to approve



The entire council were wearing Pink Arrow t-shirts and the dais was adorned with Pink Arrow Pride yard signs.

a \$25,000 commitment for the project."

Lowell's water/sewer distribution plant supervisor Jeff VanSetters recently submitted his resignation. The council and the city manager agreed to consider filling the position with a private contractor.

"Jeff was a younger individual who took on the position and he went to a larger community," Burns said. "One of the

concerns we have here, not just this position but every position, is that we're a training ground for one of the metropolitan communities in Grand Rapids. My concern is in three or four years [if] we put this position in house, we're doing the same thing over again. Does the council want me to do that? Does the council want me to evaluate other options

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FROM housing

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The article about Flat River Outreach Ministries' new Main St. housing in the Aug. 8 Lowell Ledger said, "Tentative plans for the new building include multiple dwellings, more parking spots, community rooms and main floor retail and dining establishments." Plans have changed, however, and the new facility will not include main floor retail and dining.

"Flat River Outreach Ministries is pleased at the community's excitement for our new affordable housing program," said Dawn Broene, FROM executive director. "We are still putting the finishing touches on the plan to address affordable housing in the Lowell area and will release those details in 2019. However, we do know that, due to the flood plain, the main floor of the proposed project will be parking for the residents of the building, not retail and dining. We are confident that this is the best way to utilize this space and maximize efficiency on the site. We appreciate the community's support and passion for addressing the need for affordable housing in the Lowell area."

For more information about Flat River Outreach Ministries, call 616-897-8260 or visit fromlowell.org.

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Lisa Posthumus Lyons is 38 years old, married and has four children. She has a bachelor's degree in agricultural and natural resources communications from Michigan State University. Observing her father up close, she was bitten by the politics bug as a youth. She served as a Republican in the state legislature from 2011 until 2016 when she was elected Kent County clerk.

"Growing up, my siblings and I would help my dad in parades for his campaign and since then it's in my blood!" Lyons said. "I love a good campaign, and the opportunity to get out and meet with voters at their doorstep, or the local community events, fairs and festivals. And in out family,

campaigning is all-hands-on-deck with my husband Brad and extended family all helping out, whether it's at home, or alongside me on the trail. During my first campaign for state representative in 2010, I was juggling the full-time duties of being a mom and that of a full-time, 24/7 candidate. There wasn't enough hours in the day then, either! Then later, while serving in leadership roles in Lansing, I had the opportunity to travel the state to help my colleagues in tough races, which prepared me well for the travel, and to understand what a big, diverse, and amazing state Michigan really is."

Lyons said her experiences as a representative and county clerk were excellent

preparation for the role of lieutenant governor.

"In the era of term-limits, it's very difficult to be successful in advancing your vision and goals as a legislator unless you know how to bring together individuals or groups who often have competing interests," Lyons said. "During my six years as a legislator, I learned how to navigate Lansing, the legislature, administration, and state departments very well. I'm very proud that 32 bills I authored were signed into law, and that I was the only member to chair two committees in the same term; and not two uneventful committees, but the education and elections committees where every issue is often

contentious, but we were able in most cases to reach consensus and enact good policy for the people of Michigan. Additionally, my current role as clerk/register, overseeing and administering a large and critical area of government service, has provided valuable experience in management and budgetary experience. We are very fortunate to reside in a very well-run county, and the opportunity to learn and partner with responsible stewards of our tax dollars is experience that will prove very helpful."

If they win the election, Lyons will have to give up her duties as county clerk effective Jan. 1, 2019. At that point, the chief deputy clerk will take over.

"The citizens of Kent County can be assured that it's business as usual at the clerk/register's office," Lyons said. "We have an amazing team of [more than] 40 public employees who come to work each day ready to serve the citizens, including my leadership team who work collaboratively to keep each office running smoothly. On days that may take me away from the office, technology allows for me to be in constant contact with my team. I expect to still be very present at the county throughout the election and our customers will see no change in service or operations."

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available? At the end of the day we may find that bringing it back in house is the way to go."

"Does the union have any concerns about this," asked councilor Greg Canfield.

"I'm sure they do," Burns said. "However, at this point in time, this is an employer's right. What the

union contract says is we can't take their work and subcontract it. At this point, when this person vacates, the bargaining unit isn't there, so we do have the ability to evaluate this."

The council voted to designate the entire city of Lowell a "Brownfield

Redevelopment Zone."

"Properties that meet the standards to be eligible for brownfield tax credits will be eligible for the incentives that will be provided through the brownfield redevelopment authority," Burns said. "For example, if you had a contaminated

property that you want to redevelop, you can utilize the future tax capture to help with the mitigation cost to redevelop the site."

The council approved amendments to city zoning ordinances in "Section 19" that pertain to parking. A copy of the changes can be

obtained from city hall or the Lowell Ledger.

"A lot of this was just clarifying certain provisions and also building some flexibility into the standards of the zoning ordinance," said Andy Moore of Williams & Works.

The council voted to proclaim Thursday, Aug. 30 as "Pink Arrow Pride Day - Arrow Force XI." That is the date of the big game against Rockford.

"For the eleventh straight year, the Lowell High School sports teams have initiated the cancer awareness and fundraising event called Pink Arrow Pride Day to be held on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018," Burns said. "The players will wear pink jerseys in games being held that day. Funds are being raised for Gilda's Club of Lowell and Lowell Community

Wellness for Pink Arrow family support."

The council heard an update about sidewalk repairs from assistant city manager Rich LaBombard, who said that now that road construction season is coming to a close the public works department can spend more time working on the sidewalks.

"Now that the construction season is over we're going to get back on it and we'll focus on that for a bit," LaBombard said. "We're going to get the letters out and get this process smoothed out."

The council will have their next regular meeting at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 3. They will also have a "Coffee with Council" event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, Sept. 1.



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Local barn painted with Certified Angus Beef logo

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Sterzick Farm, 5772 Alden Nash SE, were one of 40 farms across the nation chosen to have their barn painted with the “Certified Angus Beef” logo. The occasion was marked with a great big picnic with free smoked Angus brisket, corn on the cob, potato salad and fruit salad.

“This year is our 40th anniversary for Certified Angus Beef,” said Brian Schaaf from Certified Angus Beef. “We’re a non-profit subsidiary of the American Angus Association, so we’re governed by farmers. When we were looking at ways to commemorate 40 years, it seemed fitting to come back to the farm and the idea of the old-time farm billboards. We found a guy [artist Troy Freeman] who happens to be really good at painting barns and we started in January. Now we’re approaching the home stretch, this is number 29. It’s definitely one of the bigger ones that we’ve tackled.”

The first barn to have the “Certified Angus Beef” logo painted on it was in Florida in January and the last one will be in Ohio in September. They are also painting barns in California, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New York, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Oregon.

“It’s quite an honor,” said Kirk



The barn as it looked before it was painted.

Sterzick, the owner of the farm. “I was kind of surprised when they got ahold of me about a month ago about wanting to do it. It’s coming together very fast and we’re excited about it.”

Sterzick Farm has been run by the same family since 1909. It was a dairy farm until the late 1960s when Adrian Sterzick bought four Angus heifers and began exclusively raising Angus beef.

