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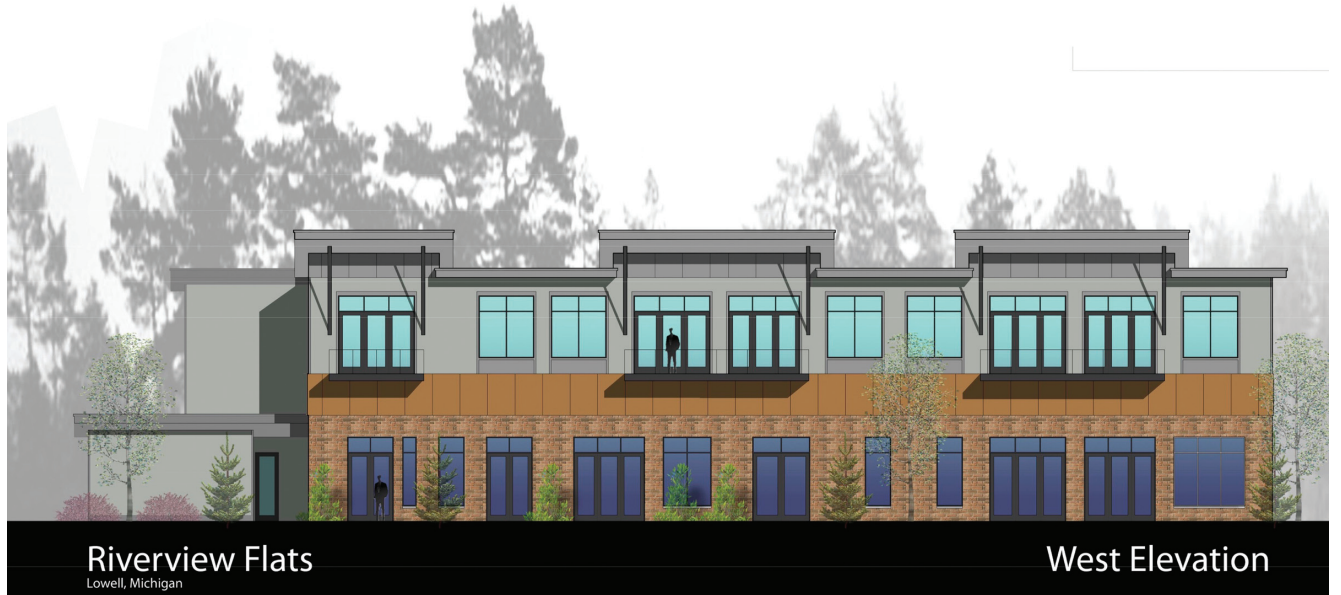
Riverview Flats, waterfront condos & retail

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The former Unity High School building, 320 N. Monroe, is going to be turned into a development called “Riverview Flats” with 10 condominiums, retail space and parking.

“In the initial phase of the project, the former Unity School will become retail space and residential space,” said project leader Todd Schaal, CEO of the Estes Group. “The existing building closest to the Flat River will be developed into 10 condominiums with covered parking to the east and patios and balconies overlooking the river. The western views will provide an opportunity to appreciate both the river and the setting sun over the neighborhood and church steeple.”

The building was constructed in 1936 through one of FDR’s New Deal programs. It was first known as Intermediate School, then Riverside until 1994, when it was renamed Unity High. It was last used by the school district in 2010. Lowell Area Schools sold the property for \$350,000 in May, 2014.



Riverview Flats
Lowell, Michigan

West Elevation

“We appreciated the potential beauty and history of the old buildings and wanted to preserve them and extend their lives.”

- Estes Group CEO Todd Schaal

“Tearing down the buildings was always the easier option, but we appreciated the potential beauty and history of the old buildings and wanted to preserve them and extend their lives if possible,” Schaal said. “We considered multiple options and believe we have settled on uses that will be good for tenants, residents and the city of Lowell.”

The plans for the condos include patios for residents, but first they have to iron out some issues with city government. According to a press release from the Estes Group, they are “working with the city of Lowell to gain some additional space to the west of the building along the Flat River to be able to provide 12 foot patios for residents. In

exchange, a more beneficial and strategic parcel roughly two times larger would be given to the city to expand the riverfront park. [Schaal] and the city have been in conversation with the Department of Natural Resources to make this possible.”

“We are encouraged by the reaction from both the city and the DNR and we

believe we will get the seven feet we are requesting while also providing the city with additional land that will add to the total area of the park,” Schaal said.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2019 with completion estimated for summer. For more information, visit riverviewflats.com or call 616-512-3450.

Local insurance agency adds health expert

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

This April, Christine Dionne, a health insurance expert with over 18 years experience in the industry, joined the staff at Alliance Financial and Insurance Agency, 423 W. Main. She has spent the past few months training for open enrollment, the time of year when hundreds of thousands of people attend to their health insurance requirements. At no charge, Dionne will walk anyone through all of the options and help them pick the perfect plan.

“I am a specialist with Healthcare.gov and the marketplace,” Dionne said. “The service that I bring to people is that I can help walk them through the entire process. I go through extensive training regarding all the carriers. I know the

plans, so based on their individual needs, I can help assist people with selecting the best plan. Things change every single year, so the biggest challenge is making sure people are fully informed and educated. Plans change, rates change, we have to make sure that people are getting into the correct plan and are understanding the process. It is quite challenging to understand the process. You’ve got paperwork you need to submit and things like that. I pride myself on being somebody who will hold their hand through that whole process. What’s really great is that all of our services are at no charge to the customer. We do get

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Changes to Veterans Day cookie drive

This year’s smaller but always enthusiastic cookie drive

It’s almost November and time for Veteran’s Day, a reminder that the home-baked cookies campaign for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home is close at hand. However, this year will be a bit different. The GRVH reports there are fewer than 275 veterans in residence, and this may also be the last year that they will be able to accept food prepared outside their own kitchen. They are one of the last agencies to make that call.

To prevent unnecessary waste, the GRVH has asked that the number of cookies be reduced to about 800-900. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and in view of the changes in policy, the staff has suggested a few alternative ideas that could work. Veterans always enjoy receiving cards and letters, particularly from children. New or lightly read magazines, gift cards to Meijer or McDonalds and clothing like underwear, socks, gloves, sweatshirts. Larger sizes, especially 2X to 4X, are always welcome. Knee blankets also provide wonderful comfort and jigsaw puzzles challenge not only the mind, but dexterity, helping pass many lonesome hours.

Members of the Lowell Women’s Club and the Lowell American Legion will be at the Lowell Veterans’ Center at 3116 South Alden Nash on Saturday, November 10 from 10 am to 12 pm, then will deliver everything to the GRVH later that afternoon.

Please remember that cookies containing any kind of nuts must be labeled and kept separate from those with nuts.

The committee appreciates your thoughtfulness, as do our valiant veterans at the GRVH.

Anyone with questions is asked to call Jan Thompson at 616-897-2533.

Alliance, continued

paid, we certainly don't work for free, it's all based on commissions from carriers."

Open enrollment for Medicare and Medicare Advantage is currently underway and runs through Dec. 7. Open enrollment on the Healthcare.gov marketplace is Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. For many people, trying to figure out their options can be very confusing.

"Anyone that has a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare plan, this is their one time per year that they can look at their plan, they can make changes," Dionne said. "We are able to assist people with that. If they want to switch their plan, if they want to switch carriers, if they need to re-enroll for next year, this is their one time to do it, and it all ends on Dec. 7. For individual plans, commonly known as Obamacare and things like that, open enrollment runs from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. We are able to assist people with re-enrolling through the marketplace for Obamacare, or if they want to look at

cost-saving alternatives or things like that. A lot of people think that their only option is to go through Healthcare.gov but that's not true, there are many other options available. That's the nice thing about going with an independent agent. We can sit down, go through their specific needs and assess exactly what they need for their family, then tailor an option specific to them, versus calling a 1-800 number and getting on the line with somebody who's just reading a script."

Dionne won multiple "Circle of Champions" awards because she is so adept at helping people figure out their health insurance options.

"I earned the distinction last year of the Elite Circle of Champions for Healthcare.gov," Dionne said. "That means I reached a certain level of assisting customers during the six weeks of open enrollment. Once you've assisted over 100 customers on Healthcare.gov, you become part of their Elite Circle of Champions."