According to the American Angus Association, the Black Angus is the most common breed of beef cattle in the US, with 332,421 animals registered in 2017. Sterzick Farm currently raises 23 head of Angus cattle and 45 acres of hay. The farm is so dedicated to Black Angus, on weekends they fly the “Certified Black Angus” flag directly below their US flag.

“I am the third generation to run the family farm,” Sterzick said. “My folks started to raise Angus cattle in the ‘60s and we’ve been with the Angus breed ever since. Right now we have 23 Black Angus cows.”

“Kirk is deeply rooted in the Michigan Angus Association,” Schaaf said. “He’s a wonderful guy and it’s a beautiful property. The barn is one of the more unique ones that we’ve seen. It’s original wood

that’s never been painted. Sadly, barns like this are few and far between to find. It’s in such amazing condition, Troy Freeman the painter is having the time of his life painting this one!”

Sterzick estimated the barn with the logo to be between 150 and 200 years old.

“My dad and grandpa moved it here from out in the field in about 1953,”

Sterzick said. “The foundation is new, that was built in 1953. This is mainly my calving barn. When the cows are calving, this is where the babies can get out of the weather. Right now it’s overwhelmed with barn swallows. I love that type of bird. They say that one barn swallow can eat 1,000 mosquitoes a night. I don’t know if that’s true or not.”



The finished product.



Artist Troy Freeman in action

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Cmdr. Joel Uzarski promoted by US Navy

by Tim McAllister
 lead reporter

LHS '96 grad Joel Uzarski was made commanding officer of the USS Gridley in Everett, WA on July 20.

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graduating from Lowell High School in 1996 and has served his country all over the world in places like Hawaii, Virginia, California, Rhode Island, Washington, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong,

but it just wasn't for me. I couldn't spend 30 days under water at one time and not see the light of day, so I decided not to do that. I went with surface warfare instead and have never regretted that



Joel and Heather Uzarski aboard the Gridley with their children Jackson and Katherine.

caught up with Uzarski for a story in the Feb. 8, 2017 edition, he was second in command on the USS Gridley.

"It's called an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer," he said in the 2017 story. "It's about 505 feet long, about 60 feet wide, it's got a crew of about 300 sailors of which about 30 are officers and about another 30 are senior officers. We can do many, many missions, there are a lot of different things we can do. We carry all types of missiles, tomahawks, torpedoes, we have five inch guns on board, we can carry two helicopters."

Uzarski joined the Navy immediately after

Philippines, Australia, Bahrain, Oman, Dubai, Djibouti, Spain, Italy and Greece.

"From Lowell High School I was accepted into the Naval Academy," Uzarski said back in 2017. "I did a four year stint, got my degree and got commissioned in 2000 and started my naval career then. I originally wanted to go into nuclear power and serve on a submarine. I served for 30 days on a nuclear submarine, the USS Annapolis. They show you the ropes, teach you what it's like to be a submariner, then you get to pick what you want to do. I liked submarines,

decision. I love it. I am a Surface Warfare Officer, which basically means I drive ships. Surface Warfare Officers are the Jacks of all trades, we do everything. We do all the mission sets, surface warfare, antisubmarine warfare, air warfare, strike warfare, we've got every type of mission you can imagine."

The USS Gridley was commissioned on Feb. 10, 2007. She was named after Capt. Charles Vernon Gridley, who commanded Adm. George Dewey's flagship "Olympia" during the Spanish/American War "Battle of Manila Bay" on May 1, 1898 of. The ship's current home port is Everett, WA.

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viewpoint

to the editor

This says it all

Dear editor:
IMMIGRANTS, NOT AMERICANS, MUST ADAPT. I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority

of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.
I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone

who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some BORN here, need to understand. This idea of Americans being a multicultural community has severed only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed

over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.
We speak English, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language of English and you will be blessed with a second language.
"IN GOD WE TRUST" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women,

on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.
If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you

came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives EVERY citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedom that our Dead Service men and women gave you, THE RIGHT TO LEAVE.
Ron Thomure
Lowell



125 years ago The Lowell Ledger August, 26 1893

A couple of Grand Rapids sports came up to Lowell last Friday looking for suckers - and found them - under their own hats. They wanted to run a foot race, and wouldn't take no for an answer. They had money to bet too. Well, Lowell didn't profess to have any runners, at all, but rather than disappoint the gentlemen, they would coax Doc. McQueen to make a start with the sprinters from the metropolis. The sprinter was willing to give Doc a start and the city men found takers for about \$100. Doc McQueen's coat tails got through sticking out straight, the gentlemen from the Rapids went away sadder but wiser men.

The improvements made on the Island has cost but \$60 under the economical administration of President McCarty. It is proposed to paint the seats, benches, etc. and when the picnic season is over remove them from the Island and store them for another season.

Remaining in the Post Office at Lowell, Mich., week ending August 19, 1893. Ladies - Mary Howe, Mrs. Leroy Sayles, Mrs. Luella E. Wright. Gents - W.C. Hall, 2: John W. Merbey. Package - Thos. Lewis. Person claiming the above will please say "advertised" and give the date of list. Leonard H. Hunt, P.M.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 22, 1918

A.M. Barnes, an old resident of Kent county and a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home in this village Saturday after a long illness, aged almost 82 years. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church

Tuesday at 2 p.m., Rev. W.M. P. Jerrett officiating; burial at Alton cemetery by the Masonic fraternity.

Louis Pottruff of Moseley had the misfortune to run a large needle in his foot. It was necessary to take him to Greenville and have an X-ray used to locate the needle which had to be cut out. The accident will likely lay him up for a while.

The order reducing the amount of print paper that may be used by weekly newspapers by 15 percent has been prepared by the pulp and paper section of the war industries board and will be effective September 15.

The Class 1 men of the first registration, physically qualified for general military service in Division No. 2, Kent County, have been exhausted in filling the quota for Camp Custer to be inducted this month and the board has called eight of the class of 1918. Among those who have been called to make up the quota of 42 are: Ernest Stowell, Lowell; Anton Wingeier Alto; Martin Harlow Cobb, Alto; Eddie Hand, Lowell; Alger Hartness Dutcher, Alto; Cecol C. Warner, Lowell; Walter Loring, Alto; Frank Beiber, Lowell; George Stanley Winslow, Jr., Alto; John M. Woodhead, R.F.D. No. 6, Lowell and Frank M. Blazo, Lowell;

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 26, 1943

The ninth annual Kent County 4-H Club fair opened at Recreation Park on Wednesday morning and will continue until Thursday evening. County Agent K. K. Vining and his assistants have been putting in a heap of hard work and everything indicates that their efforts will be crowned with success, and at least equal, if not surpass, the showings of previous years.

The opening of Lowell schools has been delayed by the Board of Education in an effort to cooperate with those who need labor. The term will open on Monday afternoon, Sept. 13, and even after sessions start attempts will be made to help those who need the services of some of the students.

A tomato weighing two pounds, grown by Warner Spencer, is on display at the Ledger office. Other tomatoes on the same vine weigh as much as 1 1/2 lbs. each. Great climate over in Segwun.

Chicken thieving is reported on the increase. It might be advisable to keep a shotgun handy, loaded with rock salt. If aimed at the right spot the thief would no doubt eat his chicken standing for a while.