Dionne worked in the health insurance industry

for 18 years before she started working at the Alliance office in Lowell this year. She is a 1993 graduate of Northview High School and got her degree in business administration from Davenport University.

"I just joined Alliance in March. Previously, I did the same thing at a different agency," Dionne said. "I made the move to Alliance because it's a great company with great people. Our people just really, really care about our customers. We have really high standards for customer service, we treat everybody like family. We are a full service agency. On top of doing the health insurance, we have our life insurance, auto policies, homeowners insurance, commercial insurance, the whole gamut. Alliance has never offered assistance with health insurance or Medicare before, this is a new service for the Lowell area. We are just entering this arena, it's new to the agency."

When she isn't working through open enrollment or training for open enrollment, Dionne enjoys spending time with her five children and two grandchildren.

"I have five kids, so that keeps me busy,"



Alliance agent Christine Dionne walks people through open enrollment at no charge.

Dionne said. "My kids range from age 26 all the way down to age eight, three girls and two boys. One of my children is a competitive cheerleader and I love watching her do her sport. I enjoy walking, scrapbooking and spending time with

family. I absolutely love to travel, my goal in life is to fill up my passport. Mexico is my favorite destination. We've been to the Dominican Republic a couple times and I also really enjoyed that. I'm a big fan of the Caribbean, that blue water is very enticing. We have family from the Netherlands, so we would love to get over to the Netherlands and explore over there."

To solicit Dionne's help with open enrollment,

call her at 616-897-1515 or email her at cdionne@allins.com.

"During this time of year I am available Monday through Saturday," Dionne said. "Evening and Saturday appointments are something I schedule ahead of time. Anybody can walk in and set up an appointment, you can email or call me. Get ahold of me any way and I will do everything in my power to get you enrolled before the 15th."

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm., in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the hearing will be:

Special Land Use request for restaurant with drive-through at 1400 West Main Street

Net Lease Development C/O Ben Hidalgo have applied for a special land use permit to construct a restaurant with drive-through facilities at 1400 West Main Street. Restaurants that include drive-through facilities are permitted the C-3 General Business district only with special land use review and approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

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Ken Fadeley and the Filipino folk art of the takaan

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Ken Fadeley is the owner of Ridgefield Gallery in Ortonville, a small town about 40 miles north of Detroit. The gallery, in an 1860s barn, is where Fadeley shows off examples from his massive collection of takaans, wooden figures created by master carvers using skills passed down for hundreds of years.

The carvings come from Paete, Philippines, about a three hour drive southeast from Manila, the capital. The town of Paete was

sketching out a carving of the Last Supper. That was on Monday. By Thursday, it was completed. Every hit of the chisel does something. They start with these great big chisels and the wood chips are just flying, then they get finer, finer and finer.”

The area was occupied by the Japanese during World War II but it was under American control by the end of the war. After World War II, the Paeteños began using their carving skills

there. They get an order for some product, whatever it might be - rabbit, Santa Claus, a mannequin, a fish or something. Depending on the size of the order, they may carve one mold or they may carve 50 molds. When the order is complete, they ship the papier-mâché pieces out of the Philippines and they take the molds and put them back in the warehouse, hoping they get an order for those again.”

Takaans are still used today to create papier-mâché holiday figures that are sold at stores like Michael’s and Hobby Lobby.

“You can find papier-mâché things that are in brown paper so kids can paint them,” said Fadeley. “Come Christmas and Halloween, you’re going to see skulls, ghosts and other things that are already painted.”

Another place you might see their carvings would be if you ever took a trip on a cruise ship.

“A lot of the young guys now, if they can’t get work in Paete, they join the Merchant Marines and go work on the cruise ships,” Fadeley said. “I’ve never been on a cruise ship, but people have told me that they’re the guys who, during dinner, will do ice carvings and fancy fruit, vegetable and garnish carvings. All of

those guys come from this one town, Paete.”

Fadeley, a metal sculptor and a gallery owner, first caught sight of a takaan around the turn of the century.

another and we got hooked up with him in about 2000. I’ve been going there to the Philippines since 2001 shipping 20-foot containers back of these incredible carvings.”

seven kids and it seemed like one was in college all the time. I discovered that to go to college there was extremely cheap. My wife, my sister and I ended up putting Virginia through



Santa Claus and his camel are examples of finished takas after they’ve been painted.

founded in 1580 by two Catholic Spaniard friars, but the Paeteños were practicing their woodworking craft long before the Europeans showed up.

“Paete is considered the carving capital of Southeast Asia,” Fadeley said. “They’re master carvers. It’s passed from one generation down to another. A lot of the carvings that are in Catholic churches all over the world, the saint figures, the reliefs of different stations of the cross, they all come out of this one town. It’s amazing to see what they’re able to do there, it’s unbelievable how efficient and how skilled these guys are. They can carve anything. I saw a guy working on a plank that was about 2 inches thick, about 16 inches wide and about six feet long. He was

to create molds for papier-mâché figures. In Tagalog, the molds are called takaans, the finished papier-mâché figures are takas. The subject matter and size are up to the customer. The master carvers can create a mold of any figure or object imaginable and they can make it any size.

“Papier-mâché has been around for eons. They started to do papier-mâché in the Philippines after World War II as an export business,” Fadeley said. “It was going strong until about six or seven years ago. papier-mâché has fallen out of favor, there just isn’t as much demand for it anymore. The whole industry of papier-mâché out of the Philippines is, unfortunately, a dying art. It’s like a cottage industry



There are takaans of every imaginable design, size and price, from under \$20 to over \$5,000.

“About 20 years ago, a Filipino who was bringing imports into the States here realized that they had these warehouses full of literally thousands of these hand-carved wooden molds,” Fadeley said. “He started bringing those into the States, one thing led to

Fadeley was impressed by a young lady he met on a trip to the Philippines, enough to put her through college. It helped that higher education is much cheaper in the Philippines than it is in the US.

“In 2005 when my daughter and I were in Paete we met a little girl named Virginia,” Fadeley said. “Her father worked for some friends of ours in the Philippines. While we were there, we went to dinner with a bunch of people. I got talking with Virginia, who was 15 at the time. She had one more year of high school, there they graduate after 11th grade. I said, ‘Virginia, what would you like to do when you finish high school?’ She said, ‘I’d love to go to college, but my family will never be able to afford it. I started talking with my friends. They had

college. It was about \$4,200 a year, which included her tuition, a weekly allowance, her uniforms, her apartment, her utilities and everything. She graduated with an undergraduate degree in accounting. Last Saturday she just got her master’s degree in accounting. She works as an internal accountant for a big property development company there. We were fortunate that the Lord blessed us enough to be able to do that. I couldn’t have afforded to put her through college here, but \$4,200 a year was do-able.”

Fadeley sells the takaan at his gallery in Ortonville, plus he travels around the country and displays them at various antique and art shows. For more information, call 248-627-2205 or email dmfadeley@aol.com.



On the left is the finished papier-mâché rabbit, on the right is the wooden mold. The rabbit just needs a paint job.

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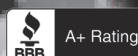
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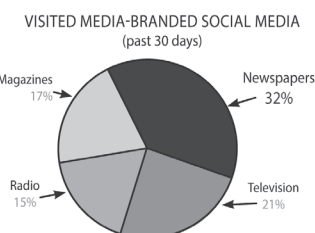
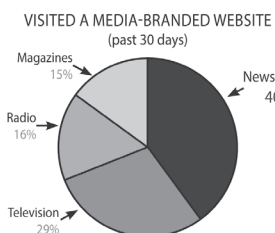
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LAS Superintendent Greg Pratt

Attendance Matters

Good attendance, coming to school on time and staying all day every day are key to a student's success. Not just in school, but in life, too. After all, you must be present to win!

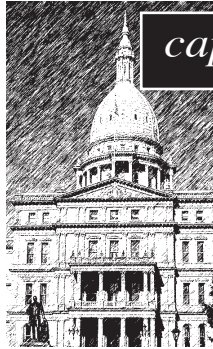
It doesn't take many absences to de-rail a student's learning and make it hard for them to catch back up. Even a series of appointments during school hours or leaving school early a few times a month can interfere with student learning. **Missing school is missing out!** Students who are absent risk learning to read on time, or may fall behind in classwork and become discouraged. Even worse, students with poor attendance are less likely to graduate from high school. Students who repeatedly miss school fall

behind their peers. They miss key concepts in math, in science, in English. Their scores suffer. Low achievement scores make it difficult for many of these students to qualify for college, or to graduate from high school. Their attitude toward attendance also makes it difficult for them to get, and keep, good jobs when they are out of school.