Housewives are again reminded that salvage fats are urgently needed for the making of explosives. Many people have the notion that the war is already won, but this is a vicious type of propaganda, the kind featured by Goebbels and his crew.

outdoors

H.R. 4647

Dave Stegehuis

Wildlife in our country are appreciated and celebrated by the majority of citizens. We go to zoos, national parks, wetlands, forests, lakes, and streams to observe and sometimes interact with wild creatures. A few hunt elk in the Rocky Mountains, and many of us feed birds in our backyards. We take much of this for granted, but all is not well with our living natural resources. Wildlife populations are generally in decline. Many species are in danger of extinction, while some are gone forever.

Habitat loss, invasive species, and adverse weather conditions have affected the survival of a great number of species. High profile wildlife get the attention of the public, but less popular species like amphibians and reptiles go unnoticed except for natural resource scientists who are paying attention and voicing their concerns.

Species pursued by those who fish and hunt have had the advantage of being monitored and protected. Eighty percent of funding for fish and wildlife management and habitat restoration comes from license fees and federal tax

on hunting and fishing gear which includes firearms and archery equipment. Non-game species indirectly benefit from conservation programs funded by this source of revenue. This has not been enough to stabilize and restore a great number of wildlife species. A bill has been introduced in congress to address this shortfall.

PP The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 4647) proposes to provide 1.3 billion dollars each year to support state conservation programs. Each state has a Wildlife Action Plan to identify the needs of wildlife in that state and a plan to address those needs. The legislation would provide funding to execute those plans. The funds would come from fees charged for energy and mineral development on federal land.

PP This legislation has lots of bipartisan support and hopefully will eventually work its way through congress into law. We humans have a significant impact on the earth and wildlife and have a responsibility to care for all the creatures with which we share the earth.



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Shingles, or herpes zoster, is a condition characterized by a painful, sometimes blistering rash over limited part of the body. It can occur in people who have had chickenpox in the past. The chickenpox virus can stay in your system and stay inactive. Sometimes it stays inactive forever, but other times it can become reactivated, resulting in shingles. Most people recover from shingles fully, but some people can develop a lingering, chronic pain condition called post-herpetic neuralgia. This can have a major effect on one's quality of life. This condition is also more common in older people who develop shingles.

Shingles vaccine has been available in the US since 2006. This vaccine is recommended for routine use in people over the age of 60. This vaccine reduces the risk of shingles by about 50 percent and the risk of post-herpetic neuralgia by about 67 percent in adults aged

60 and older. This vaccine is a live virus. Because it is a live virus, it should not be given to people with weakened immune systems (such as a people receiving chemotherapy or other strong immune-suppressing medications).

In October 2017, the CDC issued a recommendation for use of a new shingles vaccine called the recombinant zoster vaccine. This vaccine is recommended for adults age 50 years or older. Based on current data, this recombinant vaccine appears to be more effective than the older vaccine, reducing the risk of both shingles and post-herpetic neuralgia by about 90 percent in adults aged 50 and older. It is not a live vaccine and should be safer than the older vaccine for people with weakened immune systems. The recombinant vaccine involves a series of two shots given two to six months apart.

college news

Ava Frederickson, of Alto, recently attended the Women in Computer Science program at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. Young women from six states were accepted into this highly competitive scholarship program. WIE is part of Michigan Tech's Summer Youth Programs.

Women in Computer Science (WICS) is a weeklong discovery of this fascinating field which is now an integral part of all aspects of our lives. Participants experienced different areas of computing including programming, artificial intelligence, robotics, virtual reality, visualization, networks and security. The young women learned about the many career opportunities in computing and the

excellent job prospects in a wide range of industries by interacting with Michigan Tech alumnae and role models to get first-hand accounts of diverse careers in computing.

Students accepted in the Women in Computer Science program received a scholarship that covered tuition, room and board, and supplies.

In addition, the young women experienced college life by staying in residence halls, eating in University cafeterias and exploring campus life among others with similar interests. Following intensive classroom and lab experiences in the day, the girls enjoyed team competitions, a variety show and many outdoor activities in Michigan's beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula.

happy birthday



AUGUST 22
Mike Blough, Shane Teelander.

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Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Misty McClure-Anderson.

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AUGUST 24
Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, April Barnes, Kelly Johnson, David Vankeulen, Nicholas Myers.

AUGUST 27
Virgil Roudabush.

AUGUST 28
Lee Miller, Terri Hoag, Kim Stager.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Kent
In the matter of
CINANDRA COWLEY
Guardianship File No. 17-201,113-DD

Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:
Petition to Modify Guardianship for a person with a developmental disability.

Dated: August 20, 2018

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Jason Morgan and Karen Eley, 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 September 5, 2018, at 8:45 a.m. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
121 Franklin St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 258-1182

VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC
Attys. for Petitioner
by Amanda Van Essen Wirth (P75001)
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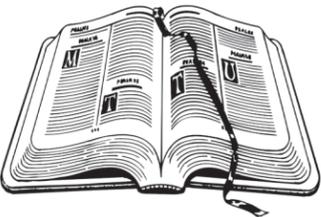
Flat River Outreach Ministries is holding volunteer orientation on September 5 from 6-7 pm and September 20 from 1-2 pm.

Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. For more information, 897-8260.

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Museum garden party a fun, successful fundraiser

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

There was just enough rain to inconvenience the Easy Idle String Band at the Lowell Area Historical Museum's "Summerfest" garden party fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 17. The few minutes of light drizzle required the band to move their gear to the porch. Meanwhile, dozens of people enjoyed food, drinks and a stroll through the museum and its grounds. The emphasis was on West Michigan food, drink and entertainment. Beer from both of Lowell's microbreweries were represented, plus drinks from other locals like Gravel Bottom from Ada, Virtue Cider from Fennville and Brewery Vivant from Grand Rapids.

"We've also got a couple different wines," said Kelly West from Larkin's. "We've got some from Leelanau, St. Julian's and Grand Traverse. There is an array of beers. Gravel Bottom made a S'more Stout. It's a deep color with a chocolate/graham cracker flavor. It's your dessert glass."

Food choices included snacks from Miss P's Catering, Larkin's and more.

"We try to bring some back and change some up each year so we get a variety and it stays fresh," said museum executive director Lisa Plank. "We try to keep it new so there's always something new to discover. They're all so good. Heidi's makes fantastic pastries."

Sneaker's, 211 E. Main, was serving very popular homemade stuffed mushrooms.

"These sausage stuffed mushrooms are Angie Fonger's dish, she made them herself," said Cathy Yurkinas. "Everybody's saying there's a little bit of a bite, so maybe there's some chorizo in there, but I'm not sure."

"It's going great, we're having a good time, I'm glad we were able to participate," said Susan Coxen from BC Pizza. "We're doing pepperoni and cheese pizza and mini breadsticks. Right now we have ten extra larges, but we'll probably go through that plus some more. That's a lot of pizza."

Luanne Kaeb and Josie Stoller were representing Heidi's Farm Stand with homemade fruit pastries and fresh melons.

"We have sensation melon, sun melon, yellow watermelon, red watermelon, honeydew, crenshaw melon and musk melon," Stoller said. "They all taste different. Some are sweeter."

"These are all better than the store-bought ones," Kaeb said.

"The fruit dip is made from brown sugar, cream cheese, white sugar and vanilla," Stoller said. "It's good to dip your fruit in."