Employers tell us all the time they want employees who show up every day, on time, with a good attitude, ready to work in teams and solve problems. Students who are chronically absent from school are likely to be chronically absent from the jobs they get when they leave our schools. Those habits – and their failure to graduate high school or college – will dramatically affect their lives. Data

from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2012 showed that students who fail to graduate from high school, on average, make about \$470 a week – minimum wage. Those who graduate earn \$652; and those who graduate college earn \$1,066. That's an annual salary of \$24,492 for dropouts, \$33,904 for graduates and \$55,432 for college graduates. Clearly, if you want your student to have a career that will sustain a family of four, a college degree or some skills certification beyond high school is going to be necessary to achieve that goal.

Attendance matters! It makes a difference today, and a big difference tomorrow. Our district, like the others across Kent ISD, are initiating an informational campaign about attendance and absenteeism. Every day counts. Please partner with us to boost our student's attendance, so we can work together to keep them learning and achieving!



capitol matters

State Representative
Thomas Alberts



Ballot Proposals: Led by citizens or special interests?

by Thomas Albert and Jim Lower

Money is pouring in from out-of-state donors this election cycle. It's being funneled to so-called "citizen-led" ballot initiatives, and this money lacks transparency and accountability. The framers of our Michigan constitution never anticipated out-of-state billionaires getting directly involved in these initiatives, but it's happening right now.

Michigan citizens are able to change state statute or amend the state constitution through a constitutional provision commonly called a "citizen-led ballot initiative." A proposal must collect a sufficient number of valid signatures from registered voters in order to be placed on the ballot. The number of signatures needed is based upon the voter turnout of the previous governor's election (usually around 350,000).

Out-of-state special interest groups often hijack this process in Michigan, paying for the collection of signatures in order to have measures placed on the ballot.

This November, there

will be three such proposals on the Michigan ballot. Millions of untraceable dollars have been poured into these campaigns. These outside groups want to change our state's laws to fit the interests of their large, wealthy donors.

Here are some examples of campaigns that sought ballot initiatives in Michigan this year:

According to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, the MI Time to Care initiative received \$2.12 million from the 1630 Fund which is located in Washington DC. The Clean Energy, Healthy Michigan proposal raised \$2.04 million by April. All but roughly \$100 came from undisclosed interest groups in San Francisco. One Fair Wage received over half of its \$1.54 million from groups in New York.

Who are the individuals and corporate interests that contributed to these funds? Michigan citizens will never know.

Although it is hard to follow direct lines to who is funding each of these initiatives, it is clear the money is not coming from Michigan citizens. Wealthy, powerful out-of-state donors are squeezing out the

average citizen and forcing changes that Michigan residents aren't choosing for themselves.

Some claim ballot initiatives are good because people's voices are directly heard. Unfortunately, this well-intentioned democratic process is being exploited by out-of-state billionaires to circumvent our legislative system. In most cases we will never know who these donors are, and why they care about the changes. Michigan voters should question if "citizen-led" initiatives are actually "big business and special interest-led" reforms.

This issue arises because of campaign finance disclosure laws in our state which allow ballot initiatives to raise unlimited funds from non-profits who by law do not need to disclose their corporate or individual donors. While candidates for office must disclose who their donors are, and have strict limits on the amount individuals can donate, these highly impactful statute changes and constitutional amendments started through ballot initiatives have no transparency and no accountability.

For these and many other reasons, we encourage you to vote no on all three statewide proposals that are on the ballot this November. Additionally, we urge voters to support much-needed reforms to Michigan's ballot initiative process.

(Thomas Albert of Lowell and Jim Lower of Cedar Lake are members of the Michigan House of Representatives.)

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

There are some that blame entitlement programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security for the high federal deficit and would like to make cuts to the entitlements. But the problem is there are more than 60 million that depend on Social Security benefits and more than half of all retired workers who get Social Security count on it for their income during their retired years. Pensions have been replaced by retirement plans that many can't afford to participate in. It's been predicated that forty percent of middle class Americans will live close to or in poverty by the time they reach 65. They will need Social Security. The real problem is greed.

It's been noted that the top one percent of Americans control 38.6 percent of the nation's wealth which is an all time high. The next highest nine percent of families fell slightly and the share of wealth held by the bottom 90 percent of Americans has fallen steadily for 25 years hitting 22.8 percent in 2016 from 33.2 percent in 1989. The wealthy are wealthier and corporate profits are near a record high while the bottom 90 percent struggle with wages that haven't come close to keeping up with inflation for years. It's been reported that after adjusting for inflation today's average hourly wage has just about the same purchasing power it did in 1978. I believe greed's indifference to the rest of society has caused much of our nations poverty. Say no to any cut in entitlement programs.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell Township

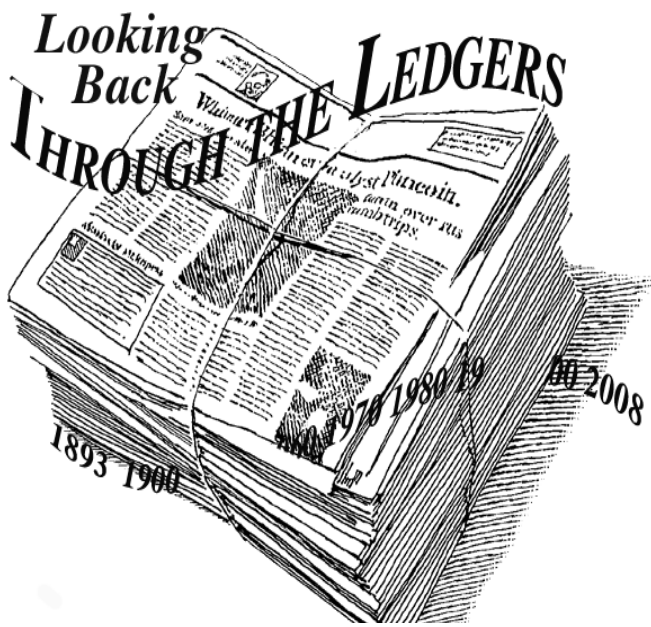
Dear Editor,

People often respond to what happens in politics by saying it has always been this way and there has often been truth in that statement. However, what we are experiencing now with this administration is unparalleled. We are experiencing an intentional promotion of a great divide between those who support our President and those who don't. It is affecting relationships within our friendships and our families. There is an unbelievable acceptance of lies, ongoing criminal investigations of our commander in chief, and denigration of women. We are going into this election with migrant children still separated from their families and there is more news daily of voter suppression of blacks, Latinos and Native Americans.

The economy is promoted as booming but the long-term effects of tax cuts, trade wars and lack of workers due to migrant policies are just beginning to be felt. Our federal debt is estimated to be \$21.48 trillion and growing at an alarming rate. It represents a threat to both economic and national security.

Our Congress is broken and the constitution requirement of checks and balances is ignored. Please watch various news broadcasts and read varied news sources. And vote for change in the control of Congress on Tuesday, November 6.

Ann Dimmick
Lowell



125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 28, 1893

A. Ransford's colt died from the injury received by running seven inches of the end of a stake into its head. It is a bad loss for Mr. Ransford.

Aurelia, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mange died Thursday afternoon of diphtheria. The burial took place the same afternoon.

Mrs. Z. H. Covert averted what might have been a runaway last Saturday in front of the residence of Elder Shanks. Mr. Harris and wife of Keene were visiting the elder and the hitching post broke.

Irving Latimer has been taken from the solitary by order of the prison board, and is eating with the other prisoners. Now wait for further developments. There's mischief brewing.

100 years The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1918

Lowell schools were closed Monday at 11 am by order of the Board of Health, simply as a precautionary measure. There were no cases of influenza among the pupils nor even any symptoms of the disease. The schools will remain closed until it is deemed fair by the public to reopen.

Church services and other public meetings throughout the state have been discontinued by order of Governor Sleeper on account of the Spanish influenza epidemic. Conditions in the army camps are now improving and civilian communities will doubtless soon show the effect of restrictive measures of state and local health officers.

The canning sugar deal is off. We know, for we tried our most persuasive plea on VanDyke; and the most we

could get was his sympathy in our sad--predicament. Anyhow we've got a can of Kyser's sorghum; and how in thunder would quinces taste put up in that stuff? Good mind to try it and ask the food administrator to eat it.