"We have our famous beer cheese dip with spent grain bread," said Karlie Paulin from Big Boiler Brewing. "The grain was used to make our beer. The leftover, spent grain we

use to make our sweet beer bread. We use our beer in the beer bread and in the beer cheese."

The money generated at the fundraiser will be used for the many fun, interesting and educational programs at the museum.

"The party is going great," Plank said. "The rain stopped and we've got a great turnout. There's great food here and it's a really nice night."

"It's only been open a few minutes but there are already a lot of people in here, so I'd say it's going well," Yurkinas said.

"It's going great," Kaeb said. "It looks like everyone is enjoying themselves in spite of the rain. And the rain quit."

"It's going great," West said. "People are still coming in despite the rain."

"I'm very impressed, you guys have a great event going on," Coxen said.

"I think it was a wonderful event," said Fallasburg Historical Society president Ken Tamke. "The rain stopped miraculously and it turned out to be a great evening."

For more information about the museum, call 616-897-7688, stop in at 325 W. Main, find them online at lowellmuseum.org or follow them on Facebook.



Kelly West from Larkin's pouring a glass of Gravel Bottom S'more Stout.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of
THERESA WEEKLEEY
Guardianship File No.
18-203,893-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including her brother, Charlie Fisher and any other siblings and children unknown, 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 September 18,

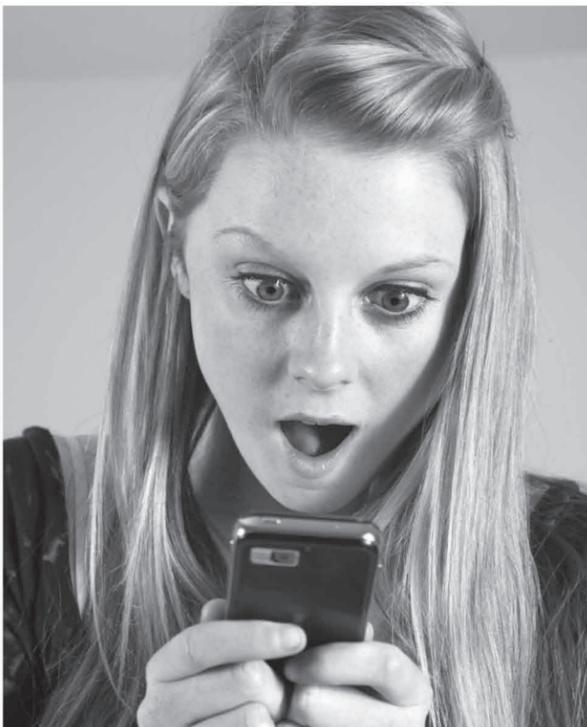
2018, at 9:00 A.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose:
Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: August 20, 2018

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
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Grand Rapids, MI 49507
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VAN ESSEN AND ASSOCIATES PLLC
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICANT: Howard Barriger

REQUEST: Rezone 7.45 acres from R-1, Rural Low Density Residential to R-2, Medium Density Residential.

LOCATION: 12054 Foreman Street SE which is the southeast corner of Alden Nash Avenue and Foreman Street. This property is vacant.

PARCEL NUMBER: 41-20-03-101-003

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

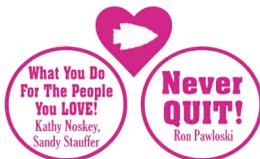
WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Tim Clements,
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SCHEDULE FOR EVENT DAY



AUGUST 30
* Approximate times

- 2:30 pm GATES OPEN
- 3:00 pm Boosters Concessions and Restaurant Row Open
- 3:30 pm National Anthem presented
LMS & LHS Choir under the direction of Nathan Masterson
- 3:30 pm Volleyball introduction and match - Sponsored by **Enwork™**
Lowell vs. Rockford Rams
- 3:30 pm Soccer introduction and match -
Lowell vs. Northview Wildcats
- 6:00 pm Survivor and Honor Walk - Songs sung by Nathan Masterson & student
Savanna Dempsey
Walk starts at high school main entrance
- 6:35 pm Football Player, Cheerleader and Honoree introduction *on field*
- 7:00 pm National Anthem presented
LHS Choir under the direction of Nathan Masterson
- 7:10 pm PINK ARROW GAME -
Lowell Pink Arrows vs. Rockford Rams

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- Thanks! **Crystal Flash** - for the Pink Pig Truck

AUGUST 30 • 2018 • BOB PERRY FIELD AT RED ARROW MEMORIAL STADIUM

Blues artist performs last Thursday on the Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Gathering along Riverwalk Plaza last Thursday for the tenth installment of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series, music lovers were blown away by the talent of 2015 New Orleans Blues Artist of the Year, Luke Winslow King.

A quadruple threat in the music world creating, composing, singing and playing his performance art Winslow-King's body of work features a genre hopping mix of musical styles all derived from the areas original roots. His love for the past blends beautifully in song and entertainment value with his

sleek and sharp appearance and dynamic stage presence. His energetic performance came across both relatable and elevated offering a dynamic blues focused performance for concert goers.

Joined on stage by band mates Roberto Luti, Matt Rhody, Benji Bohannon, Ben Polcer, Tyler Thompson and

Brennan Andes, Winslow-King has been touring the United States and beyond showcasing their talent alongside headliners Jack White, Chris Thile and the Rebirth Brass Band. A Cadillac native Winslow-King relocated to his new home base New Orleans in pursuit of his musical dreams.

The free outdoor summer concert series presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will conclude this Thursday with the seven piece retro-groove band May Erlewine and the Motivations who will take the stage at 7 pm to strike up the final downtown dance party of the summer season.

The handicap accessible event is family friendly and features both lawn and bleacher seating for those in attendance. Food, adult beverages and other fun and fare are available for purchase along the Riverwalk during showtime.

Sports Summaries

Boys Soccer

After trouncing their alumni competition 7-2 last week, raising \$1,466 for The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship Fund, the boys varsity soccer team hit the field twice on the road breaking even for the week. Both competitions took place at the Portage Soccer Complex last Saturday during the Portage Northern JBM Shoot Out. The Arrows fell 2-0 to their host and topped Loy Norrix 2-1 with goals coming from junior Ezra Stadt and freshman Nate Ryan assisted by Braiden Hamilton and senior Connor Cater. Goalkeeper Nathan VanDeWeert had twelve saves in the double dual. The team will play on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions this week hosting Rockford and then traveling to Forest Hills Eastern and north to Alpena for the annual Sunrise Tournament.

Volleyball

Opening with a loss to Hudsonville and then finishing with a victory over the same team the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team exited the Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic as champions last Saturday in their season opener. The tournament-style event pitted the Red Arrows against Hudsonville in round one of pool play where Lowell fell

0-2 with final scores of 20-25 and 19-25. Moving on to beat Grandville 2-1 (25-22, 22-25 and 15-7) and Traverse City West 2-0 (25-17 and 25-9) the ladies propelled themselves into the quarterfinals. Topping their opponent hosting Grand Haven 2-0 (25-20 and 25-22). The team then moved onto the semi finals where they defeated Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 2-0 victory with matching 25-17 tallies. In the finals, the competition came full circle for the Arrows as they once again faced Hudsonville springing back for the tournament victory after a three game battle that ended 2-1 in Lowell's favor with scores of 25-20, 22-25 and 15-9. This Saturday the team will head back into tournament action taking part in the annual West Michigan Volleyball Officials Associations event which takes place at the Michigan Sports Academy beginning at 9 am.