75 years The Lowell Ledger October 21, 1943

Saturday is the opening date for solicitation for War Chest contributions. A group of workers headed by C. H. Runeiman will start circulation pledge cards among the citizens of Lowell and Ada and Cascade, Lowell and Vergennes townships in hopes of meeting the \$8405 quota for this district in advance of the campaign's closing date, Nov. 12.

George Wittenbach and Vercel Bovee, both of Lowell R.F.D. 3, were among the seven Ionia County boys and girls to be awarded an eight weeks' scholarship at Michigan State College with all expenses including tuition, board, room and books, paid by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

50 years The Lowell Ledger October 24, 1968

Major changes in traffic control in the vicinity of Bushnell Elementary School were under consideration by both the City Council and Lowell Area School District's board of education today.

Members of the newly-organized Bushnell Parents Club turned out Monday night at the council meeting to express concern over hazardous conditions encountered by young students in the area.

A Lowell man, arrested while directing traffic on Main Street early Sunday morning, has paid \$32.50 in fines and costs for his temporary self-appointed role as "policeman".

What is wholesome, fun for the entire family and universal in appeal? The answer, according to Lester Stauffer of Lowell, is square dancing. An average of fifty people attend the local square dance classes on Monday nights and more attend the regular Saturday night dances put on by the Lowell club.

25 years The Lowell Ledger October 27, 1993

Lowell Rotary went from singing fellowship songs to fight songs at its weekly noon luncheon on Wednesday. The change in script was in honor of its guest speaker, Michigan State University's 19th President, M. Peter McPherson. McPherson, who first addressed the

Dear Editor,

What are the problems in Washington and are they slowly bleeding to the State level? My answer to this is greed and lust for power. I have long been an opponent of term limits because it restricts our ability to keep good leaders in office. However, I am slowly seeing that the lust for power is causing our elected officials to become career politicians that worry more about getting elected instead of moving the country forward and following the constitution that they are sworn to uphold. Even if they disagree with parts in the constitution, they are sworn to uphold it. We have a process in place to change it, and until it is changed, it needs to be upheld.

After the recent hearings for the Supreme Court nominee, I am not only embarrassed for our country, but I see the need to hold the Senate Democrats accountable for

Letters, continued, page 6

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



Letters, continued

going along with the unfair treatment of the nominee and not speaking out against their leadership for the fiasco that was on television. There are processes for investigating the accusations that were brought against the nominee that would have handled the whole issue privately and out of the press (as was requested by the accuser), saving both parties the damage to their images. The issues were held close to the vest until it would provide political ammunition for the Democrats and allowed for delaying the vote.

Debbie Stabenow has had a long political career, but it is time we make a change and get a strong business leader, a combat veteran, a man that has created jobs and made payrolls for his many employees. John James is someone that has fought for his country when called. It is time for a fresh outlook and an end to the current confrontation in congress. Our Country should be put ahead of everyone's political career.

Senator Feinstein has introduced a bill in the US Senate that is requiring open borders. Every Democratic Senator has co-sponsored the bill and that includes Senator Stabenow. Is this what we want? I surely don't!

One definition of insanity is to keep doing the same thing but expecting different results. If we want to end the mess in congress, it is time to replace those participating in obstruction with someone who wants to move forward. It is time for a change in the US Senate for us in Michigan. Please vote for someone that serves our Country and not their need for power. Vote for change; vote for John James!

James Pfaller
Lowell

happy birthday



OCTOBER 24

Brian Ray, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries, Lynn Perrien.

OCTOBER 28

Aaron Stencel, Bonnie Essich, Debbie Stoutjesdyk.

OCTOBER 25

Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

OCTOBER 29

Tammy Barber, Al Mulder, Jared Spencer, John Butler Jr., Jeremy Drake, Valerie Stuewe.

OCTOBER 26

Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Kait Cummings, Joe Wilczewski, Thomas Cook.

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Jeremiah Russo, Joseph Russo, Justin Wilczewski, Jim Momber.

OCTOBER 27

George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson, Judy Purdy.

- nursemaid's elbow

Nursemaid's Elbow is a term used to describe a radial head subluxation (or forearm dislocation). It's the most common elbow injury in children. It most often occurs in children between the ages of one and four. While the condition is quick and easy for your physician to fix, it is also easily prevented.

A nursemaid's elbow occurs when the young child is quickly jerked, picked up, or swung around the room by their wrists. The traction along the arm, along with a slight twist is all it takes for the radius to dislocate at the elbow. (The radius is the smaller of the two bones in the forearm.) While this most always occurs on accident, the person causing the condition is usually a parent or caregiver who then feels terrible.

When this condition occurs, the child is usually

scared and in pain. The child will typically have their hand resting across their abdomen with their elbow flexed to 90 degrees. There is no obvious deformity to the arm, but the child will refuse to move it.

It is important that this condition be recognized and promptly evaluated by your physician. They will typically be able to fix the problem right then, providing the child instant relief. If treated promptly, this condition rarely causes any long-term problems. Treatment of a Nursemaid's Elbow requires proper training and should only be performed by a physician.

The key to preventing this condition is educating parents and caregivers to avoid the simple actions that cause it. They should avoid pulling or jerking a child up off the floor by their wrists or swinging them around the room by their wrists.

Looking Back, continued

Lowell Rotary Club as a Junior Rotarion 35 years ago, returned to Lowell for his first off-campus speech since arriving on his new job approximately two weeks ago.

Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers will be inducted into the Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame on Friday, Nov. 5 at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing.

After months of speculations and delays, the sewer line route for the new high school may be finalized. Lowell Township has come to a verbal agreement with Dick Cooper to run the sewer line across his property, after months of deliberations as to where the line should go and if Cooper could get his property re-zoned.

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Luxury is not a necessity to me, but beautiful and good things are.

— Anais Nin

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-204236-DE

Estate of BARBARA
JANE BROWN. Date of
birth: June 8, 1931.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Jane Brown, died Dec. 4, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to Brian Channing Brown, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1025 Statesman Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 15, 2018

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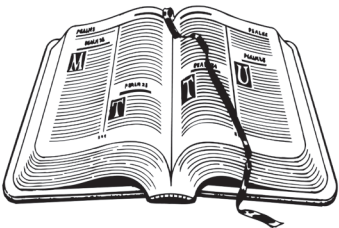
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP VOTERS

ABSENT VOTER NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Clerk's office will be open to administer Absentee Ballot requests for the November 6, 2018 General Election on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12 pm until 2 pm.

Heather Hoffman
Vergennes Township Clerk

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CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

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Sealed bids for the **Sidewalk Installation and Replacement Project** will be received by the City Clerk at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan until **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018**, and then publicly opened and read aloud at Lowell City Hall.

Bid and Contract Documents may be obtained at www.ci.lowell.mi.us. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any technicalities or irregularities therein. The City further reserves the right to award the contract to that Contractor whose proposal best complies with the Request for Proposal requirements.

Utility payment program

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

In April, Flat River Outreach Ministries was awarded a grant of \$67,765 from the Michigan Agency of Energy and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to be used for a utility payment program that provides utility assistance for families living within the Lowell Area School District.

The UPP grant funds will be distributed to those with outstanding electric, natural gas, propane heat or other fuel bills. The program also offers an in-home energy audit in partnership with Lowell Light and Power, and weatherization supplies such as caulk, LED light bulbs, smoke alarms and plastic weatherization kits for insulating windows.

While they're there to sign up for utility bill assistance, FROM will also

attempt to determine if the client qualifies for any other helpful programs they might not have been aware of.

"Utility assistance can be the result of deeper challenges," said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. "Some families



food programs or securing new employment. We work together to address those concerns and identify any additional challenges that have contributed to their need for energy assistance."

This is the fourth year that FROM has been providing utility assistance. Last year, 80 households received utility payment assistance and were connected with other programs and services including employment services, community-building opportunities and mental health services. This year, FROM intends to provide at least 85 households with utility assistance.

To be eligible for the utility assistance program, they require a utility shut off or past due notice, or your must be at or below 25 percent in deliverable fuel. To fill out an application or for more information, call 616-897-8260 or send a message to info@fromlowell.org. Participation is very limited.

come to [the] utility payment program due to a job loss or mounting medical bills while others need help for different reasons. No matter the circumstance, we work together to see how we can meet their needs. During the one-on-one meeting we may discover that they also can benefit from enrolling in our

How Social Security defines disability

Disability affects millions of Americans, in one form or another. Social Security is here to help you and your family, but there are strict criteria for meeting the definition of disability. The definition of disability under Social Security is also different than it is for other programs. We do not pay **benefits for partial or short-term disability.**

We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if:

- You can't do work that you did before;
- We decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition(s); **and**
- Your disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one

year or to result in death.