Boys Tennis

Red Arrow varsity tennis claimed victory in their season non-conference competitor Lakewood High School. Winning all matches in straight sets, the team claimed victory with a perfect score of 8-0. The team faced Coopersville on their home court Monday and will host a scrimmage against Union on Thursday at 3:30.

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APPLICANT: Chad DeWard

REQUEST: Special Land Use to establish a Home-Based Business, specifically an excavation business. The property consists of 11 acres and is zoned AG-1, Prime Agricultural Preservation.

LOCATION: 10216 Cascade Road SE.

PARCEL NUMBER: 41-20-30-200-010

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

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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SPORTS

Cross Country teams travel to Portage to compete

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Running their way to second and sixth place finishes at the Portage Early Bird Invite the Lowell girls and boys varsity cross country teams were led by Caleb Swart and Haley Nieuwkoop.

Claiming second place in the teams first appearance in the event with a combined points tally of 110 the boys team left the contest with three medals in tow. Swart, who placed sixth overall, was the first

finisher for Lowell clocking in at 17.00. Ben Kinnucan placed nineteenth with a time of 17.50 and Lucas Cossar who came in just five seconds later placing twentieth. Rounding out the top five long distance runners were Nigel Mika, who ran the distance in 18.12 and Calvin Simmet who came in at 18.26.

Placing sixth with a total of 183 points the Lady Arrows' top scorer Nieuwkoop was their only medalist with a twentieth place 21.27 finish. Her time

was followed by that of Jada Milhisler who placed 29th with a time of 22.09, Lauren Aud who came in at 22.29, Audrey Conrad who clocked a 22.42 and Lauren Swain who rounded out the ladies top five with a time of 23.11.

This week on Wednesday the team will travel to the Hesperia Baker Woods Invitational.

The Red Arrows will host the first OK White meet of the season Wednesday, September 5 starting at 5:15.



Lowell's boys varsity cross country team placed second in the Portage Early Bird Invite; ladies placed sixth.

Girls varsity golf team claims top spot at Sparta Invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Under direction of new head coach, Josh Bruwer, the Red Arrow varsity golf team hit the course for the first time this season August

field included fellow OK White competitors the Cedar Springs Red Hawks and Northview Wildcats as well as non-conference heavy hitters the East Grand

Jo Buechler, led the Red Arrows earning first overall at the tournament with a personal best of 39 strokes. Kenzi Uhen placed third overall coming in with a

42. Tristan Fogerty-Thomas and Olivia Decator rounded out the team's top scorers carding a 48 and a 50 respectively.

The team will continue into the season this week competing twice in non-conference action before facing their first OK White meet next week. They welcomed Kenowa Hills to their home course at

Arrowhead Golf Course Golf Club in Sunfield to face earlier in the week and will Lakewood this Thursday at travel to Centennial Acres 3:30 pm.



Left: Lowell varsity golf claimed the top place in their season debut at the Sparta Invitational last week.

(Photo provided by Red Arrow Athletics)

15 claiming the top spot in the Sparta Invitational.

Carding a combined total of 179, the ladies were just four strokes away from Lowell's record with their top notch performance. The highly competitive

Rapids Pioneers.

This years team is stocked with seniors toting experience as well as some up and coming faces adding fresh energy to the determined team.

Stand out junior, Mary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance regarding adult foster care facilities and other State licensed senior care facilities such as assisted living facilities, homes for the aged, nursing homes, convalescent homes, and memory care facilities.

The proposed amendments would allow these types of facilities in the R-2, Medium Density Residential Zoning District by Special Land Use Permit. The amendments would also add definitions for these facilities and amend existing language in the AG-1, AG-2, R-3 and Commercial zoning districts to ensure that these facilities as newly defined are listed as allowable uses.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

* Denotes a home game
8/25 at 9 am WMVOA Tournament at Michigan Sports Academy
8/30 at 3:30 - Pink Arrow Game - Rockford*



BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
8/25 at noon Sunrise Tournament in Alpena
8/28 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Northern
8/30 at 3:30 pm - Pink Arrow Game - Northview*

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
8/24 at 7 pm at South Bend John Adams
8/30 at 7 pm Pink Arrow Game - Rockford*



GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course
8/28 at 3:30 pm Wyoming at Maple Hill
8/29 at 3:30 pm OK White Jamboree #1 at Thousand Oaks

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Denotes a home game at LHS
8/27 at 4 pm Unity Christian*
8/29 at 4 pm at Wyoming



BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

* Denotes a meet at LHS
9/5 boys 4:30 pm • girls at 5:15 pm
OK White Jamboree #1*

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Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs. Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

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obituaries

KLINE

Alayne "Sally" Anne Kline, age 84 of Ada, went to be with her Lord Saturday, August 18, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Bob. She is survived by her daughters, Anne (Charlie) Blood, Patti (Jeff) Boyd; grandchildren Alaynah (Tommy) Tombridge, Tyler Boyd, Christopher Boyd, Patrick Blood, and Alex Blood. Sally grew up on Old Mission Peninsula on a cherry farm. She graduated Mercy Central School of Nursing in 1956. Visitation will be held 10-11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 23, with the funeral immediately following at 11:00 a.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. Rev. Ethel Stears officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell United Methodist Church.



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YOUNG

Glenda Mae Young, age 85 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord, Thursday, August 16, 2018. She was born August 29, 1932 in Fremont, Michigan, and raised in Kent City. She loved life and was very dedicated to her Lord and family. She was preceded in death by her husbands, David Baker, Thane Young, Charles Callihan; parents Glen and Bernetta Harwood; sisters Gladys (Gene) Glover, and Evelyn (Burdette) Shirey. Glenda is survived by her children, Laurie (Gary) Blough, Kevin (Judy) Baker, Joe (Robin) Baker, Jill Pietrzak, Gwen (Dean) Baker, David (Christa) Young, Tom (Rose) Young; brothers Steve (Connie) Harwood, George (Rachel) Harwood, Gary (Vicki) Harwood; brothers-and sisters-in-law Vernon (Linda) Baker, Rosie (Bob) Vanlaar, Mike (Helen) Baker, Dian Berry; 28 grandchildren; 15+ great-grandchildren; special family friends the Callihan family; and many nieces; nephews; and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 25, 12:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331. A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Rev. Jon Propper officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301.



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Looking back, continued

50 years The Lowell Ledger August 22, 1968

The Showboat came around Cat-tail Bend in a blaze of unexpected fireworks when they got off course and hit the power lines stretched across the river sending sparks arcing along the lines. Lowell Light and Power manager John Jones reported that one of the shoreside transformers burned out as a result of the collision but no other damage resulted. Power men spent Tuesday morning tightening up the lines in the hope of avoiding a repeat performance.

If the opening performances of Lowell Showboat 1968 are any indication, the 36th renewal of the mid-summer classic is scheduled to get into the records as the most successful in history. Monday's opening night drew in excess of 3,000 appreciative fans and was, in the estimate of Showboat officials, the largest premiere turnout since the event started back in 1931. The magnet, without question, is headliner Dinah Shore.