This is a strict definition of disability. Social Security is also required by law to review the current medical condition of all people receiving disability benefits to make sure they continue to have a qualifying disability. Generally, if someone's health hasn't improved, or if their disability still keeps them from working, they will continue to receive benefits.

To help us make our decision, we'll first gather new information about a benefit recipient's medical condition. We'll ask their doctors, hospitals, and other medical sources for their medical records. We'll ask them how their medical condition limits their activities, what their medical tests show, and what medical treatments they have been given. If we

need more information, we'll ask them to go for an examination or test for which we'll pay.

Social Security is a support system for people who cannot work because of a disability. You can learn more about Social Security disability at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability and also by accessing our starter kits and checklists at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/disability.

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.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM concerning two proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendments and their regulatory effect:

One amendment represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 5 S-R Suburban Residential District, Chapter 6 R-1 Residential District, Chapter 7 R-2 Residential District, and Chapter 8 R-3 Residential District. Several sections of each chapter have been revised for clarity, including lists of permitted and special land uses, and dimensional standards. This amendment also includes changes to Chapter 2 Definitions, to add new definitions, and Chapters 9 and 17 have been revised for clarity and consistency to amendments elsewhere.

The second amendment represents a comprehensive update to and revision of Chapter 15, Planned Unit Developments. This chapter was updated to clarify the process for the review and approval of Planned Unit Developments, to allow for Planned Unit Developments to be a potential redevelopment tool for vacant or underutilized properties, to allow for mixed land uses in Planned Unit Developments, and to set forth standards for approved Planned Unit Developments.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Zoning Ordinance Amendment

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on October 15, 2018, Ordinance No. 10-2018Z was adopted to amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and Map.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP OF LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING 7.45 ACRES FROM R-1, RURAL LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

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

ARTICLE 1 Rezoning To R-2, Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

The Zoning Ordinance and Map of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County Michigan, which map is incorporated by reference in the Zoning Ordinance for the Charter Township of Lowell, pursuant to Section 3.02, shall be amended so that hereafter the lands described on the attached property legal description shall be zoned and included in the R-2, Medium Density Residential Zoning District on the Zoning Map.

Location: Southeast corner of Alden Nash Avenue SE and Foreman Street. Part of Tax Parcel No. 41-20-03-101-003

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

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

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Proposal 2 pros and cons

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Known as the “Voters Not Politicians” proposal, Proposition 2 would amend the state constitution in an effort to put an end to gerrymandered voting districts in Michigan.

In Michigan, the districts are currently determined in Lansing by whatever party has majority control. This is done every ten years, ideally based on census data.

group says that the current system results in limited choice, unbalanced representation and a bitterly divided populace.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce sued to

president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce said in an Aug. 19 interview with the St. Joseph Herald-Palladium newspaper. “We continue to believe it’s not good public policy. That proposal would be one of the longest and most complicated amendments to the Michigan Constitution that we’ve seen in many, many years and we simply believe that it’s not the best solution. Under the current state constitution, the redistricting process is a legislative process. In the current state constitution, the governor has the ability to sign or veto a redistricting plan.”

If the proposal passes, the borders of Michigan’s districts would be redrawn every ten years to reflect changing demographics. This task would be performed by a random selection of voters.

“This proposed constitutional amendment would create a commission

of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State, four each who self-identify as affiliated with the two major political parties and five who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties,” the ballot language says.

To avoid any itty bitty whiff of a conflict of interest, a random voter who works in politics or has a relative in politics would be barred from serving on the committee. As the ballot language says, “[The proposed amendment would] prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.”

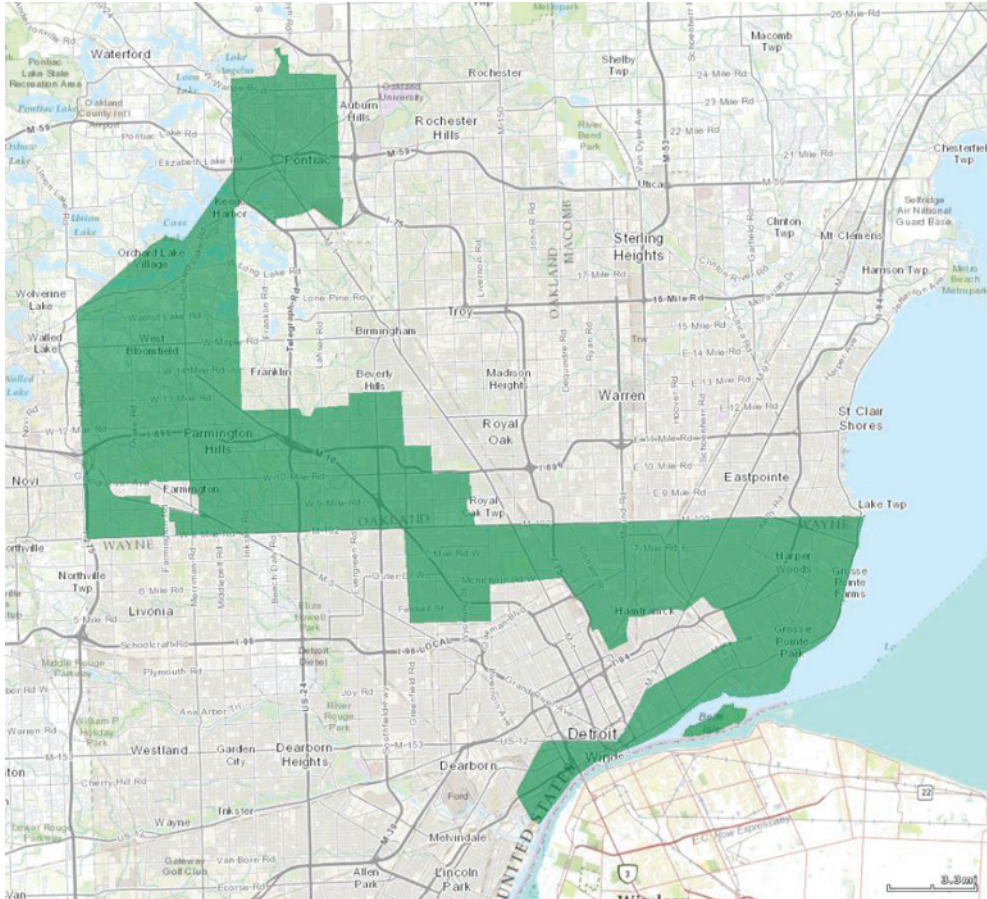
Certain language in the proposal is pointed to by critics as too broad, and could lead to a lawsuit if mishandled. In particular, the section that says, “[The proposed amendment would] establish new redistricting

criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan’s diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.”

“[The proposed amendment would] require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.”

It would cost the state several million dollars to implement this. Some argue that putting an end to gerrymandering would be worth that cost. Others argue that infrastructure, environmental or other projects would be a better use of that money.

You can read the whole ballot proposal at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Official_Ballot_Wording_Prop_18-2_632052_7.pdf.



Michigan’s 14th District is one of the most gerrymandered in the country. (photo from michiganradio.org)

According to the official ballot language, Prop. 2 is “a proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and US Congress every 10 years.”

Gerrymandering is the practice of manipulating voting district boundaries in order to achieve political dominance over a certain geographical area.

A grassroots citizen group called “Voters Not Politicians” gathered over 420,000 signatures in their effort to put the measure on the 2018 ballot.

The group says that allowing the politicians in Lansing to draw their own districts is basically allowing them to hand-pick their voters. According to the group’s website, votersnotpoliticians.com, gerrymandering is akin to putting “the fox in charge of the henhouse.” The

keep the proposal off the ballot. The case went to the Michigan Supreme Court, who ruled that it could appear on the ballot. The MI Chamber said that the proposal was too long, broad and complicated to be enforceable as an amendment to the state constitution.

“There was a serious legal question about whether that proposal met the criteria to appear on the ballot in November,” Richard Studley,

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The Laurels of Kent participated in the 2018 Lowell Harvest Celebration.