Several 4-H groups that participated in the fair held this past week in Lowell are based in this area, and have many young people who placed extremely well with their exhibits and livestock. Carol Wittenbach, of the Lowell Saddlelites, placed first in the Park Seat, English Division, first in English Horsemanship and Grand Champion English horse. Jim Dykstra of Ada exhibited his bull Little Rd, who walked away with op honors and became the year's Grand Champion, while Jim received accolades for his showmanship.

The Lowell Education Association, composed of teachers in the Lowell Area School system, today urged voters to cast "yes" ballots in next Monday's special millage election. "We are concerned about our children's education," a specially prepared statement read. "We do not wish to see a reduced educational program. We favor the highest quality education for our children. We urge your support for a 'ye' vote on Aug. 26." The teachers are also offering transportation to the polls for those who may need it next Monday.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall** located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at the corner of Parnell (Lowell) to hear the following business:

A variance application has been received from Bryan Newell, on property located at 11441 Lally St NE, Lowell for a deck walkway, boat rack and post and shower/changing area structure from the setbacks of section 201.375 (E) of the Lake Residential Zoning District.

The complete variance application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Public comment will be heard at the meeting for the variance request. Written comments received by mail, email, in person or in the drop box on the side of the driveway parking area will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may be emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Lowell Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following request from Forest Hills Homes:

To rezone 7.4 acres from C, General Commercial to the Open Space Planned Unit Development (OS-PUD) Zoning District in order to construct an 80-unit multi-family development consisting of four buildings each containing 20 dwelling units. The project would be known as Fulton Place.

ADDRESS AND GENERAL LOCATION: 11519 Boulder Drive which is the vacant parcel on the north side of Boulder Drive between Meijer and Stone Ridge Apartments.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. ^{TFN}

2001 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LS - 4x4, 5.3 V8, 200,000 miles, good condition, body has rust, good tires, clean inside. \$2,800. Call 616-970-1267.

USED TIRES - Call with size, 616-292-7649/616-295-8820. Rob's Auto - thanks. ^{TFN}

FOR SALE - Fresh produce: sweet corn, tomatoes, cukes, peppers, onions, red potatoes, zucchini, melons & more when in season. Quality produce at fair prices. Share in our garden at VandenBosch Produce, 2999 Lincoln Lake Ave, 6 miles N. of Lowell between 3 & 4 Mile Rd. Call 485-4033.

REACH OVER 100,000 AREA HOMES - with our Marketplace! One call & one payment, only \$40! Includes 20 words & 1 black & white photo. Only items for sale please. Perfect place to advertise a vehicle or camper for sale! The ad runs in the Lowell Buyer's Guide & News, Hastings Reminder, Marshall Advisor/Chronicle & Battle Creek Shopper News. Call 897-9555, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com or stop by 105 N. Broadway for more info.

sales

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 24 & 25, 9-? 13231 Shutter SE. Misc. tools, 10x20 storage tent, furniture, bedding, canning supplies, fencing, jewelry, pet carrier, household items, clothing.

for rent

WE DO BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW - Equal Housing Opportunity. It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of housing or residential lots; in the advertising the sale or rental of housing, in the financing of housing. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (toll free) 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900. ^{TFN}

help wanted

HORSE CARE & LABOR - training facility in Clarksville looking for help. Duties include: feeding, turnout, stalls, etc. M-F, several shifts available. FT, PT & weekends. Experience handling horses preferred. Reliable, must have own transportation. Please contact Lisa, 616-443-7399.

PART-TIME FRONT COUNTER HELP WANTED - duties to include answering phones and waiting on customers. Please mail resume & letter of interest to Lowell Ledger, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331; email to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com or drop off at the Lowell Ledger office, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Please no phone calls.

EXTRA CASH? - We are taking applications for a walking route carrier to deliver the Buyers Guide on Saturdays. Must be at least 16 for this position. Apply in person, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. No phone calls accepted regarding this position.

lost

LOST DOG - 12 year-old female, Yorkie/Chihuahua mix, name is Zoe, weighs 20 lbs. Missing since Aug. 16 near Whites Bridge Rd. Call 897-8591 or 660-956-6533.

misc.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE - Fri., Aug. 24. Judy Rosenberger is retiring from Huntington Bank. Stop in and wish her well.

WERE YOU OR A LOVED ONE DIAGNOSED WITH NON-HODGKINS LYMPHOMA (Cancer)? Did you use Roundup Weed Killer? You may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727 (MICH)

misc.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT IMPACT CHURCH - Thurs., Sept. 13, 6-9 pm at 1070 Hudson, Lowell. Watch the movie Home Run & enjoy free popcorn & beverage. No child care available. Brought to you by Celebrate Recovery.

LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - every Thursday noon to 5 pm downtown Lowell in the Veteran's Memorial Parking lot across from the Riverwalk Plaza. Cinnamin Piggott, Market Master, 616-916-9193/www.discoverlowell.org

services

POWER WASHING SERVICES - Houses, trailers, decks, patios & more! For free estimate call 616-894-8698.

STUMP GRINDING - Call Dan for free estimates. 616-970-3832.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198. ^{TFN}

WORK WANTED - Double D's Bucket Van & Handyman Service. 40' bucket, tree trimming & removal, gutters, window washing, power washing, buildings, barns, homes, decks, etc. Insured. Call Dave Delinsky, 616-212-3008. Free estimates.

services

POWER WASHING - Dirt, mildew washed away. Call Jim today, 915-1745.

PROFESSIONAL TREE CLIMBER - needs work. Call Dan, 616-970-3832.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dumpster rental, 10-20 yards. Mention this ad for \$10 to \$20 off. Call or text Doug for estimates at 616-295-6640. ^{TFN}

EVERYDAY MILITARY DISCOUNT - 10% off any service when showing your military ID. J&K Roadside Service, 616-690-0983.

wanted

WANTED - Someone to remove a kitchen cupboard to make room for dishwasher install. It would be great if you could do both. Hookups for dishwasher are in place. Please call 897-8042.

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818. ^{TFN}

FREON R12 WANTED: CERTIFIED BUYER will PAY CASH for R12 cylinders or cases of cans. (312) 291-9169; www.refrigerantfinders.com (MICH)

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 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.
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Community Calendar August AND ONGOING EVENTS

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

FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 5-7 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

SENIOR FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 12-14 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

DON'T LET THE PIGEON ATTEND THIS PROGRAM! - Sept. 13 at 10 am. Celebrate the works of author Mo Willems. Featuring crafts, books & activities. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

FOODMOBILE - Sat., Sept. 15 at 10 am at the fairgrounds.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT AT IMPACT CHURCH - Thurs., Sept. 13, 6-9 pm at 1070 Hudson, Lowell. Watch the movie Home Run & enjoy free popcorn & beverage. No child care available. Brought to you by Celebrate Recovery.

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 Fallasburg 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.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m.

at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

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

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

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

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

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

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.

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

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E.

General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 2 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

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

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

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

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

LOWELLARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

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

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

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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

KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

ALTOLIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

FREE WILL

astrology

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Aries

(March 21-April 19)



The two pieces of advice I have for you may initially seem contradictory, but they are in fact complementary. Together they'll help guide you through the next three weeks. The first comes from herbalist and wise woman Susun Weed. She suggests that when you face a dilemma, you should ask yourself how you can make it your ally and how you can learn the lesson it has for you. Your second burst of wisdom is from writer Yasmin Mogahed: "Study the hurtful patterns of your life. Then don't repeat them."

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)



Speak the following declaration aloud and see how it feels: "I want strong soft kisses and tender unruly kisses and secret truth kisses and surprise elixir kisses. I deserve them, too." If that puts you in a brave mood, Taurus, add a further affirmation: "I want

ingenious affectionate amazements and deep dark appreciation and brisk mirthful lessons and crazy sweet cuddle wrestles. I deserve them, too." What do you think? Do these formulas work for you? Do they put you in the proper frame of mind to co-create transformative intimacy? I hope so. You're entering a phase when you have maximum power to enchant and to be enchanted.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)



As you map out your master plan for the next 14 months, I invite you to include the following considerations: an intention to purge pretend feelings and artificial motivations; a promise to change your relationship with old secrets so that they no longer impinge on your room to maneuver; a pledge to explore evocative mysteries that will enhance your courage; a vow to be kinder toward aspects of yourself that you haven't loved well enough; and a search for an additional source of stability that will

inspire you to seek more freedom.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

If you have been communing with my



horoscopes for a while, you've gotten a decent education for free! Nonetheless, you shouldn't depend on me for *all* of your learning needs. Due to my tendency to emphasize the best in you and focus on healing your wounds, I may neglect some aspects of your training. With that as caveat, I'll offer a few meditations about future possibilities. 1. What new subjects or skills do you want to master in the next three years? 2. What's the single most important thing you can do to augment your intelligence? 3. Are there dogmas you believe in so fixedly and rely on so heavily that they obstruct the arrival of fresh ideas? If so, are you willing to at least temporarily set them aside?

Leo

(July 23-August 22)

"All the world's a stage," wrote Shakespeare, "And all the men and women merely players." In other words, we're all performers. Whenever we emerge from solitude and encounter other people, we choose to express certain aspects of our inner experience even as we hide others. Our personalities are facades that display a colorful mix of authenticity and fantasy. Many wise



people over the centuries have deprecated this central aspect of human behavior as superficial and dishonest. But author Neil Gaiman thinks otherwise: "We are all wearing masks," he says. "That is what makes us interesting." Invoking his view -- and in accordance with current astrological omens -- I urge you to celebrate your masks and disguises in the coming weeks. Enjoy the show you present. Dare to entertain your audiences.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)



I think you've done enough rehearsals. At this point, the apparent quest for a little extra readiness is beginning to lapse into procrastination. So I'll suggest that you set a date for opening night. I'll nudge you to have a cordial talk with yourself about the value of emphasizing soulfulness over perfectionism. What? You say you're waiting until your heart stops fluttering and your bones stop chattering? I've got good news: The greater your stage fright, the more moving your performance will be.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)

In all the time we've worked on diminishing your suffering, we may have not focused enough on the fine art of resolving unfinished business. So let's do that now, just in time for the arrival of your Season of Completion. Are you ready to start drawing the old cycle to a close so you'll be fresh when the new cycle begins? Are you in the mood to conclude this chapter of



your life story and earn the relaxing hiatus you will need before launching the next chapter? Even if you don't feel ready, even if you're not in the mood, I suggest you do the work anyway. Any business you leave unfinished now will only return to haunt you later. So don't leave any business unfinished!

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)



Are you ready to mix more business with pleasure and more pleasure with business than you have ever mixed? I predict that in the coming weeks, your social opportunities will serve your professional ambitions and your professional ambitions will serve your social opportunities. You will have more than your usual amount of power to forge new alliances and expand your web of connections. Here's my advice: Be extra charming, but not grossly opportunistic. Sell yourself, but with grace and integrity, not with obsequiousness. Express yourself like a gorgeous force of nature, and encourage others to express themselves like gorgeous forces of nature.

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



"When I picture a perfect reader," wrote philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, "I picture a monster of courage and curiosity, also something supple, cunning, cautious, a born adventurer and discoverer." I suspect he was using the term "monster" with a roguish affection. I am certainly doing that as I direct these same words toward you, dear Sagittarian reader. Of course, I am always appreciative of your courage, curiosity, cunning, suppleness, and adventurousness. But I'm especially excited about those qualities now, because the coming weeks will be a time when they will be both most necessary and most available to you.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)



You do not yet have access to maps

of the places where you need to go next. That fact may tempt you to turn around and head back to familiar territory. But I hope you'll press forward even without the maps. Out there in the frontier, adventures await you that will prepare you well for the rest of your long life. And being without maps, at least in the early going, may actually enhance your learning opportunities. Here's another thing you should know: your intuitive navigational sense will keep improving the farther you get from recognizable landmarks.

Aquarius

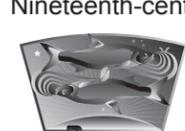
(January 20-February 18)



Healing isn't impossible. You may not be stuck with your pain forever. The crookedness in your soul and the twist in your heart may not always define who you are. There may come a time when you'll no longer be plagued by obsessive thoughts that keep returning you to the tormenting memories. But if you hope to find the kind of liberation I'm describing here, I advise you to start with these two guidelines: 1. The healing may not happen the way you think it should or imagine it will. 2. The best way to sprout the seeds that will ultimately bloom with the cures is to tell the complete truth.

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)



Nineteenth-century British painter J. M. W. Turner was one of the greats. Renowned for his luminous landscapes, he specialized in depicting the power of nature and the atmospheric drama of light and color. Modern poet Mary Ruefle tells us that although he "painted his own sea monsters," he engaged assistants "to do small animals." She writes that "he could do a great sky, but not rabbits." I'm hoping that unlike Turner, you Piscean folks will go both ways in the coming weeks. Give as much of your creative potency and loving intelligence to the modest details as to the sweeping vistas.

NEWS OF THE

weird

Awesome!

Retirees Marli and Paulo Ciquinel of Meleiro in southern Brazil discovered a fetishist's dream in the vegetable garden behind their home: a 17 1/2-pound potato that has grown into the shape of a huge human foot (with six toes). The "toes" descend in size, much as human toes do, and the largest has roots that look like hair. The "foot" portion of the tuber reaches up almost to knee-height. Marli told the Mirror, "We have never seen anything like it." Paulo said he was "a little bit scared when we harvested that potato." The couple don't plan to eat it.

Animal Antics

German police took a baby squirrel into custody on Aug. 9 following an incident in which it chased a grown man down the street. The Guardian reported that an unnamed man summoned Karlsruhe police when he could not shake the tiny squirrel. But when officers arrived, the squirrel suddenly lay down and went to sleep. Officers felt sorry for the exhausted little rodent, who apparently had been separated from its mom and was looking for a replacement in the terrified man. Police named their new mascot Karl-Friedrich, then took him to an animal rescue center, where he was doing very well. (UPDATE: Workers at the rescue center later determined the squirrel was a girl and renamed her Pippilotta. They expect to return her to the wild in September.)

At the Puy de Fou historical theme park in Vendee, France, cleaning up litter is always a problem. But less so now that six "particularly intelligent" crows are being trained to pick up litter, according to Sky News. Nicolas de Villiers, president of the park, said that each time a crow drops a cigarette butt or piece of trash into a bin, it will be rewarded with a small nugget of food. The birds were set to begin their duties on Aug. 17.