Laurels of Kent hosted a facility chili cook-off on October 5th with all of our employees. The winning chili selected would be prepared and placed in the running for Larkin's Chili Madness. We are pleased to announce Brian Colby, LPN won for the best delicious chili.



Laurels of Kent presented Brian Colby, LPN chili for the Larkin's Chili Madness. Within the first hour Brian's chili was gone! .



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Red Arrow

- EQUESTRIAN

SPORTS

Equestrian team places fourth in state finals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's varsity equestrian team recently completed their short but grueling season. Persevering through four days of competition and blustering cold conditions at the Midland County Fairgrounds, the team earned an impressive fourth place finish in the Division A Michigan Interscholastic

Horsemanship Association State Championships.

The team's 308-point total placed them in the front of the ten-team pack with their closest competition, Caledonia, scoring only 154 points. Lowell was just 24 points below Lakeland High School who came in third at 332. Second-place Oxford High School tallied a score of 335, while state champions Coopersville

High School racked up an impressive 458 points that catapulted them to their crowning moment.

The Lowell team's performance included first place finishes from Ella Limbers in saddle seat equitation, Molly Frederickson in reining and Olivia Miller in trail. Limbers was also a finalist for the competition's Sportsmanship Award.



Lowell's Equestrian team celebrates their fourth place finish at the MIHA state finals. (Photo Provided by Lowell Equestrian)

Varsity volleyball team wins OK White conference

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Making their mark on Lowell Athletics history two games prior to the closing of the regular season, the Red Arrow varsity volleyball team clinched the school's first OK White conference championship last week with wins over the Greenville Yellow Jackets and Forest Hills Central Rangers, propelling their

season record to a flawless 12-0.

In their first contest last week, the Arrows hosted the Greenville Yellow Jackets on Tuesday. Winning 3-0, the team was dominant in the first two sets winning both 25-13 and prevailed in a closer third set 25-21. Sophomore Jenna Reitsma led the team in kills and aces in the win, earning 14 and four respectively. Other

stat leaders in the match were senior Carly Hoekstra who added nine kills and two aces, juniors Meghan Meyers and Ryleigh Blough

who earned eight kills each, senior Emily Stump who logged seven digs and sophomore Emma Hall who logged five.

Besides getting the first taste of their impending conference title, the ladies also saw another milestone from senior Joslynn Battle

who recorded her 1,000th career assist. "She currently has 924 assists for the season. The current Lowell single season record is 1184 which is held by former Lowell setter, Jordan Timmer," explained Lowell head coach Jordan Drake. "Joslynn has been a great leader for us this season as a captain and a six rotation setter for us."

Looking to claim the season title outright on Thursday evening the team headed to Forest Hills Central where they battled the Rangers in a three set match that ended 3-0 in Lowell's favor. Set

Volleyball, continued, page 11



Lowell varsity volleyball earned the schools first OK White Conference Championship last week. (Photo Provided by Lowell Volleyball)

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell Planning Citizens Advisory Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm., in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the hearing will be:

Special Land Use request for short term rental at 216 East Main Street

Michael and Lindsey Bryan have applied for a special land use permit to use 216 East Main Street for short-term rental purposes. Short-term rentals are only permitted in the C-2 Central Business district with special land use review and approval from the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 18-204181-DE

Estate of OLGA AMA
BARRETT, deceased.
Date of birth:
06/26/1932.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Olga Ama Barrett, died 09/28/2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Barrett, Sr., personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Red Arrow

- CROSS COUNTRY

SPORTS

Four LHS harriers earn All-Conference honors

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Finishing their OK White season Tuesday at Northview the Lowell varsity boys and girls cross-country teams placed third and fourth, respectively, exiting the competition with four All-Conference Honorees.

Running at the picturesque Riverside Park in Grand Rapids the boys collected 63 points for a third-place finish, their third such ranking of the season in OK White action and final placement for the season.

Junior Caleb Swart crossed the finish line first for the twelfth time this season, placing third overall with a time of 16:39. Coming in just four places behind in seventh was fellow junior Ben Kinnucan who clocked a 16:50.

Rounding out scoring were junior Lucas Cossar who placed thirteenth with a 17:09, freshman stand-out Cole Weston who placed twenty-first with a 17:38 and senior Calvin Simmet who clocked in just four seconds later to place twenty-third.

Of the teams top five finishers, four received post-race accolades for their performances this season in the OK White. Swart, Kinnucan and Cossar earned All-Conference status while Simmet earned an Honorable Mention as did junior Nigel Mika.

Running quickest for the Lady Arrows, also for the twelfth time this season, was senior Haley Nieuwkoop who placed first for Lowell and seventh among all female competitors with a time

of 19:40. Also in the top five in the teams' fourth-place 100-point finish were junior Audrey Conrad who produced her best time of the season with a 20:07 good for eighteenth place, junior Jada Millhisler who placed twenty-second with a time of 20:45, freshman Lauren Swain who clocked a 21:08 for twenty-seventh and senior Lauren Aud who came in with a 21:09.

Post-race honors for the ladies were bestowed upon Nieuwkoop who was designated as an All-Conference Honoree for her success this season on the course. Having earned fourth place in each of their prior OK White competitions, the team exited with the same placement in the final conference standings.

Racing into their



Juniors Ben Kinnucan, Lucas Cossar and Caleb Swart and senior Haley Nieuwkoop earned All-Conference Honors this season. (Photo Provided by Lowell Cross Country)

postseason the team will head to Allendale High School to run in the Michigan High School Athletic Association

regional meet. The teams previewed the course earlier this season when they ran in the Allendale Invitational fourth and the ladies sixth.

They will hope to capitalize on that experience when they hit the course Saturday morning.

Volleyball, continued

victories of 25-13, 25-19 and 25-22 granted the team the school's first pennant performance. Leading the team in the stat books during the momentous win was Reitsma who supplied 11 kills, two aces, two blocks, and nine digs. Other

contributors included eight kills apiece from Hoekstra and Meyer, five blocks combined from Meyer and Blough, eleven digs from Stump and ten from Hall and two aces and 31 additional assists for Battle.

"The girls were

extremely excited and proud to have captured the school's first conference title. They were pumped up to play on Thursday and it was even better because we had a good crowd follow us to FHC along with our awesome student section.

The girls have worked extremely hard for this and are so excited that they will get to see the number 18 up on the banner in the gym," said Drake of the victorious run through the OK White.

As a first year coach Drake was modest about

his share in the success, crediting the work put in prior to his arrival, as well as assistant coaches Olivia McCain and Kylie Cople for their role in this seasons unmatched momentum.

"I am extremely lucky to be in the position we are in and fortunate to have walked into a program with such a group of talented, hardworking girls," commented Drake. "I am proud to be the coach of a group of girls who have put so much hard work and time in the gym the past year to

accomplish this moment. It was one of our goals that we set for ourselves this season and accomplishing your goals is always gratifying."

The champs will wrap up their regular season this week with games against conference competitors Ottawa Hills on the road on Tuesday and Northview at home on Thursday where they will officially celebrate their title run and their three soon-to-graduate seniors: Battle, Hoekstra and Stump. Both games are scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

Sports Summaries

GIRLS GOLF

Earning a ticket into the Michigan High School Athletic Association Individual State Golf Finals, Red Arrow senior Kenzie Uhen headed to Michigan State University to compete on the Spartans' home course, Forest Akers, over two days last weekend. Shooting an 88 in the first round of competition Uhen was in good position heading into the second day, which presented many challenges for all golfers. Weather delays and winter-like conditions kept golfers chilly and on their toes. Completing the 18 holes after a total of nine hours battling the course, each other and the conditions Uhen placed sixth. The state appearance caps off a four-year varsity golf career for Uhen at Lowell. She has also earned All-Conference Honors each of her seasons on the course for the Arrows.

BOYS SOCCER

Facing the OK White's fiercest competitor in the first round of the postseason, the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team saw their season come to an end after a hard fought 5-1 loss on the road. Shutout in the first half, the Arrows scored just one second-half goal in their effort against the 11-0-1 Forest Hills Northern Huskies. The Arrows finished the conference season in fourth place with a record of 6-5-1. They finished behind the Huskies, Forest Hills Central and Northview and ahead of Cedar Springs, Ottawa Hills and Greenville. Their overall record was 7-9-3. Individual honors this season were earned by senior Connor Cater and junior Braiden Hamilton who were named All-Conference and junior Evan Groeneweg

and senior Brenan Conlan who earned All-Conference Honorable Mention.