Extreme Measures

Your city may not have the dubious pleasure of pay-per-minute electric scooters yet, but in some places, the handy people transports have overstayed their welcome. The Los Angeles Times reported on Aug. 10 that angry residents are throwing Bird scooters off balconies, heaving them into the ocean, stuffing them in trashcans and setting them afire. Robert Johnson Bey, a Venice Beach maintenance worker, said: "Sunday, I was finding kickstands everywhere. Looked like they were snapped off." What's worse, the perpetrators are documenting their destruction on social media; Instagram has a Bird Graveyard account devoted to chronicles of scooter desecration. Culver City resident Hassan Galedary, 32, has a visceral reaction to the scooters: "I hate Birds more than anyone," he said. "They suck. People who ride them suck." However, he has stopped defacing them: "I can't put bad energy into the world. I don't even kick them over anymore."



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THEME: THE 1930s

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 1. Stopped from sleeping
 6. Emergency responders
 9. Much ado
 13. Carl Jung's inner self
 14. Old French coin
 15. Approximately
 16. Castrated bull
 17. "Swan Lake" step
 18. Relating to pond scum
 19. *Great Depression state
 21. *"The Maltese Falcon" author
 23. * ___ Row
 24. ___-de-camp
 25. Churchill's "so few"
 28. *Subject of "Reefer Madness"
 30. Herpes ____, a.k.a. shingles
 35. Cain's victim
 37. *Johnny Vander Meer and Ernie Lombardi
 39. Go "Boo!"
 40. Shower with affection
 41. *Now demoted planet identified in 1930
 43. Antioxidant-rich berry
 44. Insect, post-metamorphosis
 46. Slang for heroin
 47. College cadet program
 48. Elongated shape
 50. Shining armor
 52. Fifth note
 53. One less traveled
 55. Loudness knob
 57. *First FIFA World Cup location
 61. *FDR's brainchild
 65. Linoleums, for short
 66. Hole-in-one
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72. *Johnny Hodges and Jimmy Dorsey played it
 73. Group of exercises
 74. In the Queen of Hearts' oven?
- DOWN**
 1. Yellowjacket
 2. Cognizant of
 3. Capital on the Dnieper

4. Mideast V.I.P.
 5. Limited in scope
 6. Sports award
 7. Bygone bird
 8. Uncooked seafood
 9. *"The Mummy" or "City Lights"
 10. Egg on
 11. *Cab Calloway's improvised singing
 12. *Gandhi's ___ March
 15. Brooches with low relief carving
 20. Pipsqueak
 22. Wood-shaping tool
 24. Cited as evidence
 25. *Dominant mass media in the 1930s
 26. Mushroom cloud maker
 27. Prenatal
 29. Snaky swimmers
 31. Melee memento
 32. Fiesta fare
 33. One of the Muses
 34. *Third ___
 36. Building block
 38. Just for men
42. Nose of a missile
 45. Military offensive
 49. India's smallest state
 51. Disinterested response
 54. Nursemaids in India
 56. Parkinson's disease drug
 57. Arm bone
 58. Cambodian currency
 59. ___ of measurement
 60. 1960s boots
 61. Remaining after deductions
 62. Another spelling for #4 Down
 63. *"It Don't Mean a Thing (If It ___ Got That Swing)"
 64. *Colbert showed them in "It Happened One Night"
 67. Pool shark's weapon

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Looking back, continued

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
August 25, 1993**

The tears, coming from Middle School English teacher, Laurie Wagner's eyes, told the story. Wagner, one of roughly 50 school district employees, learned Tuesday night, that come Monday, there would not be a job for her at Lowell Schools Lowell School District of roughly 10,000 registered voters, voted down the Headlee Waiver by the count of 1,999-1,796. The 3,795 who turned out to vote represented the largest number of voters since the renewal vote in 1991, when 3,927 people voted.

Citizens along Bewell Ave., hoping to see a reduction of the speed limited between 36th St. and Grand River Dr., may see results following a meeting between the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police, to be held Aug. 24. If both sides agree a change is in order, then the state police will conduct a study to determine what the new limit should be, while the commission conducts a separate study to reach their determination.

Shelby Williams, of Lowell, 12, entered a talent show at Stanton Old Fashion Days and, out of 40 acts, was picked first place winner. Her talent was baton/dance. She has been twirling with Bonnie Blue Bells organization for six years. She also won first place, last year, in Alto.

A bill of approximately \$2,000 over the last year in vandalism bills for Stoney-Lakeside Park was enough to convince the Lowell City Council to take some action. The Council agreed to roughly \$3,900 in sensing equipment and cameras to be provided and installed by the Midstate Security Company. The cost of the sensing equipment is \$1,160. the camera and monitoring system will amount to \$2,750.

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Hundreds enjoy Pink Arrow Health Fair at Riverwalk

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A little drizzle did not diminish attendance at the Thursday, Aug. 16 Pink Arrow Health Fair. Hundreds of people enjoyed free lunch, free ice cream, a blood drive, mammograms and lots more.

"I think it's going beautifully, we've just been pleased, said Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Teresa Beachum. "Mother Nature has cooperated in the most awesome way. We've got great activities under the tent with the professionals, our entertainment from the Luc James bands has been terrific, the Ice Cream Cabus has them lined up,

the balloon twister is here and we're pushing hot dogs."

The health fair was the first opportunity to purchase the new Pink Arrow t-shirt. The volunteers running the t-shirt booth were swamped all day. Shirt purchases included a free bracelet and a free license plate frame.

"T-shirt sales are going great and it's a good turnout," said Pink Arrow volunteer Angie Blough. "We've already sold hundreds of t-shirts and about 75 percent are personalizing them."

All Weather Seal donated \$1 for every Pink Arrow shirt sold at the event and they hosted a game

where contestants popped balloons to win money that was donated to the cause.

"We're doing a game where we put fake money in balloons, people throw darts at them and then whatever falls out, we donate that amount to Pink Arrow," said employee Anthony Moyle. "We've had 348 players so far in the first 90 minutes and we'll be here all night until the end."

There was free health information, a blood drive and free mammograms in the Spectrum Health "Mammography Mobile."

Pink Arrow volunteer Bobby Rickstad grilled hundreds of free hot dogs.

"I bet we've gone through 200 hot dogs and I've only been here since 10," he said at 11:30 am. "It's going well. We've got a lot of people coming down for a great cause and it's a beautiful day out."

Tammi and Bruce Wingeier from the Ice Cream Caboose in Alto brought their Ice Cream Cabus to the event and served free ice cream cones to the first 300 customers.

"It's going very well," Bruce said. "It's a little warm, but we're gonna make it. It's a really nice day. A little cloudy but still classy."

"I think this event is really cool," Moyle said.

"A lot of people are coming together for the greater good."

"I absolutely love it, it's a pretty amazing event," Blough said. "I've been involved right since the get-go. I lost my mom to cancer. Both my boys played in her honor. My mother in law is also a survivor. I think it's great for our town to have something like this that promotes such a good cause," Rickstad said. "It brings the community together. You don't see this anywhere else. I've been to a lot of different cities and you don't see anything close to this. I think it's awesome and amazing."

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