BOYS SOCCER

On Friday the Red Arrows varsity football team finalized their season with a 40-23 loss to the Northview Wildcats, on their senior night inside Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

Honoring seniors Chase Anderson, Tyler Brown, Hunter Browning, Gavin Coxon, Drew Davidson, Jordan Dent, Tyler Greenop, Matt Mahalic, Trevor Petroelje, Tyler Pitcher, Zackery Post, Andy Russell, John Russell, Saige Saldivar, Jasen Schaefer, Gabe Smith and Regan Zimmerman in a pre-game ceremony.

With a touchdown followed by an unsuccessful extra point attempt, Northview was the first to light up the scoreboard. Lowell answered with their own, still in the first, when J. Russell ran the distance on a kickoff to earn six for the Arrows. Combined with a good kick from Saldivar, the Arrows held a brief 7-6 lead before Northview struck again, making the score 13-7 at the close of the first.

Trailing by a margin of 40-10 by the end of the half, Lowell saw an additional three from kicker Saldivar, who catapulted the ball 29 yards though the poles. The Arrows closed out the third quarter still up 40-17. Putting up another six in the fourth, Spanbauer earned his second touchdown of the night, taking the game to its final score of 40-23 after a missed extra point attempt. The Red Arrows finish the season with an OK White record of 1-5 and an overall record of 1-8.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL & LOWELL TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS

The Water Plant will not be softening the water due to a repair from October 22, 2018 through November 5, 2018. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 616-897-5234.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

obituaries

HOFFMAN

Larry Charles Hoffman, age 78, of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away in hospice care September 30, 2018. Larry was born December 24, 1939 to Grace and Freeman Hoffman at the family's farm in Alto, Michigan, where he grew up and graduated from Lowell High School. He was a proud "Lowell Red Arrow" and enjoyed attending their football games long after moving from the area. He received his Bachelors degree from Western Michigan University. After receiving his degree, Larry moved to the Detroit area where he accepted a job with Ford Motor Company and raised a family. He took great pride in his 30 year career as an Industrial Engineer. For 45 years he was a dedicated member of the Wayne Lions Club, where he served as Secretary for the club. He remained a loyal and active member up until his death. Larry was an avid sports fan, especially for the game of golf. He loved spending time on the golf course and Las Vegas allowed that year round. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Veronica Hoffman; his three daughters, Cindy Roden of Gowen, Cheryl Hoffman Herzog of Seattle, WA, and Christina Hoffman of Louisville, KY; four grandchildren, Jessica, Kaitlyn, Sierra and Josh; two great-granddaughters, Leila and Alana; a brother, Bill Hoffman; and a sister, Sue (Lloyd) Miller; as well as many nieces and nephews. A private memorial is being held in November in Las Vegas. In honor of Larry memorial contributions can be made to the Wayne Lions Club, P.O. Box 525, Wayne, MI 48184.



LHS research class visit MSU research facility

The Lowell High School research class made a visit to the MSU research facility downtown Grand Rapids on Wednesday, October 17 for a tour of the facility and question/answer session with Dr. Irving Vega. MSU has helped facilitate the LHS research class by providing educational support and materials to study aging and neurodegenerative disease in the classroom. Students have had the opportunity to perform cutting-edge research in the area of diet and cellular metabolism in *C. elegans* worm models. The research class is based on science,



engineering, mathematics and technology infused with a purpose of disease eradication for current and future generations. Lowell

High School is happy to work with both MSU and Van Andel Research Institutes and together we are fostering student interest

in biomedical research. Students in this class get a firsthand opportunity to engage in real-world scientific process.

Student of the Month for October 2018

Lowell High School has announced that Samantha Peterson, 11th grade, and Lark Sawyer, 11th grade, are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for

nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Peterson and Sawyer. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Peterson was nominated



Samantha Peterson

by Jim Fleet and he writes, "Samantha Peterson is the type of student that teachers enjoy having in their classroom. She is kind, hardworking, detailed and thorough with all of her work. In my opinion her best characteristic is her kind heart. Samantha comes in daily with a positive attitude and a friendly smile. She takes time to help other students with their questions that they have and assists them with an extremely patient and positive manner. She is an active class participant and shares her thoughts and smiles with the entire class during discussions. This positive energy is contagious to the entire classroom. Samantha is an excellent student. She does not shy away from challenges, just gets to the task at hand. I have been fortunate to work with this young lady this fall and look forward to seeing her continue with her high school endeavors and future career. She will make a positive influence in society."

Tim Haan nominated Sawyer and he writes, "Lark is the Mellophone Section Leader in the Marching

Band this year, and has done an outstanding job. She is the ultimate leader. She provides constant help to her section (and others when needed), providing guidance in how to better march and



Lark Sawyer

play. She will take time to work with individuals when needed, sometimes taking them aside and working on a difficult marching maneuver, or spending time after class helping them to correctly play a musical phrase. Lark does all of this in a quiet and friendly manner, helping her section members feel comfortable with receiving constructive criticism."

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURARY
TEST OF THE IMAGECAST
TABULATING EQUIPMENT
FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018
GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Imagecast Tabulating Equipment for the November 6, 2018 General Election will be conducted on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Susan Ullery
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL
OAKWOOD CEMETERY
FALL CLEAN UP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery in the City of Lowell will be October 22 through October 30, 2018.

Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc. you wish to keep by Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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wanted

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misc.

PUBLIC SIGHT-IN - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will host a supervised fall sight-in for deer rifles/shotguns at their range facility at 8731 W Riverside Dr. This service is free to the public and will be held on Nov. 3rd and 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information go to Qua-Ke-Zik.org.

STEAK DINNER - Fri., Oct. 26, 5-7:30 pm and Sunday breakfast, Oct. 28, 8-11 am. Alto American Legion, 6056 Linfield, Alto. Public welcome.

help wanted

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sales

HUGE ESTATE SALE - (Antiques, tools, hunting). Oct. 25, 26 & 27, Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 1713 Laraway Lake, G.R. See estatesales.net for details. Estates by Vern.

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services

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Community Calendar

October

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.

FALL FEST - Oct. 25, 10 am. Celebrate the season with Autumn crafts, games & process art activities that focus more on the process and less on the final product. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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.

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.

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.

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

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.

Czech Lowellian Ludek Pala becomes US citizen

by Emma Palova
contributing reporter

On a chilly Oct. 18 morning, people lined up in front of the Gerald R. Ford Museum on the banks of the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids. Most of them weren't there to see the new "In Step with Betty Ford, 100 Years" exhibit. The future American citizens waiting for the naturalization ceremony came from all parts of the world, from Burma, Bahrain, Iraq, Singapore to Canada and everywhere in between.

After registering and relinquishing their green cards, they took seats along with their guests and filled the auditorium.

Excitement hung in the air. The Color Guard practiced their routine to the clicking of their shiny black shoes marching around the auditorium. Dressed to the nines, the East Oakview Elementary fourth grade Choristers

sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Then the magistrate, Hon. Ray Kent entered with other officials and stepped onto the sunlit stage.

"I do these ceremonies three to four times a year, and it is my favorite job," Kent said. "We have 73 candidates from 31 countries." Seventy-three people equaled 73 stories, each reflected in their languages, color of their skin and their attire.

As the judge named the countries, the candidates stood up. When Kent said "Czech Republic," Ludek Pala of Lowell stood up. Pala has been waiting for this moment for the last 29 years. "I am excited to be able to vote in the future elections," Pala said.

The candidates took the oath for new citizens and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. "You are America," said Kent.

"Ninety-nine percent of Americans are immigrants or descendants of immigrants."

Among other famous naturalized Americans, Kent mentioned Henry Kissinger, the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who was born in Furth, Germany and Albert Einstein.

Kent encouraged the new citizens to embrace their citizenship. "Exercise those freedoms, they come with responsibilities," Kent said.

Each new citizen received a certificate of citizenship and a flag. There also was a photo opportunity with Kent. The ceremonies closed with "God Bless America" sung by the Choristers.

The judge's last words to the new American citizens kept ringing in the audience's ears: "Write the next great chapter in the history of this country."



Ludek Pala, formerly of the Czech Republic, became a US citizen on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Showboat garden club & Girl Scouts plant daffodils



On Saturday, October 13, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club partnered with Girl Scout Troops 4129 and 3986 to plant daffodil bulbs at the North Grand River Riverside Park Trails.

Lowell Township Supervisor, Jerry Hale, was on hand to welcome the volunteers and to talk about the development plans now underway at the park. Garden Club members, scout leaders, scouts and parents then went to work planting daffodils along both sides of the nature trail.

After about an hour, 200 daffodils were planted, and now the bulbs lie in wait until spring of 2019 before showing their splendid colors. After cider and donut refreshments, each scout received a small packet of daffodil bulbs to plant at home.

The daffodil project was made possible by a grant given to the Lowell Showboat Garden Club from the Michigan Garden Clubs. The LSGC announced plans to plant additional bulbs next year along the trails.

65th class reunion celebration for LHS class of '53

On September 8, 2018 the Lowell High School class of 1953 celebrated their 65th class reunion in the activity room at Schneider Manor. Of the 77 graduates, 19 attended, along with special guest Betty Yeiter. Miss Roth (Betty Yeiter) was the sixth grade homeroom teacher to the class of 1953 students. Following a catered dinner they talked about their journeys in life from 1953 to 2018. It was an afternoon of fun, laughter and reminiscing.

Pictured, back row: Shirley Rickert Nester, Glenn Troyer, David Krebs, Carlen Anderson, Ron Stevens, Jim Tripp, Jim Macgregor, Marie Wieland Frederick, JoAnne Lasby Schreur, and David Powell; middle row: Joyce Williams Nickols, Norma Heim Noall, Bev Bedell Anderson, Joan Mumau Tripp, and Ethelyn McClure Smith; front row: Betty Yeiter, Rita Kutchey Ammon, Phyllis Lewis Dewey, and Roma Heim Minnie. Inserted Picture: Robert Condon.



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THEME: HALLOWEEN

ACROSS

- 1. Accumulate
- 6. To and ____
- 9. Audition tape
- 13. October, e.g.
- 14. Adam's body part
- 15. Mountain climber's spike
- 16. Weasel's aquatic cousin
- 17. Gentry's "____ to Billie Joe" (1967)
- 18. Agitate
- 19. *Stanley Kubrick's "The ____"
- 21. *Ghost or ghoul
- 23. "____ Clear Day You Can See Forever"
- 24. Clothing joint
- 25. *Nighttime radar flyer
- 28. European sea eagle
- 30. Not wholesale
- 35. In the sack
- 37. Popular dieter's foe
- 39. Laundromat setting
- 40. Carrying bag
- 41. Enjoy, as in food
- 43. Parks on a bus
- 44. Made a mistake
- 46. In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
- 47. Outback birds
- 48. Stadiums
- 50. ____ pit
- 52. Hitherto
- 53. Genuflecting joint
- 55. Feather glue
- 57. *She played Laurie Strode
- 60. *Dead one
- 64. Bipolar disorder phase
- 65. Marienbad, e.g.
- 67. Blind alternative
- 68. Give the boot
- 69. Breathing matter
- 70. Famous Bolshevik
- 71. London art museum
- 72. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band

CROSSWORD

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73. Not slouching

DOWN

- 1. Andy's radio partner
- 2. Sweater eater
- 3. Dead against
- 4. Kind of pad
- 5. Sacred spot
- 6. *"Eye of newt, and toe

of ____."


- 7. Relieve from
- 8. Falstaffian in body
- 9. Christian of haute-couture
- 10. Evening purse
- 11. Lion's share
- 12. Single
- 15. Kindergartener's textbook
- 20. Drug agents
- 22. "____ for the course"
- 24. Nonprofit's purpose
- 25. *"Psycho" motel proprietor
- 26. Terminate, as in mission
- 27. "Four" prefix
- 29. Indian flatbread
- 31. Homemade swing seat
- 32. Societal breakdown of moral standards

- 33. October edition of "Vogue," e.g.
- 34. Minimum
- 36. Ownership document
- 38. * ____-chilling
- 42. Haile Selassie's disciple
- 45. Stalin's order, e.g.
- 49. "Wheel of Fortune" request
- 51. Equestrian's seat
- 54. Op-ed piece
- 56. More raw
- 57. Vena ____
- 58. g or cm
- 59. *"The Vampire Chronicles" author
- 60. *Christine and such
- 61. Weather ____
- 62. Homer's "Iliad"
- 63. Monthly due
- 64. Came together
- 66. Crusty dessert

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Lowell Area Community Fund

ANNUAL UPDATE 2017-2018

The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.

YMCA Grant Highlight

The Lowell Area Community Fund supported STEAM Ahead with the Y, a series of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math-focused lessons offered to Lowell elementary students. After participating in STEAM activities, 69% of students said they enjoy STEAM activities more than they did before they participated in STEAM Ahead with the Y. These students now say science is something they get excited about, which indicates increased enjoyment of STEAM-related subject areas.



Financial Highlights

REVENUE	
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$1,173,483
Contributions	\$400
Total Revenues	\$1,173,883
EXPENSES	
Grants and Scholarships	\$729,045
Investment Manager Fee	\$69,990
Support Services	\$73,780
Total Expenses	\$872,815
Change in Net Assets	\$301,068
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$15,789,560
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$16,090,628

2017-2018 Community Fund Advisory Committee

- Michael Burns**, Lowell City Manager
- John Darling**, representing the Englehardt Family
- Ray Duimstra**, Director of Strategic Acquisitions, Crystal Flash
- Dave Emmette**, Risk Manager, AIC Insurance Services
- Misty McClure-Anderson**, Executive Assistant to the President, Grand Rapids Community College
- Amy Pallo**, Former Principal Lowell High School
- Gregory Pratt**, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools

Lowell Community Fund Grants July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

GRANTS BY PRIORITY AREAS



ARTS AND CULTURE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



ENVIRONMENT



HEALTH



HUMAN SERVICES



RECREATION

PROGRAM NAME	DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION	GRANT AMOUNT
Lowell Historic District Commission	To continue an ongoing program of historic preservation for Lowell's downtown buildings.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
Connection Program	Address the needs of Lowell residents in an effort to prevent evictions, foreclosures, and other hardships facing families.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
Main Street Housing Capital Campaign	To help with the initial capital campaign cost.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$50,000
Lowell LaughFest 2018 Event	Underwriting support for LaughFest 2018 events in the Lowell community.	Gilda's LaughFest	\$10,000
Part Time Events Coordinator	Support for the establishment of a part time Events Coordinator position.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$15,000
Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To support the 2018 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$11,700
Greater Lowell Community Calendar Kaleidoscope	One year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope ads, brochure and community based website.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$13,002
New Stage, Cover and Equipment	To replace the outdated stage and cover primarily used for the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$15,507
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	Support for the implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$40,000
Lowell Area Schools Reading Corps	To improve reading outcomes for Pre-K through Third Grade students in participating Lowell Area Schools.	Hope Network	\$10,000
Tender Project	To purchase a new high volume water unit.	Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority	\$75,000
"Museum Immersion" Education Program Expansion	Support to develop a plan and training materials to provide additional area teachers and students with access to the new Museum Immersion Program.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$6,150
Lowell Township Park Interpretive Board Project	Installation of historic interpretive boards in the Lowell Township North and South Park.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$6,200
Phase 1a Trail Extension	Continued support to extend the paved trail from Gee Drive to M21, along Alden Nash.	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	\$150,000
General Support	To support innovative projects that enhance and supplement the learning experience in Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Strategic Data Initiative	To update LEF's data collecting capabilities to support their 3-year plan and fund raising goals.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$5,000
North Grand River Riverfront Park Development	To supplement local business, resident and Township contributions to expand the North Grand River Riverfront Park Development.	Lowell Charter Township	\$100,000
TEAM Approach to Well-Being for Lowell	A youth-based pilot intervention program designed to prevent/reduce obesity rates and address health behaviors with education in nutrition, physical activity and social/emotional health.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$38,600
Connecting Regional Artists and Audiences	To support LowellArts programs and services in 2018 in the visual and performing arts for the greater Lowell community artists, residents and visitors.	LowellArts	\$25,000
Moving to Main Campaign Challenge	To create a matching challenge for donors to complete the capital campaign.	LowellArts	\$25,000
Lowell Area Middle School Y Achievers	To support a youth engagement program that expands career awareness and develops 21st Century skills for Lowell middle school students.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$19,830
Scholarships	College scholarships awarded to Lowell Area Residents.	Scholarships	\$54,311

TOTAL GRANTS \$755,300